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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

For many years Charlottetown has been complimented on the excellent condition and layout of its streets. Wide, well made, well kept and well shaded, our citizens have been proud of them and visitors have openly admitted them—strictly during the summer season. There is little of a complimentary character said in winter; absolutely nothing in the spring when the snow is working its devious way to the harbor; in fact during the juicy season the compliments are turned upside down.

The condition of the streets and sidewalks, particularly the latter, during the past week or two, should serve as an effective demonstration of "how not to do it." The sidewalks were practically impassible in many places owing to the overflow of water and the accumulation of slush. It was humiliating to citizens to hear warnings passed from one pedestrian to another, such as "Don't come here," "Can I get ashore there?" etc., etc., and the opinion prevails very generally that, the demonstration having been given, steps should be taken to prevent such a possibility in future.

The system is to blame. Charlottetown has some miles of the best concrete sidewalks in Canada. The purpose of the sidewalks is to provide pedestrians with smooth, dry footpaths during wet and sloppy weather and through the snow in winter. When they fail to give this accommodation they are practically useless and they have lamentably failed during the past few weeks. And the cause is not far to seek.

The civic regulations demand that the sidewalks shall be cleaned off in winter by the occupants of the adjoining property. Many citizens, probably the majority, complied with these regulations. They cleared off the sidewalk, as "nominated in the bond" by shovelling a trench the width of the sidewalk through the snow drift piling the offending snow on each side of the path. When the snow is in the spring, it follows the line of

least resistance by taking to the sidewalk. In its passage to the sea it becomes dammed up with the result so much deplored during the recent snowfalls.

The regulation requiring citizens to clear their sidewalks of snow is not conducive to the making of good streets or good sidewalks. The sidewalks as well as the streets are the property of and under the care of the city and should be attended to by the city. Instead of cutting trenches through snowdrifts and turning the sidewalks into water courses all the snow on the street sides, from the residences outward, should be scooped to the street. This, we shall be told, would entail considerable expense. Possibly so. It would, besides, give employment to a great many people who need it during the winter, and it would give citizens the accommodation which the payment of a fairly liberal tax is supposed to give them. Moreover it would give the city a reputation for good streets and sidewalks in winter as well as in summer, and there is much in a good reputation, much also in a bad reputation.

Necessarily in a level city like Charlottetown some difficulty will be experienced in providing exits for the melting snows in spring, but it should not be impossible. There should be an inexpensive method by which the water could find access to the under drains and so reach the sea by other than overland route. At the foot of Kent street a few days ago the water was so deep on the roadway that it overflowed sleighs driven through it and the sidewalks were all under water; this by the side of a school to which some hundreds of children are obliged to wade daily while the snow from the upper parts of the city is making its way to the harbor.

The time to see the necessity of providing a remedy is now and the time to provide the remedy is the summer when the necessary drainage can be prepared. The civic regulations for cleaning off the sidewalks should be enacted now, while the need is fresh in the minds of the people.

A CRISIS IN EUROPE

War and rumors of war which have been filling the English and continental press during the past week have scarcely found an echo in the press of the Dominion, save in one or two of the Montreal and Toronto publications. This is due to the all-absorbing impasse at Ottawa which has been receiving more than its share of attention from the party press to the exclusion of matters of equal, if not more, importance. Just as all legislation has been held up in the Dominion House of Commons, so has consideration of Imperial and social questions been relegated to practical oblivion in the press. Yet the United Kingdom, France and Germany have been passing through a crisis with which the situation at Ottawa pales into insignificance. The Manchester Guardian, the leading Liberal organ in England and noted for its pacifist policy, went so far as to say that the prospects of international enjoyment of peace were about as bad as they could well be. A well-known authority on continental politics writing to the same journal describes the position in the course of a long article. It appears that this year the German Army Act expires, and notice has been given of a new

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bill under which the active strength of the German army will be raised about 15 per cent. The active strength is at present 720,000 men; it will be in two years, under the new bill, about 850,000. This increase is not directed against France or any single Power. Its excuses are the revival of the Russian army after its defeats, the danger of war between the Great Powers in the Balkans, and perhaps (though no official statement of reasons has yet been given) the fear that the weight of the British army might in the event of war be thrown on the side of Russia and France. But, whatever the reasons, it has caused great alarm in the French newspapers. The active strength of the French army is now 600,000 men, but of these 70,000 are in Algeria and Tunis, so that the actual superiority in Europe of the German army over that of France is nearly 200,000 men. It will be more than 300,000 if the Reichstag passes the new Army Bill. This superiority in numbers, great as it is, is still rather less than the superiority of Germany in population. There are 67 Germans to 38 Frenchmen; there will, if the new bill passes and France does nothing at all, be 53 French soldiers for 85 German. Still, we should be dull not to understand and open to sympathy with French nervousness. In these circumstances the question asked is what is France to do? The answer is given in the report of a stirring message by the new President, who in effect, proposes to extend the two years military service to three years which would bring the peace strength up to 800,000, or approximately equal to the German army. The message was received with enthusiasm throughout France, and almost before anyone was aware, Germany and France were once more the cynosure of Europe, the Balkan war sinking into insignificance beside the new situation. The English Government was appealed to by many leading newspapers to offer its good offices, but wisely declined to interfere. The new situation strikingly illustrates the tremendous influence of a

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strong British Navy on the peace of Europe. Leading German socialists, who are as bitterly opposed to war as any of their English confederates, declared that it was only the fear of the German militants in hand. There has been much talk of a "new spirit" in France, and its direction depends largely upon the new President, M. Poincare. The idea finding favour is that France should league with Russia for the purpose of making war on Germany to stop her restless aggression. Whether the new President will give his approval to this movement is not quite clear, but should he do so, he need not count on the support of Great Britain. It is generally recognized that in the event of hostilities Great Britain would remain neutral, leaving France and Russia to rely on their own resources.

FASTER SERVICE BETWEEN MONTREAL AND HALIFAX.

MONTREAL, March 13—An eight-hour service from Montreal to Halifax may be one of the possibilities of the Intercolonial railway in the near future, according to a statement made today by F. P. Brady, commissioner and general superintendent. Mr. Brady stated that, as the Ocean Limited was now an accomplished fact, there would have to be either a shortening of the time occupied from end to end of the government system. Being asked what time could be made from Halifax to Montreal and vice versa when a full complement of passenger locomotives are in commission, Mr. Brady made the following important statement: "With a train of five or six coaches and stops, say at Drummondville, Levis, St. Thomas, River Du Loup, Rimouski, St. Flavie, Campbellton, Bathurst, Newcastle, Moncton, Sackville, Amherst and Truro, I do not see any difficulty in making the run all right in eighteen hours and this is what it will come to sooner or later."

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF PEACE

NEW YORK, March 13—A cable from London says: The English scheme for the commemoration of a hundred years of peace between Great Britain and America, provides for a permanent memorial and will cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Lord Shaw, who has been prominent in organizing the English arrangements, will head the delegation to the New York meeting at the end of April. His colleagues probably will include W. C. C. Gladstone, M. P., grandson of the great statesman; Allen Baker, M.P., and Sir William Mathers.

SUFFRAGISTS' FIRST ROCKPORT MEETING.

ROCKPORT, March 12—The first suffragist demonstration in this town took place when 200 women gathered on Main Street and to the music of a fife and drum corps marched to the Town Hall, where a speech was made by a delegate purporting to represent General Rosalie Jones.

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ST. LOUIS, March 12—The St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company has made Finley J. Shepard, who recently became the husband of Helen Gould, a director. He has also been made a director of the Missouri Pacific.

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WASHINGTON, March 12—The President's daughters have banished elaborate head dresses. Miss Eleanor Wilson fixes her hair with a single strand of brilliants, bandeau fashion, and the simple girlish effect is being copied by democratic belles. Miss Margaret Wilson wears a graduated fillet which reaches from just above her forehead over each ear. Miss Jessie Wilson, who has beautiful golden hair, arranges it in a simple swirl, pulled softly back from her forehead, falling just over the tip of her ears. The three sisters have earned the title of the "Three Graces." Their movements are observed with keen interest by the younger set.

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