

MEN AND THINGS:

As They Are and As They Used to Be.

And things both old and new come up before the mind. Come up in quick review.

STALWART RADICAL IN POLITICS.

On the other evening I called at the house of a friend to hear the news and to see a feature or two of the bill-boarding then in progress. While this occupied I met an old friend and fellow-citizen. Of course we exchanged the customary greetings and then proceeded to discuss the "situation" politically, socially and generally. He is now in the same old line as he was in 1871 when the paths of St. John's led to politics and non-politics in religion were not as clear as they have been in the last few years. His father was a radical in politics and in religion and a moderate in both which has allowed in the van of social and political progress from the time of the first settlement down to our own time a distinct advantage in a political sense. It has, no doubt, been a distinct advantage in a social sense. It has, no doubt, been a distinct advantage in a political sense. It has, no doubt, been a distinct advantage in a social sense.

THE VANISHING VALENTINE.

Another once popular observance, I notice, promises to be, ere long, a memory of the past. I refer to the "Feast of St. Valentine." Oh! what pleasure it used to bring to us when we were budding into man and womanhood! But it is rapidly dying out. The more's the pity! The 14th of February, in old times, opened the door to the beginning of a good deal of very excellent love-making, and it is a distinct impoverishment to the Dominion that one of the opportunities for indulging in the most innocent and most delightful of all pastimes should have gone out of fashion. Then there is to be considered the loss of trade and industry involved in the present small production of Valentines. Practically, there is, I understand, but one or two firms left in the Dominion that in the valentine business.

THE RETURN OF SIR ROBERT BOND.

The political atmosphere here is surcharged with all sorts of things among them one to the effect that the Right Hon. Sir Robert Bond has decided to return to public life. The Hon. Sir Robert Bond is the older rather than the modern school of statesmen. He has remained with him to the present.

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The late Sir William Vallance-White way with a definite code of political principles which were far in advance of those of the men among whom he sat. He remained faithful to them through good and ill report, and now that he has retired, he can look back over all his votes and speeches and challenge any critic to put his finger upon one vote or one speech which is inconsistent with the principles with which he entered parliament. I asked him one day what he thought of the House of Assembly as it is now and as it was when he first entered it. He said: "The House of Assembly used to be considered the best Club in the Colony, but now a great many people have no desire to get into either the House of Assembly or the Legislative Council. There is too much time occupied with nothing to show for it. In the old days we had many more big debates and much less worry. There were many fine speakers—Hayes, Carter, Shea, Whiteway, Talbot, Winter, Kent, Parsons, Glen, Scott, Renouf, etc., but there was no one equal to Boone, either in a set speech or repartee. Emerson was clever, but not really a debater. In the present House of Assembly there are fewer good speakers than the average. You do not have 'so much full dress debating,' because that is not the fashion here to-day."

THE GOOD SAINT HIMSELF.

Saint Valentine, after whom the day is called, was a priest of Rome, martyred in the third century; but he seems to have had no connection with the notions and practices to which his day since been given up. This, it is scarcely necessary to say, is a day thought to be especially devoted to Cupid and Hymen. Possibly, its being about the season when the birds choose their mates may be the origin of this belief. Antiquaries have also pointed out that the Lupercalia—feasts of ancient Rome in honor of Pan and Juno—were held at this time, that amongst the ceremonies was a game in which young persons of the opposite sexes chose each other secularly by lot.

POSSIBILITY OF AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

In certain influential and well-informed circles here the possibility of an appeal to the electorate in November next is freely discussed, and I am told, regarded as the right thing to do under existing circumstances. One

ness. The astonishing decline of the valentine within the past ten years brought ruin to many a wholesale manufacturer, to whom the trade was worth \$100,000 a year, between the years 1880 and 1890—the golden age of the valentine. At this period a single maker would keep six designers and eighty girls employed on valentines all the year round. Nice paper from China was brought by the shipload; plush in wholesale quantities of 5,000 yards at \$1.00 a yard; and silk fringe from Coventry, in bales of a hundred gross of yards. Twenty years ago, too, the big valentine dealer's turnover in England was \$5,000 a week during the three months of the season; and in his workrooms a quarter of a ton of the finest white gum disappeared in the dainty trifles. Four well-paid male artists designed the "Comics"—mainly trade skits and domestic incidents—and these were reproduced on 1,500 reams of paper. The machines were kept going night and day, turning out a million cartonnages a week, of which some five thousand gross were despatched from England to Australia in steamers and sailing vessels in May and June. From a hundred to a hundred and thirty different comic designs were produced every year, and one house would have five smart "commercial" show-ers in the pattern books to retailers in all parts of the British Empire. Lyon here in St. John's in pre-war days, an important trade used to be done in valentines, book and stationery stores often being kept open till eleven at night.

is not surprised at this. To-day men and things, even in Newfoundland, are not what they were twenty years ago, when party leaders could get off a lot of rubbish about Liberal principles, and thereby retain the support of their constituents. Oh, no! None of that will do now. At present there is no Liberal Party at all. That party has been sold and assigned to "a third party" by a few unscrupulous office-seekers. The popular standard-bearer in the next election, whenever it takes place, must be a man of backbone and brains, not a political jelly-fish; when he enters the arena he must give security for his conduct as an honest and faithful servant of the Dominion.

THE QUESTION OF STATE SCHOOLS.

I notice that, "in the opinion of the Cathedral Debating Club, the present system of education in Newfoundland is not good enough for the country, and State Schools would be more beneficial." This is just the decision the Government ought to have arrived at years ago. Public opinion demands a change in our present educational

AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

RUTH CHASE

Soprano.
(A) DREAM MELODY (Naughty Marquette).
(B) AN OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.



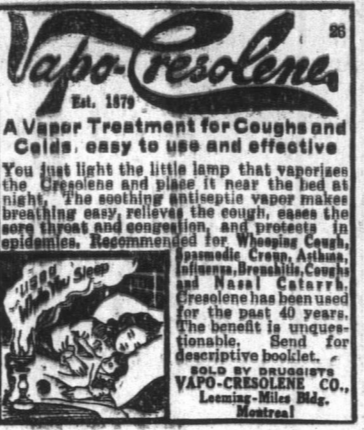
EARLE WILLIAMS
in
The Purple Cipher

GEORGE DALE

(A) THE TRUMPETER (Aix).
(B) THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S—(Adams).

AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

P. J. MCCARTHY, Pianist.



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The world moves and Newfoundland must move with it; and the Government that abolished this objectionable scheme and substitutes therefor one similar to that which obtains in the United States and other enlightened countries will render the rising generation a great service. My contention is that the duty devolves upon the State of providing every child with the means of obtaining a good secular education. Let the different denominations have their own private schools for religious instruction. If they will; but let them be supported by those denominations, and not by the State. Religion is an excellent thing, an indispensable article, something, in fact, that we can hardly have too much veneration for. But still it must not be forgotten that upon the intelligence of the people depends, in a great measure, the prosperity of a State. Therefore, in promoting denominational interests, we should take care not to neglect the necessary secular duties of life. Some people fall into the error of supposing that secular education, without the supervision of the Church tends to scepticism, and that in countries where it has taken the place of the ecclesiastical system, a want of respect for religion and the Church invariably manifests itself. No greater mistake can possibly be made. Take, for example, the case of the United States. There we see in operation the most perfect secular system in existence. And what is the result? Has it had the effect predicted by shortsighted and narrow-minded opponents? Not at all. There are no more religious people in the world than the Americans. The Great Western Republic is a land of Churches and other religious institutions, and I need not add, a land of liberty as well! I make the assertion on excellent authority, that more money is donated to religious and charitable objects in the United States than in any other country on earth; and best of all, very little of it is diverted from its legitimate channel.

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B. I. S. Preliminary Meeting.

OFFICERS NOMINATED.

At the preliminary annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society held last night sixteen applicants were admitted to membership. President W. J. Higgins occupied the chair. The various reports showed the Societies affairs to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The Portrait Committee, Messrs. M. J. O'Mara and W. S. Dunphy, presented portraits of the following past Presidents:—Hon. James Tobin (President 1842-43) donated by Mr. P. F. Moore, M. H.A. Hon. Edward Morris (President 1859-1874) donated by Mr. W. B. Comerford, and Hon. J. D. Ryan, K.C. S.G., (President 1895-1920.) donated by the Society. The President, in thanking the Portrait Committee and the donors, paid a well merited tribute to the work performed by these past Presidents and made particular reference to the valuable services rendered by the Hon. J. D. Ryan, for over a period of forty years. In a short speech, the Hon. Mr. Ryan thanked the President and expressed his appreciation of the honour bestowed upon him by the Society. The nomination of officers then took place for the ensuing year and resulted as follows:

President—W. J. Higgins, K.C. M. H.A.
Vice-President—J. C. Pippy.
1st. Asst. Vice-President—W. H. Comerford.
2nd. Asst. Vice-President—J. J. Moore.
Treasurer—J. Campbell.
Secretary—Allan Doyle.
Chairman of Schools—J. P. Crotty.
Chairman of Charity—J. C. Channing.
Chairman of Review and Correspondence—J. O'N. Conroy.
Secretary of Schools—M. J. Savage.
The annual meeting will be held on next Sunday night, when the officers will be installed, the annual report of the Executive will be read and other important business will be transacted.

HORSE TOOK FRIGHT.—A horse owned by Mr. Jonas Squires took fright whilst standing near the Reid N.R. Co.'s Station yesterday afternoon and dashed up Job's Street. The animal was stopped near the west end Fire Hall.

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Express Passengers.

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 2 o'clock this morning bringing 200 bags of mail matter and the following passengers who are on the incoming express:—Miss M. McPartridge, B. A. Rennie, B. B. Lilly, Capt. J. Burz, D. Bragg, J. Fudge.

Personal.

A. Vatcher. The express is due to-morrow night.

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Mr. R. H. Anderson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, left by the Portia on his regular tour of inspection.

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