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The Daily Times.

The Liability of Employers

Since the passing of the employer's Liability Act in the British Parliament quite a considerable sum has been paid over for accidents, fatal or otherwise, occurring to employes. The comic papers, as usual, waxed funny over the matter and roused many a laugh by their representations of the effects of the Act; but even the Editors of those papers have had to admit that no writer measure ever graced the Statute Book of the realm. Great Britain is not a country where accidents occur frequently. We think that we are within the bounds of truth when we say that more accidents occur in the United States in a month than are chrouched in Britain in a year.

And yet the latter is not one whit behindhand in the matter of fast trains, of factories, and other industries where men jolly live and move with their lives in their hands. The difference is in the respect with which the Britisher regards human life. If a sky-scraper with 22 floors cannot be erected without the loss of one life, he is content to build one of only 21 floors. But accidents will happen in the best regulated families and enterprises, and we do hear of disastrous wrecks, explosions, and such like, resulting in loss of life or limb. It is for that reason that an Employers' Liability Act was needed, and its beneficial results have justified its existence. We wish other countries and especially the one in which we live would follow such a good lead. A man may

be employed in a hazardous undertaking from which he derives barely enough to keep the wolf from the door. He may expose himself day by day to dangers seen and unseen, and some fatal error which he had no control and for which he was not responsible causes his partial or total incapacity for work, or even his death. He may have a family dependent on him, yet when, by no fault of his, that support is tragically and suddenly taken away, his employers put in a plea of "no liability", and starvation stares them in the face. Many a comfortable though humble home has been wrecked and the inmates of the almshouse incurred at the expense of the general rate-payer, owing to the negligence, culpable or otherwise, of a poor man's employes. These things need the careful attention of the authorities of every country. Quite recently a number of deaths and disabilities have taken place in this country chiefly in connection with the Railway.

We do not say that all of them prove liability on the part of that enterprise, but some of them were certainly due to gross carelessness on the part of some person or persons in their employ. Yet what have been the results? We have not heard of a single case where the relatives of the unfortunate men have been in any way assisted by the railway authorities. They have simply been told that they admit no liability. Were they strong enough, financially or influentially, to fight the case in the law-courts, possibly damages would be awarded, but that is just where the trouble comes in. We want an Act which will make it possible for even the poorest labourer who suffers damage in any way to be in a position to get some compensation for his injuries. When, too, an employer knows that the results of his carelessness will be penalised, he will be far more thoughtful for the lives of those who are compelled by the nature of their employment to take these daily risks. We hope that the authorities will soon be moved to take steps in the matter, and so bring about a different state of things.

Notice—The regular annual reunion of the members of the Limon Sports Club will be held at the American Consulate on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1911, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the ensuing year.

Reward. Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

What has Become of the Boasted Spirit of Sport 'Josefing'?

One of the prominent Sportsmen of Limon was seen Saturday mounting the train for San José. He carried with him a

powerful microscope for the purpose of discovering, if possible, a minute microbe of sportsmanship still existing among the far-famed sportsmen blood of that capital city. For from the latest advices it appears that the San José Sports—al-ways on the safe-side—have decided to divide among themselves all the "Beautiful Silver Cups and Gold Medals" at first so generously offered to our Club that could win them, especially inviting Clubs from other Cities to compete. Right here we feel like making a comparison, but comparisons are odious—especially to the delinquent party—therefore we will abstain, another that desire and in its place sing you a little song, entitled, "The wail of the past and gone" or 'Is the microbe of sport extinct'?" (From the "Sunday World" flavoured with "Lemonade")

"The Day, they say, is eying the ichthyocera has flown."
The auk and the bison beneath the horizon will never come back to their own."
The mammoth and mastodon great and the megalosaurus have fled;
And the plesiosaurus can never devour us,
For the plesiosaurus is dead."
"Leviathan's flood from the deep, and the unicorn's gone from the land;
And the mermaid and merman no more dance the german by the shore of the sea on the sand."
"The spotman is extinct alas these, he is lost in the depths of the past, like mermaids and mermen he once danced the german—but that was, too blessed to last."

Albert Garcia finding himself drunk, and looking for trouble, thought it best to attack William Sutton with a machette on two occasions, following him to his room, who retaliated with a somewhat severe blow inflicting a gashly wound across the left side of his head, he now lies in the Hospital in a precarious condition.

Christmas Day at the Wesleyan Church.

The Song Service and recitations at the Wesleyan Church on Christmas day entitled Bethlehem's Babe was well attended. On the platform was our Consular Agent Mr. Harry DePass who complimented the Choir and addressed the children. He spoke in high terms, how they acquitted themselves in celebrating the feastival seasons in Port Limon, and offered a prize to the senior class in English History.

—I WISH YOU ALL A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"—

On Christmas morning I arose with the feeling of Xmas on me and this has intensified by my being amongst you and seeing the happy smiling faces around me.

The motto of the day was "Peace on Earth and Good Will to all men" and I trust that we will all recall these words and try and act up to them in the coming year.

The Almighty has been so good as to spare Our Worthy Pastor to us, and hope that he will be with us to guide his flock for many a year to come.

The same Xmas spirit that pervades us today is felt by our Fellow British Subjects all over the face of the Globe and I will now take this opportunity of informing you that it is my intention to present a prize to the Senior scholars of your school for a Specific subject, and that the subject is English History—for I consider it proper that although we are all residing in a foreign but hospitable country, and away from British Rule, that the children should be brought up in full knowledge of the glorious tradition of our British Empire. I would give my congratulations to the Choir, and am agreeably emperished that such a highly trained one is in Limon and I have derived a great deal of pleasure in their rendering of a choice programme.

Current News.

Jamaica papers to hand last week show that two prizes each in the Gleaner and Telegraph Christmas Competitions came to Limon, having been won by the Rev. J. W. Graham. They were—the Gleaner Prize Story, and the duty of the Electors in the forthcoming Elections. In the Telegraph they were for the Legislative Council, and Acrostics on the names Oliver, Leach, and Allwood.

Horatio Canton after enjoying himself at a Picnic was severely wounded on the head at 5 p.m. yesterday by a policeman. Further details to-morrow.

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Christmas in Limon.

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Christmas in Limon this year has not fallen below the regular grand Feast Day, although, for the English section of the community, it has not been celebrated in the style that comes up to English, and especially West Indian, custom. In Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and other West Indian countries, Christmas is observed with great excitement. For months the advent of "St. Nicholas or Santa Claus" is looked forward to with floating expectations. The day Christmas means "joy and merriment" to the people of the lands washed by the Caribbean, so that the disappointment of the many who have been compelled to spend Xmas here can be imagined. However, it has not been dull in Limon for above all, there was the proper recognition of the importance of the great feast day. The Roman Catholics have lead the time as they always do, in the fitting celebration of the day on which the Christ-child was born.

The Catholic church here was tastefully decorated with bowers, flowers and banners of Saints and the Holy Family from Christmas eve. The Altars were nicely arranged, as became the occasion, with sweet looking flowers surrounding the sacred fixtures. At 11.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers were sung, and the church was crowded to its greatest capacity. At 12 o'clock a High Mass was celebrated by Father Little, when the greatest order of the Christmas service was carried out in the placing of the Infant Jesus in the Crib, which was so natural and which appealed with such force to the devote catholics who were so anxious to have a glance at the holy shrine. Catholics at the world over, at the same time have the grand privilege of beholding the same spectacle—all well for the glorious tradition.

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ition of the Catholic Church, the Church of God upon earth. The High Mass was followed by an eloquent and touching sermon by the Father Director, who did not fail to point out the influence of God's Kingdom through the new-born Infant.

The Anglicans also paid their tribute to the Infant Jesus. The pastor of the church administered Holy Communion after preaching on the importance of the occasion. A good number of members turned out at the mid-night hour to watch for the birth of Christ.

Children's Treat.

At 8 a.m. the children of the different schools, under the direction of their respective teachers, assembled at the Spanish School, where they received Christmas presents, provided for them through the Educational Board. The Police Band 30 strong was in attendance. The promoters of the treat are to be complimented for so generously amusing so many children without distinction of nationality, colour, class or creed. It is said that articles to the value of £1,000 were distributed. After the distribution the children, headed by the Band marched to the Public Park, where they sang songs in honour of the day. Several gentlemen were booked to deliver addresses but owing to the uncertainty of the weather this had to be illuminated from the programme.

Christmas Market.

The Stall-holders of the Market did all in their power to cope with the Christmas situation, and at the opening hour everything appeared nice and fresh. The public made no delay in making their season purchases, for nearly everyone who went out to get supplies were properly served. There was a great deal of improvement this year in comparison to previous years in the preparation for and the handling of the purchasing public. On the whole, considering the growth of Limon, everything went off well—all becoming the season of "Peace and good-will."

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