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## PROVIDE PLAYGROUNDS

The boy without a playground is father to the man without a job.

The boy without a playground, is also the boy who is at present giving so much trouble to the police force of St. John.

What do the citizens propose to do about it?

In reply to a request made, Miss Mabel Peters received this week from a local engineer an estimate of the cost of preparing plans for a complete playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park, and of draining and leveling the grounds. The plans, based on information and suggestions received by Miss Peters from Chicago and New York, would cost about a hundred dollars; and the draining and leveling up of the portion of the fourteen acres needed would cost about fifteen hundred dollars. The field would then be ready for the equipment, which would cost as much or as little as the citizens chose to spend.

Of course the city council would not undertake to spend sixteen hundred dollars, but there are other ways of accomplishing the end. The council could at least pay the hundred dollars required for preparing the plans. The fifteen hundred dollars could be raised in other ways. One citizen has already offered to head a subscription with one hundred dollars.

Even if the money could not all or nearly all, be raised, there is still another way. When the members of the Every Day Club need work done on their grounds they do it themselves in the evenings. If the citizens at large would resolve themselves into a working force, and give a few evenings to the work under competent supervision, they would overcome the necessity of spending much money. And why not? They would be working for the good of the children. Years ago the old Polymorphous Club converted an old wood-yard into the pretty Haymarket Square, with grass plots and trees and walks and fountain. Why should not the citizens unite to make a great playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park? Such a display of public spirit it would infuse new life into the city, and the effect would be seen in a thousand other ways.

The State of Massachusetts has adopted a Playground Act, under which the cities and all towns of 10,000 inhabitants were called upon to vote for or against municipal playgrounds. The result has been an astonishing revelation of public sentiment. Up to March 10th last, twenty-four cities and thirteen towns had accepted the provisions of the act, by an aggregate vote of more than four to one.

The city of Boston has appropriated \$165,000 for the further extension of its playgrounds.

Newark, New Jersey, has paid \$29,500 for nine and a half acres of land for an athletic field and playground.

Sixty public school yards will be opened in Philadelphia this summer as public playgrounds. The grounds will be open from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and will be in charge of trained teachers employed by the board of education.

The first supervised playground in Detroit was opened in 1901, and equipped and supported by private subscription. In 1903 the board of education granted \$1,200 for the work. This year it asked for \$37,000.

In addition to the playgrounds, public baths have been established in that city. The Playground for April contains a very interesting article by Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, telling of the growth of the playground idea in Detroit from the time in 1890 when she addressed the Twentieth Century Club on the subject until today, when there are nine playgrounds and several baths conducted for the benefit of the children.

In St. John this year, instead of a forward there is to be a backward step in the matter of supervised playgrounds. The school board grant the use of only one school yard, the Centennial, and the playground committee of the Women's Council only have about enough funds to conduct this one. The Every Day Club grounds are available, and children will be able to play there, but apparently there will be no money to provide teachers.

In other words, the people of St. John take so little interest in a matter of vital importance to the children that while other cities are paying more and more attention

to it they are paying less. It is not a creditable condition of affairs.

In the meantime the police arrest boys for playing and making noises on the street, and citizens stand aghast at the evidences of youthful depravity.

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## WHO PAYS THE TAXES

In a recent discussion in the United States senate, Senators Lodge and Root took the ground that the state and municipal taxes are "largely" and "in the main" paid by property owners, and the Massachusetts senator held that this was demonstrated by the fact that only about 18,000 persons in Boston paid taxes, while the city contained 110,000 voters. Mr. Root contended that "property now bears a great proportion of the burden of taxation," and he produced statistics, by way of proof, showing that as late as 1902 property to the amount of \$97,810,000,000 paid ad valorem taxes for state, county and municipal purposes in the United States. Then Senator Borah of Idaho asked: "Who has to pay this tax eventually, the owner or the renter?" "That is one of the questions of the shifting of taxation," replied Senator Root. "It is placed on the property to be paid by the owner. Who eventually pays it is a different question."

The Springfield Republican points out that what Senator Root thus cheerfully sets aside is the very point in the case. We quote:

"But this is just the point. Who eventually pays the tax is a different question from that of who originally pays it, to be sure, but it is of course a vital question to the taxpayer, and cannot be moved without putting one into the position of begging the whole question. No truth in economics is better established or more generally recognized than that general property taxes can be, and are, largely shifted from those who pay them in the first instance to those who support them in the end. So much of these taxes as fall upon unimproved land are paid first and last by the owner, and so of taxes falling upon real estate wholly consumed, as it were, by the owner—his dwelling place when no part of it is rented. But these properties constitute only a very small proportion in value of the total property subjected to the general property taxes. Upon practically the rest of the total the taxes fall only to be passed on to renters of rooms and houses, to buyers of goods in the stores and to consumers in general of the things which make up our necessities and luxuries of living. And the consumers are all of us, and consumption taxes for the most part are proportioned to numbers rather than to wealth."

The Victoria Colonist gives an illustration which explains why some Englishmen return to the old country and complain about Canada as a home for immigrants. We quote: "The Colonist knows of one young fellow, and he is a fine-looking young man as one need want to meet; but he only knew how to do one thing, and that happened to be a thing that no one in this part of the world hires any one to do especially. When it is done at all it is done in connection with other work. He has taken a friend to a number of business men, all of whom told him that they could not employ him in his own particular line, and some of whom offered him a chance at something else. But nothing else would suit him, and he returned home saying that he was 'greatly disappointed with the colonies.'"

Apparently there is a suspicion in Quebec that all liquor dealers are not careful to give a customer what he asks for. The Ottawa Citizen says: "An important amendment to the liquor laws of Quebec, presented by Hon. W. A. Weir, came into force on Saturday. The substance of the amendment is as follows: 1. Bottles which have held liquor must not be refilled with any liquor and resold; 2. No hotel or saloonkeeper shall use or permit to be used any label on a bottle or other receptacle which does not indicate with precision and clearness the nature of the contents of the bottle or other receptacle; 3. No hotel or saloonkeeper shall mix with any liquor sold by him, any drug or other deleterious ingredient."

The increase in the volume of bank clearings is significant of better times. The Toronto News says: "May bank clearings at Toronto were the largest on record for that month, and Toronto bank clearings for the first five months constitute a new high mark for the longer period. They were \$35,000,000 larger than in 1907, which was the previous high water mark. The returns from Montreal for May and the five months are similarly cheering."

Among the evidences that times are improving is the fact that the number of third class passengers from Montreal to Europe is much smaller than that of last year, when, as a result of the general depression, many foreigners returned to their old homes. There is now a great falling off in this traffic eastward, but an increase in the westward movement. The immigrants arriving are reported to be generally of a desirable class.

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## UP TO DATE STYLES

The washwoman looked for her pail. That stood on the steps near the rail. But never a sign Of her pail could she find. But listen—thereby hangs a tale.

Says the mistress: "I think before night On the mystery I'll throw light. And I haven't a doubt. 'Twas her pail she put out of sight."

So the maid at five-thirty returned. And the fate of the bucket was learned. On the top of her head. Trimmed with popples of red. Was the much sought for bucket upturned.

HUBBARD TIPLING.  
St. John, June 4, 1909.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

BIRDS OF DISTINCTION.

The crow and the bird of paradise were talking about fame.

Why, you are so homely you are only known to the farmers," sneered the proud bird of paradise. "Now, I am so beautiful my feathers are on the lips of the society women."

The crow laughed scornfully.

"That may be, my friend," he chuckled, "but I have my feet under their eyes."

## OPTIMISTIC.

(Houston Post.)

"My wife is a very optimistic woman."

"Indeed she is."

"No doubt she is."

"Yes, when I was talking with her yesterday she said she had some thing to tell me."

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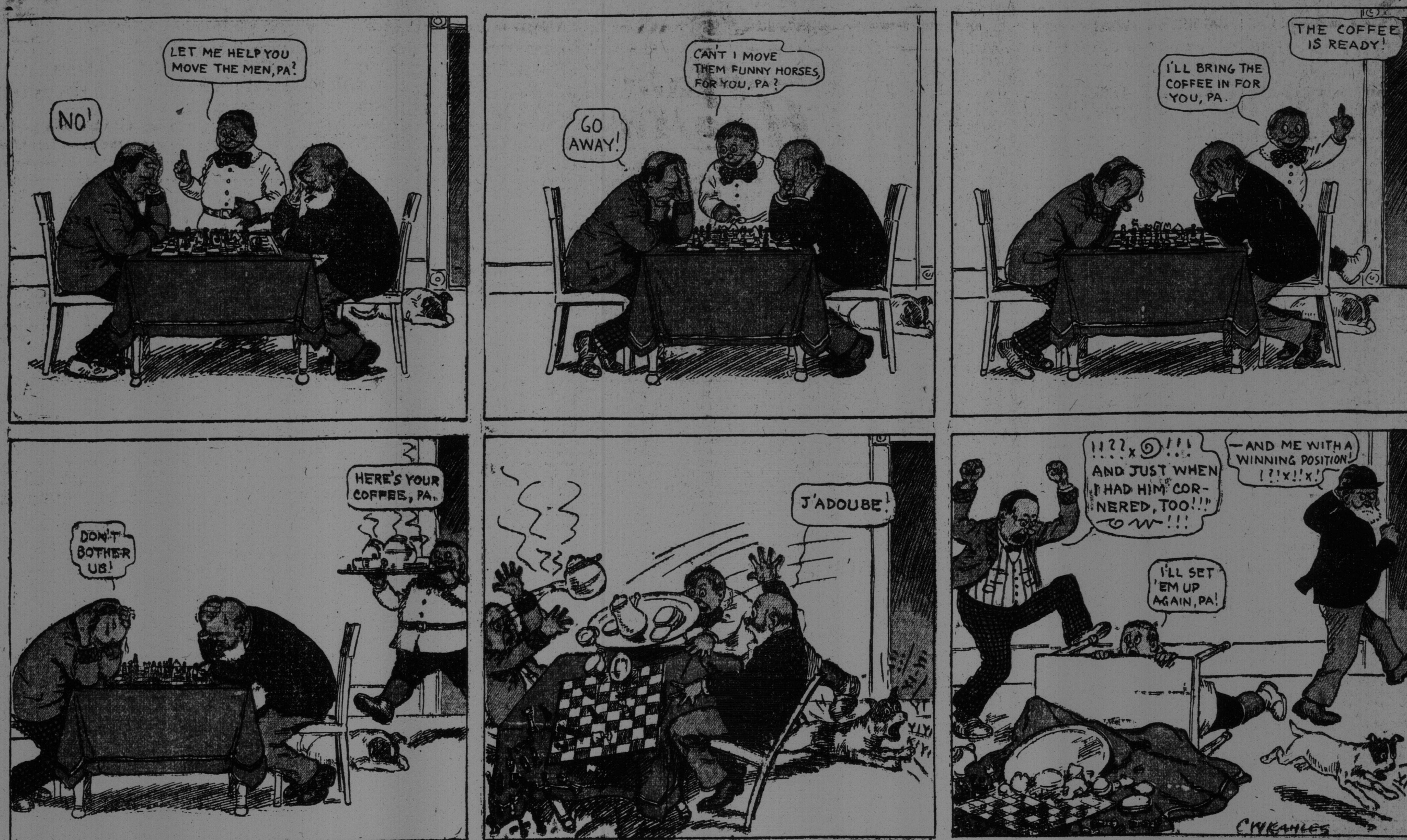
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