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"FAIR WAGES" AND THE GOVERNMENT

The visits of Mr. J. D. McNiven of Ottawa, "Fair Wages Officer" for the Dominion Government, who is in town today, are usually looked upon as heralding the drawing up of specifications for impending public works. Whether this is the case at present, Mr. McNiven of course declines to state.

Mr. McNiven, who is attached to the Department of Labor, has a unique position. He travels from place to place reporting on labor conditions, so that when the Dominion Government architects draw up specifications for public buildings, they are able to insert clauses defining what hours of labor shall be worked, and what rates of pay shall be guaranteed for the workmen. These figures are based on the reports of Mr. McNiven as to living conditions and fair wage rates in the various districts, on which the Government insists on independent reports.

The value of such an officer is very great, where immense contracts are being given out. It was the absence of such provisions in the contract which the Provincial Government let for the public school in Prince Rupert, which led to trouble between the contractor and labor unions as to the length of the working day. Instead of letting the contractors and the labor unions fight the matter out, the Dominion Government specifies the "fair wage" conditions, thus guaranteeing the workmen fair treatment, and assuring the contractor immunity from increased liability where the rate of wages or the length of the working day alters during the lifetime of a contract.

When Mr. McNiven or the Government gets tired of the title of Fair Wages Officer, the News suggests that he be called the "Square Deal" officer.

A CASE OF "THREE IN ONE"

The hot weather of the last week has been provocative of a good deal besides perspiration and thirst. In Prince Rupert it helped the gaiety of nations considerably.

There was an alderman for instance, who tiraded on Monday night about the need for attending to the water supply of the city for fear of a water famine. He strongly censured the action of a steamboat captain at the wharf who after filling his water tank and fire buckets with city drinking water, turned the hose pipe on his vessel's decks, and washed his boat down with the precious fluid. Then there was another alderman in the city who neglected to

turn up at the tour of inspection of the water supply of the city on Wednesday, after having drawn the council's attention to the need of looking into the question. He did not swallow his own tirade.

But worst of all was a third alderman. Not only did he not heed Alderman Clayton's eloquence upon the water shortage; not only did he absent himself from the tour of investigation for water; he actually spent his time, and a considerable quantity of the city's precious aqua pura, in squirting drinking water from a fire hose on to his back veranda. While the Mayor and "Douglas, tender and true" were toiling through the bush and along the creeks, this particular alderman was emulating the example of the steamboat captain whom Alderman Clayton so soundly condemned.

It would be cruel to mention the names of the three aldermen. But perhaps our faithful Douglas will take him to task about it on Monday night.

NOTES DUE

Mr. Walter Nichol, publisher of the Vancouver Province, was a visitor to Prince Rupert during the week. There will be no excuse now for the Province to make any mistakes about Prince Rupert's weather.

The British House of Lords allowed the Lords' Veto Bill to pass its third reading in the Upper Chamber without a division. This is not a sign that the peers could not tolerate the prospect of five hundred new Liberal peers. It is a sign that the wives of the peers could not tolerate the prospect of five hundred new Liberal peeresses.

That story of the sniff yacht's terrible experiences out at sea brings home the need for the council to bring in a Sniff Yacht By-law as an amendment to the Scavenging By-law, instructing the crew of the sniff yacht what to do in the hour of peril.

In the meantime, the crew should stand well to windward both coming and going. At the first sign of seasickness, the crew should be instructed to sit down and rest under a tree, until the motion passes. As a signal of distress, a bucketful of garbage upside down at the top of the mainmast would be effective.

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THE ADVENTURE OF THE DEVIL'S FOOT

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PART II.

The lodger occupied two rooms at the vicarage, which were in an angle by themselves, the one above the other. Below was a large sitting-room; above, his bedroom. They looked out upon a croquet-lawn which came up to the windows. We had arrived before the doctor or the police, so that everything was absolutely undisturbed. Let me describe exactly the scene as we saw it upon that misty March morning. It has left an impression which can never be effaced from my mind.

The atmosphere of the room was of a horrible and depressing stuffiness. The servant who had first entered had thrown up the window, or it would have been even more intolerable. This might partly be due to the fact that a lamp stood flaring and smoking on the centre table. Beside it sat the dead man, leaning back in his chair, his thin beard projecting, his spectacles pushed up on his forehead, and his lean, dark face turned towards the window and twisted into the same distortion of terror which had marked the features of his dead sister. His limbs were convulsed and his fingers contorted, as though he had died in a very paroxysm of fear. He was fully clothed, though there were signs that his dressing had been done in a hurry. We had already learned that his bed had been slept in, and that the tragic end had come to him in the early morning.

One realized the red-hot energy which underlay Holmes's phlegmatic exterior when one saw the sudden change which came over him from the moment that he entered the fatal apartment. In an instant he was tense and alert, his eyes shining, his face set, his limbs quivering with an eager

activity. He was out on the lawn, in through the window, round the room, and up into the bedroom, for all the world like a dashing foxhound drawing a cover. In the bedroom he made a rapid cast around, and ended by throwing open the window, which appeared to give him some fresh cause for excitement, for he leaned out of it with loud ejaculations of interest and delight. Then he rushed down the stair, out through the open window, threw himself upon his face on the lawn, sprang up and into the room once more, all with the energy of the hunter who is at the very heels of his quarry. The lamp, which was an ordinary standard, he examined with minute care, making certain measurements upon its bowl. He carefully scrutinized with his lens the talc shield which covered the tops of the chimney, and scraped off some ashes which adhered to its upper surface, putting some of them into an envelope, which he placed in his pocketbook. Finally, just as the doctor and the police official put in an appearance, he beckoned to the vicar and we all three went out upon the lawn.

"I am glad to say that my investigation has not been entirely barren," he remarked. "I cannot remain to discuss the matter with the police, but I should be exceedingly obliged, Mr. Roundhay, if you would give the inspector my compliments and direct his attention to the bedroom window and to the sitting-room lamp. Each is suggestive, and together they are almost conclusive. If the police would desire further information I shall be happy to see any of them at the cottage. And now, Watson, I think that perhaps we shall be better employed elsewhere." It may be that the police re-

mented the intrusion of an amateur, or that they imagined themselves to be upon some hopeful line of investigation; but it is certain that we heard nothing from them for the next few days. During this time Holmes spent some of his time smoking and reading in the cottage; but a greater portion on country walks which he undertook alone, returning after many hours without remark as to where he had been. One experiment served to show me the line of his investigation. He had bought a lamp which was the duplicate of the one which had burned in the room of Mortimer Tregennis on the morning of the tragedy. This he filled with the same oil as that used at the vicarage, and he carefully timed the period which it would take to be exhausted. Another experiment which he made was of a more unpleasant nature, and one which I am not likely ever to forget.

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