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SPIRITS IN THE POST OFFICE.

The public are indebted to the *Evening News* for further particulars of the advantages which some of our Montreal Post Office officials possess in relation to the other world. It appears that the members of an invitation from a leading Post Office official, who desired that the matter "should be fairly and fully investigated," and written in an unbiased manner, "a New representative visited a medium," in the East End who has been exciting much comment by the spiritual manifestations she has been giving. It is gratifying to learn that the members of our Canadian Civil Service maintain a hold on both worlds, and that while supposed to be dependent upon earthly employment and an earthly income, they have also at command those forces which can call spirits from the vasty deep. In the case in question the *News* representative accompanied the "leading Post Office official" to the medium's residence, which, we presume, was the said official's residence as well. The implements of spiritual communion appear to have been a female medium, a deal table, "stained and varnished," and a dial resembling the face of a clock. The dial was "15 inches in diameter, painted white," and around it "are painted in black the letters of the alphabet." The medium, we are told, is "an assurance of a veracious newspaper man," "is of pleasing appearance," "very quiet in her manners," and "exceedingly lady-like," and "apparently very truthful." It is unnecessary to add that she is not a Post Office official. It ought not to be forgotten that a string was a necessary part of the machinery—the spirit, a string, as it were. We are told that "a revolving index hand on the dial is attached to a string which is looped to a hook on the table." Ahem! The lady through whom Her Majesty's Post Office officials communicate with the spirits and sinners in the other world is seated at this station, and the index hand begins to revolve, but there is no explanation of the existence of the string and hook, or why the spirits can not communicate with the friends of the Post Office without the assistance of a string and a hook. There is something dark just here on which spirit light ought to be thrown. Waiving the point for the present, we are told of the results of the seance. We deem it due to the spirits and the Post Office officials that the records of this test should be preserved and handed down to posterity through the columns of THE HERALD.

After some moments the index hand began to revolve, at first in an erratic manner as if the spirit supposed to be present was not very well up in the alphabet. After some words of contradictory meaning were uttered, a better educated and less fishy spirit came along to control the medium, and the following messages were given in French:

"My brother, you ought to visit our circle to defend us; be fully convinced before defending us. We must help each other. Pray for me."

"Have you done all we asked you? Live for God. My brothers, we must reason well how things happen before we speak about them. We must understand fully how the affairs of God are directed. God sends us to you to prove many things. See how one in a lower sphere comes to you the same as higher spirits to convey to you messages."

"Just one, judge for yourself and render justice to whosoever deserves it. Reason out well if this movement is really true. Yes, brother, be convinced of its truth. You will not get much rest. You will return. It is not permitted to you to tell more tonight. You ought to believe what you have seen to much noise to-night; the boarder up stairs is drinking wine. You must come back."

In answer to the enquiry as for whom the first message was intended, the reply came: "For the stenographer." After this the spirit spelled out "good night" on the dial and the sitting was over.

"Mary Johnson," then, is the spirit that comes to console the Post-office spiritualists! How are you, Mary? It is a pretty name, an aristocratic one, but, after all, what can Mary Johnson amount to when she allows a drinking boarder to shut off her communications from the spirit world? It seems to us that the Post-office men ought to swap Mary and concentrate on a spirit with more nerve. And then notice the silly character of the spirit talk. Is all about defending the spiritualists and believing what one sees, the latter being advice which reporters are particular not to take. Why don't the spirits come down to things practical? Why couldn't Mary Johnson have told the newspaper man when "the boss" would be likely to raise his salary, and the amount? There would be some sense in that. And Mary being the spirit friend of the Post Office people, she should have conveyed information that would save Mr. Lamotte the trouble and expense of employing detectives to discover the fellows who steal the letters. What is the use of the Post Office officials having their familiar spirits if they can't, do the public this little service? And there is poor Mr. Emery, the head spiritualist of the establishment; now, what have we done that the spirits can not help him to run the establishment with less friction than occurs some times? What are the spirits worth, what is Mary Johnson good for, if with such spirit guides within call and on a string, so to speak, the police and the courts have still to be invoked to protect the public against Post Office robberies? There is a deep mystery here, which calls for explanation, and we hope the Post Office spirits, or the spirits of the Post Office, will be good enough to fathom it. It is not enough that the newspaper reporter is introduced to a deal table, stained and varnished, a dial and a string, with a good looking female, and truthful too, as mistress of ceremonies. There is no comfort in this at all. What we wish to see are practical results—something that will edify the public, not something merely to amuse the newspaper reporters.

FROM QUEBEC.

An exhibition that never fails "to draw," is the cage full of animals which one sees wheeled about the streets of large cities. In it the cat and the canary, the rat and the terrier, the mouse and his enemies live in peace. There is a sleazy odor, however, "I would not call it a dore" that lasts while the varieties which help to produce it are at work, and while the showman stands over his small menagerie, holding the whip with which the inmates of the cage are as well acquainted as they are with the morsels of sugar that reward their obedience. There is something in the Bleu menagerie of this province that will not fail to remind your readers of the happy families of the lower animals. Not only do we see Mr. Chapleau and Sir Hector bowing and blinking at one another like the owl and the cat, while the old showman stands over them assuring the public of their complete friendship, but the smaller sort that ally themselves with either one or the other, endeavor to imitate the example of that leader who has the object of their respective choice. And there is a notable instance of it in Mr. Tarte, of *Le Canadien*, and the Ross corner, of the Bleu menagerie. It is quite a happy family at present—so far as the public can see—but the cat has its claws moving restlessly, and the owl occasionally sharpens his beak on his perch, and the terrier snarls and closes his eyes as the rat passes too close to him, and underneath the apparent peace there is a great deal of animal dynamite. When it was rumored that Judge Angers was to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, Mr. Ross and Mr. Tarte ejaculated "Can these things be?" and forthwith telegrams were despatched to Ottawa, private meetings were held in Quebec, and language was used which showed that the lessons of revolt taught by Bleus of No. 8, and later by Mr. Chapleau, had been remembered. But the master of the menagerie trusting to the opium and the sugar and the whip, went on with the performance to suit his own convenience, and his pets, seeing that if they nursed their anger in too open a manner there would be no sugar and a good deal of whip, wisely determined to smother all resentment and blink at one another all round, and drop once more into the sleepy state which the old man deems their safest condition.

Le Canadien and Mr. Tarte are now quite Lieutenant-Governor Angers' friends, and *Le Canadien* rebukes THE HERALD for suspecting the possibility of Mr. Angers desiring to hamper his constitutional advisers, and for presuming to hint at the people being required to protect their own liberties. It is sweet to see the Bleus dwell together in unity. The constant *cousins* on the part of Mr. Chapleau, and the real certainty of his attitude toward the rest of the happy family, and their attitude toward him; the knowledge that Mr. Tarte was visiting Ottawa, or that some other stormy petrel of Quebec politics was flying toward the Capital has been more than the nerves of the faithful could quite bear. Now all at peace, at least so far as Mr. Tarte and Mr. Tarte are concerned, Mr. Angers is all that can be desired; his is an excellent appointment, and only THE HERALD and other wicked "Radical" papers have anything to say about the matter. The family is once more a happy family. Down here, what Chapleau thinks of the snub after snub he is receiving of course few people are allowed to know. Mr. Sr. J.

THE OTTAWA, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK RAILWAY.

The recent annual meeting of the Ottawa, Washington and New York Railway and Bridge Company, held in Ottawa, directs attention once more to a projected new line of railway, having for its terminus Ottawa and New York, crossing the St. Lawrence near Morrisburg and running in an almost air line to Albany. This is a project in which Mr. Hickey, M.P. for Dundas, then president of the company, was taking a special interest, until the shareholders refused to regard the action of himself and his co-directors in voting themselves each 200 shares of paid up stock and the president 500 shares, "for services rendered" as an action which ought to be approved of by them. The shareholders having turned Mr. Hickey and his board out, the affairs of the company have progressed more satisfactorily than before. To secure the charter, which was about to lapse, the first road was turned at Goose Neck Creek, near Morrisburg, during the summer, right of way for the approach to the bridge was secured, a considerable amount of locating and grading was done, while plans, surveys, etc., have been secured at much expense. Many of the farmers of Dundas and Russell Counties have subscribed stock liberally and paid up their ten per cent.; so that many of Dr. Hickey's constituents, to whom he may have to appeal again shortly for reelection to the Commons, are deeply interested in the success of this company.

It will be remembered that Dr. Hickey claimed that a board of which he was the head had been elected, on the strength of the extra shares which they had voted themselves; but this claim has now been dropped as unfounded and foolish, for we find that Hickey's friends have inaugurated a new movement to kill off the Ottawa, Washington and New York Railway and Bridge Co. They are applying to Parliament for a new charter, under a new name. The Ottawa, Morrisburg and New York Railway and Bridge Company, the route being virtually the same as that over which the present company is chartered to build. It is presumed that Dr. Hickey's friends are counting upon political influence to carry this scheme through, and that Parliament will promote the "rule or ruin" policy of which it is the outcome. But considering that the present Company have complied with the terms of their charter, that the farmers of Dundas and Russell have already made great sacrifices in carrying on the undertaking to its present position, that the crushing of the present company would be a gross wrong to the Company's creditors as well as to the public, it is not to be believed that Parliament can be persuaded to do anything so contrary to the first principles of justice. It is stated that good authority exists that the directors have already entered into arrangements with a reliable and responsible company in New York for the construction of a direct line from Ottawa to Albany, and that they intend to push the work vigorously, notwithstanding all attempts to "buckle" the scheme. This fact must, of course, have great weight

with Parliament, even if it could be supposed that the Railway Committee could lend itself, on any conditions, to the wrecking of a legitimate company that had fulfilled all its legal obligations.

OUR WHARVES.

It is true that the present is the muddiest season of the year; nevertheless too much mud has been allowed to lie upon the streets without any pretence of removing it. This remark applies to our most favorably situated thoroughfares, but when we approach the wharves and proceed along Commissioners street, for instance, we find the condition of matters very much worse, while the moment one sets foot upon the wharves themselves a sea of mud is encountered, the extent and depth of which are sufficient to deter the most timid from venturing where there are but few who do not fear to tread. But it is not the neglected comfort and convenience of pedestrians to which it is now the intention to refer. It is the absolute and scandalous neglect that has allowed the mud to accumulate to such an extent as to be absolutely inimical to the shipping interest, whose representatives are loud and persistent in their complaints of an administration that allows such things to be. Said one gentleman in conversation, the other day: "Never was the harbor of Montreal in a more disgraceful condition than it now is. Instead of the Commissioners seeing that there is a proper road bed maintained, they allow any temporary repairs to be made with material that rapidly grinds into powder, thus causing in summer the immense clouds of dust that are continually flying in dry weather, and in the foundation principle of the mud which in wet weather not only interferes with traffic, but is the means of damaging thousands of dollars worth of property which must be discharged into it for want of proper accommodation for its reception. While it is admitted that most of the line companies have their own sheds alongside their vessels, there were other vessels which were not so provided, and both in discharging and taking on cargoes they are placed at a very great disadvantage. Among the cargoes taken on here, which could not fail to be badly injured, is mentioned the item of phosphates, which, the moment they are dumped into the mud, as they are obliged to be, are seriously deteriorated. There are other articles which will suggest themselves to the readers as being liable to injury, and that the administration of the Harbor do not see the mischief that is being done, speaks badly for their foresight and their appreciation of their duties."

It has been stated by those who are competent to give an opinion, that so great has been the neglect of the wharves and the approaches to them, that it can not be long before they must be entirely renewed, and when that day arrives it will not be a few hundred dollars that will suffice to make up for the years of neglect, but a cool million will in all probability be needed.

STUDENTS AND THE POLICE.

The conduct of college students at the Academy of Music on Monday night was the subject of universal discussion in the city yesterday. While it was conceded that a certain amount of license might fairly be taken by students in a theatre, it is entered into the Customs, and please without giving offence to the rest of the audience, the students' songs as a rule, being agreeable to the majority of those who compose theatrical audiences, yet it is held that the throwing of fire-crackers on the stage was an unpardonable offence. Only very thoughtless or very reckless young men would have ventured to resort to such a dangerous pastime. Had the fireworks failed to explode just where they did; had they dropped among the inflammable matter in the precincts of the stage, and had a panic been the result—as might readily have occurred—the young men would never have forgiven themselves, nor would the citizens have forgiven them. We are confident that the great majority of students can have no sympathy with such reckless conduct, and it is to be hoped that we may never hear of a repetition of such an offence in our city.

As regards the conduct of the police, within the Academy it appeared to be all right. As to their acts outside of the building, it is alleged that in their endeavours to break up the crowd of students who had possession of the street in front of the building, they struck citizens indiscriminately, and that several actions against them for assault have been taken out by private citizens. If they are fairly chargeable with such blundering—and the enquiry at the police court will settle that point—it is greatly to be regretted, although not surprising in view of the general management of the force. The citizens at body doors to give all necessary moral support to the police in the discharge of their duty, and it is unfortunate when it becomes necessary to withhold that sympathy from them. That the police have a right to deal vigorously and fearlessly with all public disorders, including college students when these are offenders, will not be gained in any quarter; and it is most important that their duty should be so discharged as to call forth nothing but approbation.

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17 x 20	145	10 x 62	13.20
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18 x 21	155	10 x 66	14.00
18 1/2 x 21 1/2	160	10 x 68	14.40
19 x 22	165	10 x 70	14.80
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23 x 26	205	10 x 86	18.00
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24 x 27	215	10 x 90	18.80
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25 x 28	225	10 x 94	19.60
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way, being unable to find even standard. Arcadia is brimful of fun, with singing, both of solos and choruses, and plays above the average. Of course the highlight of the program is the singing by the inimitable "Cops" is superb, but Miss Fannie Temple, as "Little Sallie" here, has also become a prime favorite, her singing being much admired, as is that of ex-Francisco Reddies, who has a beautiful voice, and as Bibul, performs her part to perfection. For the company it is a company it would be hard to participate so good are they all. Mr. Newton Chase, however, as "The Pipers" and Mr. J. J. Burgess are specially deserving of mention. The scenic effects and ballet have already been spoken of. Those who wish to see the hours of enjoyment should not fail to visit the Royal this week.

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