

COAL PRICES.

CAPT. GASKIN REPLIES TO JAMES SWIFT

Answering the Bill of Particulars About the Cost of Soft Coal—Capt. Gaskin Says He is Only Caring for the Coal Consumers.

Kingston, Oct. 22.—(To the Editor): In your paper of the 17th October, a letter appears, signed by James Swift, in answer to a letter written by me, dated the 14th October, both letters being in connection with the price of coal. There is also a long letter written by Robert Crawford, dated 18th October, on same question. Now, Sir, there are so many misstatements in both of the letters, to satisfy the public I am compelled to reply and will do so briefly, and in doing so will avoid mud slinging as my friends, the coal merchants, have resorted to. Mud slinging is no argument and the man that is forced to do it has a lost cause as the coal merchants have in the present discussion.

The cause of this discussion was that I stated on Monday, 6th October, to a reporter, that soft coal was selling for too much, that no doubt coal merchants were purchasing soft coal this year as cheaply as last and if that was so, the price was too high. I gave the figures, \$2.50 at Charlotte, duty, 53 cents; freight, 25 cents; handling, 20 cents; making in all, \$3.83. The next day, Tuesday, the 7th October, James Swift states in a daily paper that when a citizen intimated that soft coal could be obtained by dealers as cheaply this year as 1901, he was not correct. Now, gentlemen, I want to hold Mr. Swift to that statement. In making it he endeavored to make out that it was telling an untruth.

What are the facts? The largest consumer in our city made a contract this spring for all the coal he wanted of Reynoldsburg mine, run coal at \$2.10 per ton and as I said before, a large cargo was delivered in Kingston a few days ago at that price. This is exactly the price contracted for the previous year. This price is acknowledged as right by Robert Crawford, in his letter, it is certified by Capt. Thomas Donnelly's letter, also letters received from Capt. Pat. Sullivan, of propeller Erin, Capt. Alex. Anderson of propeller Tecumseh. The latter two captains have been trading on the upper lakes all summer and have found no difficulty in procuring coal for the use of their boats at prices mentioned.

For years, in this city, when any dispute arose about the price of coal selling in Kingston and other places, also United States, James Swift invariably put a letter in the papers giving figures. That settled it. He was apposed, on account of being the largest in the business, the best authority. James, you know what the old saying is: "You may fool a man first, you may do it again, but you cannot always fool him." James Swift says that Capt. Gaskin never passed through a strike like the present one, this is true, but notwithstanding the great strike the purchasers of soft coal who had made contracts in the early part of year, as any man posted up in the coal business has done, has continued getting his coal at contract prices. And for that same coal he charges \$7 to \$8 per ton, taking advantage of the strike charging the people 100 per cent profit on his coal!

James Swift refers to price of coal in Ohio ports, saying it now costs \$8.13 per ton. This statement does not correspond with the statements of Captains Donnelly, Sullivan and Anderson, who have been purchasing soft Pittsburgh coal in Ohio ports up to the present time. I leave it to the coal consumers to decide who is stating facts, the captains of steamers who are making statements with no object in view, the others to cover up the bleeding process.

Capt. Gaskin says that Capt. Gaskin tells us he advised his friend to go to Crawford and tell him a lie, by his friend saying it was for church purposes. This is strong language, but I will explain and after the explanation is made the consumers will be able to decide who has been stating facts.

The Rev. Mr. Carey, of St. Paul's church, wanted to purchase five tons of coal for use of church; he sent one of his churchwardens down to Mr. Crawford, as the church has been dealing with this man for many years. On his way down the warden met the writer and he advised him to purchase soft-shale and let him know the price Crawford asked. He did so.

James Swift says, in his letter, that he does not dispute the price of coal delivered in my cellar, \$1.80 per ton (thanks for kindness), but he accounts for the cheapness in this way, that the coal was purchased a year ago and I had cheap freight and labor on account of its connection with a forwarding company. In reply to this I will say that the coal cost in the United States \$1.10; freight, 25¢; delivery, 20¢; handling, 20¢, in all \$1.50; discharging of vessel into carts, 20¢; less water rate and save discount. Pay water rate and save discount. Men's underwear, 50¢. Jenkins.

Able To Take A Drive.
Andrew Tuttle, who recently lost a leg as the result of an accident at the outer G.T.R. depot, and who has since been confined to the general hospital was able to go out for a drive on Tuesday afternoon for the first time since his unfortunate accident occurred. He was warmly greeted by old friends who rejoice to see him looking so well. He has every appearance of being as healthy and robust as he ever was.

Boys Leave The School.

A dozen boys belonging to Miss Crawford's class, Central school, have recently been deprived of their recess as a means of punishment. On Tuesday forenoon they rebelled, and left the school. They will find that their departure was easier than their return will be. They will not be admitted until an explanation has been made and a note secured from the inspector.

Seeking A Sunny Climate.

Capt. Eaton, "A" Field Battery, who remained in England upon his return from South Africa has found it necessary to go to the South of France for the benefit of his health. His host of Kingston friends will be pleased to hear of his complete restoration.

Hospital News.

The Orange lodges of the city have sent out hundreds of invitations to sister lodges within a radius of fifty or sixty miles of Kingston, inviting them to attend the big demonstration and parade that will be conducted here on the 12th of July next.

Many lodges in New York state have also been invited. Thousands of visitors are expected, and the local Orangeites will work hard to make the day's programme a success.

A Very Heavy Load.

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SPORT FIELDS.

M'GILL EXPECT TO DEFEAT VARSITY.

Enlarging Lawn Tennis Court—Argonauts Still Cocky—No Valid Objection Can Be Raised Against Page, of Limestone.

Dalton, of Queen's, will refer the McGill-Varsity match in Toronto on Saturday.

Champion oarsman Towns leaves England for Australia next week, and expects a challenge on his arrival in New South Wales.

Including paces, stakes, and handicaps the California Jockey Club will distribute nearly \$376,000 among the horsemen this winter.

At Watertown, N.Y., this afternoon a rugby match was to be played between the Philadelphia University eleven and the Watertown team.

Toronto Argonauts think they will defeat Rough Riders in Ottawa in the next match. Britton will play quarter, and Baydity on the half-back line.

Toronto Star: It is a most scrupulous watch that would take any kind of a game away from a Kingston team by so small a margin as seven seconds.

Quarter-back Percy Biggs has retired from Varsity rugby team. "Dad" said he must not play any more. George Biggs has been appointed captain in his place.

The Toronto men who officiated in the Queen's-McGill game Saturday state that the Montrealers are supremely confident of winning from Varsity next Saturday.

The Toronto Telegram thus consoles itself: "Well, well, don't cry sonny. Toronto got a baseball championship even if she did have to hire the men to win it for her. And most championships now-a-days are hired, not won."

Objection has been raised to Arthur Page, the strong scrummager playing with Limestone. There is no ground for it, as Page has played only one senior match, that with Granites against Rough Riders last fall. He will shave off his mustache and try and look younger.

The report that quarter-back Britton of the Argonauts played for Gananoque on Saturday against Brockville under an assumed name is erroneous, according to the manager of the Gananoque team. He wired last night: "Report that Britton, Argonauts' quarter, played in Brockville, incorrect. The Britton who played was a cousin of Argonauts' man."

In deference to the opinions of veteran drivers, that Crescens has seen his best days, and will not trot in better than 2.04 on the occasion of his effort at Memphis, Tenn., against the world's record, George H. Ketcham, Crescens' owner, will cover a wager of \$25,000, if that amount is posted, at odds of one to live, that Crescens will circle the track in better than 2.04.

"Queen's athletic committee will soon kill the goose that lays the golden egg," remarked a football enthusiast last evening. "They are taxing those who attend football matches too much to see a match. Under present arrangements a man must pay fifty cents to see a match, and those who can afford to pay that sum are limited in number in Kingston."

Lawn tennis players are greatly interested in a report that there is a possibility of widening the courts for doubles. The plan proposed is to extend the side lines of the double court six inches on either side, making the court thirty-seven feet wide instead of thirty-six feet. This change would make the distance from the side lines of the single court to the side lines of the double court, five feet instead of four feet six inches.

The probabilities are that Montreal will once again see one of the finest skating tournaments on record. As usual, it will be under the auspices of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada. The chances are that Peter Goshard, the great European skater, will be the champion this morning at a meeting in the American Presbyterian church, and was introduced to the audience by the presiding minister as "an honest lawyer, and a good Christian." Needless to say such an encounter brought forth a good donation from Mr. Macdonald.

An Honest Lawyer.

Mr. George caused great amusement at last night's meeting of the Historical Society, which has a good representation of the legal profession amongst its members, by a story of the days when the Father of Confederation was plain John A. Macdonald.

The latter was one of the speakers at a meeting in the American Presbyterian church, and was introduced to the audience by the presiding minister as "an honest lawyer, and a good Christian."

There is no policeman on the local force more neat in appearance or dressy in uniform than "Sam" Arnell.

Some of his brother officers who walk the streets minus their belts and with their coats unbuttoned, might well take him as their model.

Henry Baird, Clyde Forks, came in to the city Tuesday, partook too freely of barley juice and was cared for by the police over night. At the police court next morning Ald. Walken, acting magistrate, allowed him to wend his way homewards.

I have been driving over the streets of Kingston for a great many years, and I never found them in a worse condition of repair than at present," remarked a cab driver Tuesday. He says that pitch-holes abound, large rocks protrude above the surface and a general condition of repair abounds.

Reaping The Harvest.

"Queen's athletic committee is reaping the harvest we sowed by the erection of the blanchers in the athletic grounds," remarked an official of the Kingston Bicycle club last evening.

"We built the blanchers at a cost of \$75 and had the use of them for two seasons. One season they yielded us \$25 and the next \$20, a total of \$45.

or a little more than half of what they cost us. I hope the students will make more out of the venture than we were able to."

Fell From A Ladder.

Thomas Black, a tinsmith employed by Taylor & Hamilton, is having a few enforced holidays. While working in the rear of Dr. J. H. Bell's office on Monday afternoon, he fell from a ladder to the ground, twelve or fifteen feet below. In his descent he struck against a window and smashed it. One of his legs was badly bruised by the fall, and he is now obliged to use a cane.

Where Doctors Do Agree.

Physicians no longer consider it a quackery in recommending in practice so meritorious a remedy for Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Nervousness as South American Vine.

They realize that it is a step in advanced in medical science and a sure and permanent cure for diseases of the stomach. It will cure you. For sale by H. B. Taylor and Henry Wade, 60.

Five O'clock Teas.

Fancy cakes for five o'clock teas, parties, evening entertainments, etc., can be had at Ferguson's, King street on the shortest notice. These goods are the finest on the market, and large quantities of them are being sold.

He Is Very Ill.

William H. Robinson, the veteran of Cataraqui ward, injured about a week ago by falling at his summer home, Sharbot Lake, is very ill at his residence on Bagot street. He received a severe shaking up and finds it difficult to regain his usual robustness.

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DAY'S EPISODES

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the People Are Talking About—Nothing Escapes Attention.

Boys' caps, 25¢. Jenkins.

Taylor sells pure drugs.

The city druggists are now closing all their stores at 9 p.m. every night except Saturday.

One year's guarantee goes with every hot water bottle purchased from Con. Millan left this morning for Watertown, N.Y., to witness a football match to be played between a team from Philadelphia, Penn., and a Watertown team.

Poor Pike, of Queen's College, was expected home to-day or to-morrow from Evanston, Ill., where he attended the ceremonies of the installation of the new president of the Northwestern University.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Prof. Pike's Bible class will meet for the first time on Tuesday evening.

"Biblical Inspiration" will be the subject.

Work boys will be glad to know that a gymnasium class will be opened for them on Monday and Friday evenings from 6.15 to 7.30 o'clock.

Last evening a number of prominent business men met and formed a business men's gymnasium class. Among them were doctors, grocers, druggists, bankers, and hardware men.

On Halloween in the Y.M.C.A. seniors will enjoy a "candy pull" and "apple bob" in the large plunge bath. Later in the evening a little entertainment will be given in the parlor.

The association has now lots of coal and is better equipped than ever for young men's needs. Queen's students will find the rooms warm and cosy and the gymnasium well equipped. The classes there are filling splendidly.

Success awaits Y.M.C.A. work on all sides this year. The newest feature is the mechanical drawing class with its membership of twenty-five. Mr. Lee, the instructor, has sent an order for twenty sets of instruments. The class commences work next Tuesday evening.

Men's pull-down winter caps, 50¢.

Jenkins.

The bicycle club rooms are well filled these evenings. Physical Instructor Laird's class is growing rapidly. The course in boxing, club swinging, etc., is proving very popular among the members.

At McLeod's drug store you can purchase for 50¢ an atomizer to spray oil or water, hard rubber fittings.

Merchants complain that business is very slack this week. This is the time of year when they expect trade to "pick up" and yield them good returns. So far this fall, however, their hopes have not been realized.

"I've got to walk six miles every day to and from work, in order to obtain my meals, and I am one who wishes the street cars would soon begin regular trips again," says a citizen expressing himself this morning.

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