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First Quarter, 4th day .......... 5 15 morn
Full Moon, 12th day .......... 3 14 after
Last Quarter, 20th day .......... 7 51 "
New Moon, 27th day .......... 11 23 "

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Improving our Climate.

SIR,—A correspondent in last week's EXAMINER suggests closing up the Strait of Belle Isle as a means of ameliorating our wintry climate. However desirable a consummation this latter may be, we must remember that we can only attain to it by agencies the most far reaching and cosmical in their operations, for the great features of climate are determined by the operation of forces which dominate not only our globe but the entire solar system.

The question here properly is, how much does the Belle Isle current at present affect our climate? This current passes through the strait of the same name between Newfoundland and Labrador, which is twelve miles wide, and bears, in the early part of summer, a considerable number of icebergs into the northern part of the gulf. This ice is not seen south of Cape George, Newfoundland, and Cape Whittle, Labrador, for it is here met by an important current entering the gulf from the Atlantic between Newfoundland and Cape Breton, and by the current of the river St. Lawrence.

This Atlantic current is a most important one to us Islanders. It is composed of a branch of the Gulf Stream united with a spur of the Labrador current, and enters the Gulf along the southern shore of Newfoundland. It proceeds northwest as far as Anticosti Island, completely subtending the Belle Isle current and forcing it to take a submarine course in the deep soundings of the Gulf. A branch of this Atlantic current bends southwest by the Magdalens, washes the North Shore of P. E. Island, and, passing by the North Cape to Bay Chaleur enters the Northumberland Strait, and makes a complete circuit of our Province.

The whole of the middle and southern parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence are occupied by the waters of the St Lawrence current, which, between Gaspe and Anticosti, has a velocity of two or three miles an hour, and the waters of the Atlantic current which we have just described. The Belle Isle current is confined to that northern sinus of the Gulf called by geographers the Strait of Belle Isle, extending from Belle Isle to Capes Whittle and George. Its cold waters pass out of the Gulf as a submarine current between Capes Ray and North, and have no influence on the surface of the southern parts.

Thus we see that the cold waters of the Belle Isle current are so restricted to the northern part of the Gulf that they can have no appreciable effect on the climate of P. E Island. Their chilling breath is borne by the general atmospheric flow away towards the Atlantic, and not towards us; while the icy stream itself is completely hedged off by the broad flow of warmer water from the Atlantic.

If, then, the Belle Isle current does not at present sensibly affect our climate, the project to spend millions of money in shutting it off does not commend itself as being the most prudent economy.

The comparative coolness of our climate is determined by the fact that we are situated on the eastern side of the North American continent, and the prevailing easterly flow of the atmosphere brings the frigid temperature of the continental winters down upon us; while our springs are delayed by the melting of the large quantities of ice which form in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and by the low temperature of the Boreal current which presses down close to the eastern shore of the Continent. But if our springs are late our autumns are mild and open, and our summers tempered from the same reason, viz.: the expanse of water around us.

The unusual warmth of the past season was not peculiar to P E Island, but common to the North American continent, and was probably produced by the stronger flow of the southwest passage wind, which prevented the descent of cold waves from the Arctic regions. These cold waves seem to have been relegated for this season to the European continent.

A further proof of the dependence of our climate on continental influence is afforded by the fact that the Bureau at Toronto is able to furnish us daily probabilities of the weather for the Maritime Provinces. This is only done by a knowledge of the atmospheric movements going on over the whole continent.

If, then, our climate is dependent upon those great cosmical and continental agencies which determine the movements of the atmospheric ocean which wraps round our globe, it strikes us as not likely to be much affected by any alteration which we could make in the flow of an insignificant stream like Belle Isle current. F. B.

**Remember the clearing out sale of boots and shoes at Stamper's Corner. The shop has to be vacated for building purposes. Now is the time to get bargains in fine boots, overshoes, slippers, &c., as the stock must be sold.—R. K. Jost.** tf

The sins of the stock broker are of commission — not ommission. No case is known in which he was guilty of the omission of his commission.

THERE is a curious diversity of taste among smokers as to the kind of pipe they prefer. Some like the clay pipe best, others prefer the briar root, others again the meerschaum, some must have their pipe well seasoned before they can enjoy it, others again must have a new pipe and throw it away whenever it becomes a little old. But though this diversity of taste among them is curious, it is not at all curious that there is substantial unanimity among them about the kind of tobacco to be used. Experience has proved to them that the "Myrtle Navy" brand of Messrs. Tuckett & Son is the genuine article. ....

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### White Ribbon Notes.

When you are swimming against the tide of public opinion, be assured that you are no dead fish, for they float with it.

Of the new mayors in England thirty seven are total abstainers. In Scotland abstainers have been chosen as provosts in twenty town.

The following answer from an uneducated man should teach many temperance men a lesson:—"Wherever dere be Temperance meeting or Temperance voting I go and count one. What difference it make to me whether dere be big crowd or little one; don't I count one just the same when dere be only five, as when dere be five hundred! Sometimes de men say, 'John, you throw your vote away.' I say, 'No, the Lord count it on his side just the same when it stand all one as when it stand with five thousand.' I no promise to carry the election, I only promise to count one." Oh, that such simple hearted fidelity to our cause were the rule among us! The liquor traffic would soon tremble to its foundations, and wither at the casting of our votes.

### A Sad End.

Among the cured patients of Dr Keeley, the specialist in the treatment of drunkenness, the opium habit, and similar self-induced abnormal states, was Colonel John F Mines, whose nom de plume was Felix Oldboy. In the October North American Review he came forward under his own name to defend the cure, and in the most solemn manner, after describing his struggles for many years, his struggles and failures, his wild excesses, declared that he was absolutely cured, "had been rescued from hell and translated to heaven," and was absolutely certain certain he was cured. Ten or twelve days ago he entered upon a debauch, was arrested in the city of New York in a condition of helpless drunkenness, and sent to Blackwell's Island. There he was attacked with fits and died. That such a relapse and fatal fall should occur before the next number of the North American Review was fairly in the hands of its readers is a tragedy more startling than caused by dagger or bullet. Its features are made still darker by the fact that Colonel Mines was graduated from Trinity College, and from the General Theological Seminary, and was an ordained minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.—Christian Advocate.

### Glasgow's Forward Movement.

The city of Glasgow has lately been the scene of some very interesting experiments in civic rule.

A new police bill was formulated about twelve months ago, and when it came on for discussion it was decided that it should be read that day six months, which being interpreted, meant that its postponement should, in reality, be indefinite. A fortnight ago, however, the bill arose, Phoenix-like, from the ashes to which so many would have consigned it, and was triumphantly carried, in a manner that was unlooked for, even by the most sanguine.

Glasgow is commonly supposed to be a drunken city, and the whisky shops that everywhere abound, give it undoubtedly undeniable pre-eminence in that direction; but a strong and growing temperance sentiment has been steadily gaining ground. The Y. M. C. A. organized a plebiscite some time back, to ascertain the professed opinion on the drinking question. One hundred and fifty thousand houses were visited, and voting papers left. More than 100 000 of these papers were filled up and returned, constituting the largest vote of its kind ever taken in the United Kingdom. The question submitted read as follows: "Are you in favor of local option?" Seventy-eight thousand answers in the affirmative; 8 000 negatives. By ten to one, therefore, it was decided that the power over the liquor traffic should be placed in the hands of the people.

If this vote represents the voice of Scotland, and she will be true to her convictions at the next election, the members whom she will return to Parliament will be pledged to this measure.

On the question of the total prohibition of the drink traffic, 57,000 householders voted in favor of the measure; 19,000 against it. That which perhaps makes the vote the more remarkable is the fact that the larger number of those voting for a clean sweep of the liquor traffic were to be found among the industrial classes, and not among the wealthier inhabitants of the city.

The result of the interest caused by this expression of public opinion was shown in the municipal election, the early part of last month, which turned almost entirely on the temperance question. Glasgow embraces several suburbs, and has a population of 100,000.

Women householders now possess the municipal franchise, and almost without exception the women worked with a strong, determined purpose, and contributed largely to the temperance victory.

In one district, five candidates were put forward on the temperance ticket; all were returned by sweeping majorities, and out of the total seventy seven members in the newly elected City Parliament, twenty-nine pronounced total abstainers were elected.

The battle was by no means an easy one, and the temperance party worked against immense odds. It is an open secret that bribes were freely offered by the publicans, and that drink flowed like water on election day, while many voters were dragged to the polls hopelessly intoxicated. The power underlying such a victory soon made itself apparent, and the result was manifested in an unlooked-for way.

The details of the new police bill are almost, perhaps unique, in their direct and summary way of dealing with questions regarding the public morality: (1) Full control of places of public amusement and smaller shows, which had hitherto been a source of moral corruption, was placed in the hands of the police, as was also the control of billiard rooms and gambling houses; (2) punishment of the habitual drinker, and after six convictions in any one year, a lengthened imprisonment may be imposed, without the option of a fine; (3) the punishment of solicitation to immorality, alike by men and women; (4) penalty for street betting, and for the publication of sporting results in shop windows thus gathering a crowd and producing street obstruction, and for the holding of lotteries at church bazaars, charity fairs or elsewhere.

We cannot help feeling that not only in the victory that has been won, and which will so effectually tell for the benefit of the temperance cause all over Scotland, but also in the spirit which pervades the legislation which has followed, the real benefit of woman's influence and woman's vote has been signally felt.


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