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ST. PETER'S BAY NOTES.

This is the time when people are getting ready for the Christmas holidays. The merchants are getting in a new stock of goods preparing to meet the demands of the farmers.

The farmers here are taking a lively interest in Rattenbury's pork packing establishment. They have supplied quite a number of pigs and there are still more on hand waiting for shipment.

Our cheese factory during the late season has increased threefold compared with past seasons in the output of cheese manufactured. Mr. Smith, who has had charge for the last three seasons, is a very painstaking and efficient cheese maker.

There was quite a lot of damage done here to the railroad along the south side of the bay by the late storms. But it is a bad wind blows nobody good, and the people here and around the vicinity took the advantage of it, some of them making upwards of one hundred dollars. Whoever heard tell of a Klondyke at St. Peter's Bay?

Mr. Peter Cummings, barber, late of Charlottetown, has opened a barber shop in the town. We congratulate him and wish him success.

Mr. L. P. McLaughlin, insurance agent, is in the town for a few days. He has quite a number insured here.

Mr. Welsh, Souris reporter, is also here on a visit taking in the scenery. He puts up at Wm. Donnelly's.

The members of the League of the Cross intend holding a concert in St. Peter's Bay Hall. It will be a rare treat, and everyone should take advantage of it and attend.

What might have been a serious accident occurred the other day. Mr. Jas. Parcell, who is an expert gunner, saw some plover in the barnyard and deciding to get a shot at them took the gun from the wall and started in pursuit. While putting in a cartridge, the hammer being up which he did not notice, struck his knee causing the gun to go off, slightly scarring his nose and blowing the hat off his head. Had the gun been a little closer to him something more serious would be the result. It was a close call and he will be more careful in the future.

Michael Murphy, shoemaker, and Jas. Parcell intend going to Klondyke in the spring. Mr. Murphy will follow his trade, and "Jim" goes to dig gold. No doubt they will be successful as they have been "there before."

R. E. S.

—Mr. Langelier, whose attack on Sir Wilfrid's methods and Sir Wilfrid's colleagues has attracted so much attention, was on the 17th instant president of the Liberal Club of Quebec city. He delivered a stirring speech, a part of which is thus reported:

"He said that the attempted coalition dated from the last session of parliament, notwithstanding the denials of ministers and their friends. He spoke of his services to the liberal party, which had lasted for thirty years. He described how he had been passed over and ignored by Sir Wilfrid in the formation of the government and ever since as if he was a dog on the street. He bore everything in silence until assured that the liberal party was to be blended with a strong conservative element which simply meant the ostracism of all the old liberals, and the eventual ruin of the liberal cause. He deprecated Messrs. Tarte and Blair being continued in the cabinet, and said if the premier did not yield to the wishes of the party on this point, the effect would be disastrous. He said that conservative influences were evident even in the framing of the tariff adopted last session."

After he had spoken it was moved by W. W. Davidson, seconded by A. J. Auge, "that this club heartily approves of the stand recently taken by the Hon. P. Langelier, and emphatically endorses everything that he has said with regard to the political situation as contained in the statement which he has given to the public through the press." That was carried amid great enthusiasm.

Italy is able to turn out fast torpedo boat destroyers as well as England. The destroyer Pluto, recently built at Sestri Ponente, near Genoa, for the Spanish Government, made 30 knots under forced draught on her trial over the measured mile.

Acetylene can be neither manufactured or sold in Great Britain now save by express permission of the Home Secretary, the prohibition being made in a recent order-in-council.

The attempt of the Canadian government to induce French-Canadians in New England to return to Canada is not meeting with much success at the present time. Manchester, Lowell, Woonsocket, and other centres where there are many French-Canadians report that there is no greater exodus to Canada than is usual at this season.

LETTER FROM HON. D. DAVIES.

Severage and Other City Matters Discussed

Sir,—By a misprint of your compositor in my letter published in your issue of today I am reported as saying that "since the introduction of pure water into the city there has been an outbreak of typhoid fever." If you refer to the manuscript you will see that I said no outbreak of typhoid fever.

I have no reliable data to figure upon, but I roughly estimate that an efficient system of sewerage for the city would cost about \$75,000—possibly \$100,000.

An outlay of \$15,000 would be sufficient to dredge out Government Pond to the depth of ten feet from Brighton Bridge to say 100 yards outside of Government House Bridge. It would be desirable to extend the dredging up to Boyle's Tannery if the owners of the land would assist. The small swamps on the George Davies estate and on Government House land on the opposite side of Brighton Road should have drains to the pond. The city is extending out in that direction, owing to the enterprise of our architect, Mr. W. C. Harris, and others. As every new house contributes to city taxation these improvements should be made. I suggest that such improvements should be proceeded with at once. If mud diggers were put on the pond in January farmers would take away much of the mud for top-dressing free of charge, and it would give employment to our trackmen during our winter months.

The sides of the pond should be planted with deciduous trees, such as limes, white birch, elm and chestnuts, early next spring. The moist soil on the margin of the pond is favourable for the growth of such ornamental trees. The pond, when dredged, would be used as a safe boating ground in all kinds of weather; a small charge for the use of it would recoup the city for the outlay. I suppose that an outlay of \$60,000 would cover the cost of the sewerage for the city, not including the cost of dredging the pond. The money could be obtained on 50 years city debentures at 4 per cent. and as 1 per cent. is added as a sinking fund to extinguish the debt at the end of 50 years, the annual interest and sinking fund would cost the city \$3,750 per annum. If the cost of sewerage reached \$100,000, \$5,000 a year would be required. The value of real estate and personal property assessed for taxation this year was in round numbers, \$3,500,000. Dominion, and local Government buildings, hospitals, schools, and churches are exempted from taxation.

Now, if we go in for sewerage, if we increased city taxes on the north side of Richmond Street by 1/4 per cent. and the south side by 1/2 per cent.—which I think would be fair, it would provide a yearly income sufficient to pay the interest and sinking fund on the cost of sewerage. If we adopt the dry earth closet system—same as is used so extensively in Germany—it would cost very little. As the night soil, if removed twice a month by scavengers and dumped into a field in the Royalty, would probably cover the cost. If this plan were adopted I think it would be necessary to make it compulsory, and all blind wells and disused wells should be stopped.

The work of gradually macadamizing our streets is going on very well under the efficient supervision of Mr. Dalziel, and no special outlay is required. I agree with you that the city has outgrown the ward system of electing city councillors. The act of incorporation should be amended and the city thrown into one ward for their election.

I am afraid there is no outlook for the Island becoming a seat for manufacturing industries. We are isolated during the winter months by the icy Strait of Northumberland, and cannot compete with the larger provinces. We must be content to develop our splendid agricultural resources and our decaying fisheries, with small manufactories suited to our Island Province's wants.

Your obedient servant,
DANIEL DAVIES.

When He Laughed.

Dibbs—I never laughed so much in my life.

Potts—Which one of your jokes were you telling?—Pick Me Up.

Two Dull Thuds.

Teacher—What caused Adam's downfall?
Pupil—Eve's dropping. — Chicago News.

Plaint of the Penitent Pig.

A philosophic pig there was
By mis-adventure strayed
Into a field where shaggy youths
A game of football played.

Fell sore amazed he stood and watched
The horrid, fearful sight.
A gouging, gashing, ghoulish gang,
They waged an awful fight.



They battled with insensate rage,
According to no code,
While watching thousands yelled like mad
When blood like water flowed.

And as he gazed his tender soul
Was plunged in woe's abyss.
"To think," he moaned, "that 'tis my skin
That causes all of this!"
—New York Journal.

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There was nothing special to take Bixby down town the other night, so he decided to stay at home and give Mrs. Bixby the rare treat of his company for the evening.

While glancing over the paper, as she sat sewing, Bixby thought how happy she must be at being allowed to bask in his presence, and later on, in a burst of amiable generosity, he decided to even bestow upon her an intellectual treat. He had, after reading the advertisements, cast his eye upon the puzzle column of the paper, and the thought was born in him to spring upon her a puzzle originated in his own head.

After long study he concluded to invent an enigma. He decided upon the word "Poe," an easy one, suited to Mrs. Bixby's feminine and therefore feeble perceptions. The enigma was to recite three words in which the letters of the name are found and to wind up with "My whole is a well known poet."

"Clara," said Mr. Bixby, suddenly and explosively
Mrs. Bixby started out of her dreamy state of mind and almost dropped her sewing.

"What is it, dear?" she asked.
"I have three letters," said Bixby, distinctly and impressively. "My first is in 'pocket,' but not in 'box;' my—"

"Josiah Bixby," said Mrs. Bixby, sternly fixing him with her eye. "Of all the thoughtless, careless, neglectful, inconsiderate men I ever saw you are the worst. One of 'em's that letter to mamma I gave you to mail last Friday, asking her to see Aunt Susan and get that skirt pattern I loaned her last week and a copy of that recipe for cough sirup that did Johnny so much good, and to come up and stay a week or two with us, as I need her assistance in selecting shades for the sitting room, as they are faded and not fit to be seen, even if you do sneer at her behind her back and make remarks about her that you never would do if you had any love for your wife, and I'll be bound one of 'em is that letter I wrote that New York agency that offers \$10 a day for work in your own home, samples free, though I'm sure you'd never give me any credit for trying to earn money and help you along, and the other one is the letter I wrote to my old schoolmate Jennie Armstrong, who hinted she was going to come and see us, and I told her that we were undecided about moving yet—the sly, deceitful mix, she thinks I don't know you were engaged to her once, pushing herself right in on us, the brazen creature, and the chances are she'll be here any day, and you carrying those letters around in your pocket for weeks after I gave them to you to mail, and you sitting up here and telling me about it, as if it were of no importance in the world, though goodness knows, I'm of none myself in this house, slaving and scraping and saving to try and help!"

Bixby jumped out of his chair, threw his paper at the lamp, jammed his hat on and shouted:
"Mrs. Bixby, I'm going out to look at the airship. When you recover your senses, madam, I will return." —San Francisco Post.



Although American women do not literally saw wood yet a great deal of work which in its way is quite as fatiguing as coming of necessity upon every woman who takes any part in the affairs of practical life. This is just as true of well-to-do society women as it is of their less fortunate sisters. Social obligations may become no less burdensome than family cares, or the duties which fall upon women who work for their living.

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"Deed, dat's de troof," remarked Erastus Pinkley, who overheard him. "Ef dese folks 'ud be saterfy ter gib up de money wifout makin us write policy slips, we wouldn't hab near de trouble wif de police." —Washington Star.

A Useful Adjunct.

"I always like to have at least one boarder who is a little slow about paying," Mrs. Hashcroft admitted to her dearest friend. "A man of that kind—especially a young man—is always so handy to use up all the chicken necks, the cold biscuits and so on." —Indianapolis Journal.

To Preserve His Standing.

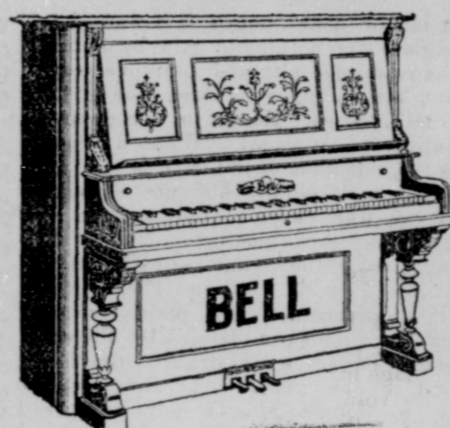
Mrs. Letterhause—I am told that you allow your husband to carry a latchkey.
Mrs. Greymair—Yes; but it does not fit the door. I just let him carry it to humor him. He likes to show it to his friends and make them think he is independent. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Error.

She—And yet you once called me the salt of the earth.

He—Nor am I the only man who has found he had the pepper when he thought he had the salt. —Brooklyn Life.

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