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## A PRISON FARM

With a jail full of prisoners the people of St. John should give serious consideration to the question of establishing a prison farm for the city, or preferably for the whole province.

This method of dealing with drunkards and petty criminals has passed the experimental stage. It has the advantage, first, of surrounding the offenders with influences which tend toward the restoration of manhood; and, second, of relieving the public of at least a portion of the expense of keeping the prisoners. For on a well-conducted farm every man would become a producer.

How much better it would be if the long list of persons who gradually acquire a police court record and are known to be idle and dissolute were removed from a city environment and set at work under healthy conditions to earn an honest living. A small wage could be paid, and the fund used to aid in supporting the families of men who under ordinary conditions are a burden rather than a blessing to those who should be supported by the fruits of their industry.

This is a question which should appeal to business men. A progressive city should be without the depressing influence of drunken loafers about the streets, and men quite able to work frequenting saloons and depending upon the labor of women and children for their support. There is no prospect that the city will be rid of saloons in the near future, and therefore action should be taken to protect the community from the evils of self-indulgence; and to give those who are weak an opportunity to develop strength. There should be an institution to which any man who prefers idleness and drunkenness to sober industry could be sent without the possibility of suspended sentence, and where he would be compelled to earn his keep. All that is needed to secure such a reform is a public sentiment strong enough to impress itself upon the legislators of the province. The time has surely come to make an effort to arouse that sentiment.

## PROHIBITION LAWS

The state of Alabama has decided after two years trial of prohibition to repeal the law and substitute local option. Alabama was a particularly hard state in which to enforce prohibition. As the prohibitory principle was not embodied in the constitution it was only necessary to repeal the law. In the state of Maine it is different. The Democrats are in power and are pledged to the repeal of prohibition, but since the principle has been embodied in the constitution for twenty-five years they must go to the people. An exchange thus states the position in Maine:

"The first step is to merely adopt a joint resolution proposing to repeal the prohibition provision of the constitution and then let the people vote on it; resolution is now under discussion in the legislature and, although naturally meeting with opposition, it will probably be adopted by both branches. If it is, the people cannot vote on it until September, 1912, and even if they were to endorse the proposal—a result in no wise certain—all the prohibition statutes would still be in existence and in force and the legislature of 1913 would have to repeal them in order to give prohibition its death blow in Maine. But nobody today can foresee what the political complexion of that legislature will be or what its attitude toward prohibition would be. So, even with prohibition rooted out of its fundamental law, Maine might continue to be an allegedly 'dry' state for many years to come. Maine cannot repeal her prohibitory laws at will—as Alabama can—but must first amend her constitution."

## HOMES FOR WORKING MEN

The Times publishes today an article from the Ottawa Citizen telling of a plan by which it is hoped to solve the problem of housing the working people in the cities of Canada. The plan is that of Dr. Gould, a city planning expert from New York, who is an ardent advocate of the clean and wholesome city. He pleads for individual ownership, and suggests the formation of philanthropic housing trusts which would make capital available to this end.

There is an opportunity in St. John for the city itself to encourage town planning and individual ownership. The city is itself a large landowner. Why should it not adopt a town-planning policy in connection with those lands and after a plan has been made encourage people of small

means to purchase lots and make an effort to become the owners of homes in a well planned suburb?

This question is one that ought to engage attention. St. John is destined to grow to a city of large proportions. Now is the time to do the planning in relation to those suburbs which within a comparatively few years will be a part of the city, with a population that will be well or ill-housed and well or ill-served as the action now taken may determine. The bigger and busier St. John should also be a city of homes, enlarged in harmony with a well defined system of town-planning.

## QUEBEC'S EXAMPLE

The province of Quebec will have a public utilities commission with power to act. The government has introduced a measure to define more clearly the powers of the commission. A Quebec despatch says of the act:

"It will give the authority to regulate the rates charged by public utilities companies. The bill also will enable the commission to decide the quality of a commodity furnished the public. It had been expected that the amendment to the act of 1909 would strengthen the hands of the newly formed commission, and the outlines of the bill make this clear beyond doubt. Another important feature of the act is that it places water companies under the jurisdiction of the commission, which was not the case under the original act. The act defines the powers of the commission regarding rates to be levied, as well as the nature and quality of the commodity supplied. The commission may issue an order if deemed advisable for the improvement of a public service. For example, if the gas or electricity is not up to the standard, the commission may order a better grade of commodity, as well as determine what is a reasonable rate. The commission may also annul rates or charges that discriminate between persons in municipalities. As an example, if a public utilities company should give cheaper rates to a few persons, the commission may make the rates more uniform."

Bennett of New York is opposed to reciprocity. He is also opposed to international good manners.

The weather of the past few weeks has been especially favorable for the lumbermen in the southern part of the province, and has enabled them to make great progress in getting out their logs.

Once more a group of boys are in trouble and in the police court. The old question may once more be asked: What is the community doing to improve the conditions which surround boy life in St. John?

Tony Toronto is against reciprocity. If there is one city more than another where unreasoning prejudice and narrow provincialism flourish, it is that same city of Toronto.

The Conservatives in parliament are opposed to any expenditure for the advertisement of Canada at the Festival of Empire, in London. Mr. Foster was especially bitter in his denunciation of the proposal.

The city council should surely be able to locate that 250 loads of stone which Coun. Donovan says was delivered to the city. A city so admirably governed as St. John should surely be able to trace 250 loads of stone. If it cannot—how many other things might it fail to trace in the course of a year's business?

Touching the benefits of the single tax, an exchange says:—"Vancouver is robbing San Francisco and California generally of good men. The Chicago Public refers to the terrible stagnation on the California coast and wonders why Vancouver should be different. A Californian merchant, Campbell Ramsey of Santa Rosa, California, boldly attributes the difference to the progressive spirit of the Vancouver people. He says: 'The city is so alive and enthusiastic it will vote money for anything needed, and they have the single tax in operation.' That enables them to vote money without embarrassment."

## L'HABITANT'S DREAM

Last night I have had bad dreams, I dream all night, I'm wicker lame, For Habitant we have divorce, But Ma femme Zoe had gone all wrong, And we were married fourteen year, Wit' all dem beetle girl and boy, I myself wake up wit' fear, And cry upon my eye for joy.

When I see Zoe dere by my side, I know dat she 'ees dere for life, But den I dream dat she had lied, And ran away lak' Yankee wile.

A bas, dat beeg fool paper, Who say we join dat oncle Sam, Lak' de old clock, toujours, jamais, Day say, for scare, sam' teeing all tant!

Ewyn Bruce MacKinnon.

Note.—L'Habitant reads in the paper, the annexation scare against reciprocity with the United States. Annexation has been talked spasmodically ever since 1872 and will probably be used as a political weapon "forever" and the union of the two countries will probably be "never." L'Habitant knows this, but the article was so vivid that during sleep it overcame his nervous equilibrium.

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## THE NEW SONG

(From the Baltimore American).  
O Canada, my Canada!  
Life's thread is golden dust!  
Throw tariffs to the idle winds  
And let us reciprocate!  
Smile at me, maiden of the snows,  
Drain toast unto the dregs;  
Give unto me thy buttermilk,  
And I will give thee eggs.

O Canada, my Canada!  
Our two little lost are one!  
Reciprocal in love we stand,  
Each other's product we've won.  
Each other's mother's bread we'll seek  
Just for our mutual sakes;  
We'll swap spring chickens and we'll eat  
Each other's codfish cakes!

## IN LIGHTER VEIN



SO ACCOMMODATING.  
Brother—She asked me what color of hair I liked.  
Sister—That's just like Madame, she's anxious to please.

FAMOUS FAREWELL ADDRESSES.  
(Good-bye, Don't take any bad money. Now don't wait for us to call. Drop in any time.  
I'm so glad you could come. I wouldn't cook another week for you on a bed—Detroit Free Press.

IN A PINCH.  
Mamma," said a bright little miss, "I can't wear my new shoes."  
"Why not, dear?" asked her mother.  
"Because," she answered, "they are so tight my toes can't breathe."

USURIOUS.  
"What's the biggest interest you ever had to pay on a loan?"  
"Father—'Well, I can't do it any longer, so take her my boy.'—Judge.

SHIFTING THE BURDEN.  
Father (sternly)—"Can you support my daughter in the manner she's been accustomed to?"  
Mother—"Yes, sir, I can sure I can."  
Father—"Well, I can't do it any longer, so take her my boy."—Judge.

THE ACTUALITY.  
A bright reporter on an evening paper boasts that he has tracked a mystery to its "hair." Some people would reverse those words.—M.A.P.

NOT PROMINENT.  
"Your father is prominent in politics, isn't he?"  
"No, I shouldn't say that he is. You see he's never been investigated himself, nor defamed anybody who has."

A LOSS OF MEMORY.  
"Uncle Mose," said a drummer, addressing an old colored man seated on a dry goods box in front of the village store, "they tell me that you remember seeing George Washington. Am I mistaken?"  
"No, sah," said Uncle Mose. "I never 'member seein' him, but I done 'fogel sense I jined de church."—Everybody's.

BE WHAT MOTHER THINKS YOU ARE.  
While walking down a crowded city street I heard a little urchin to a comrade tout and say:  
"Say Chummy, I'mme tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam."

"I only wuz de feller dat me mudder 'inks I am."

"She 'inks I am a wonder an' she knows her little lad."

"Could never mix wit' nuthin' dat wuz uglier, mean or bad."

"Oh, lots o' times I sit an' 'tink how nice 't would be, gee whizz!"

"If a feller wuz de feller dat his mudder 'inks he is?"

"My friend, be yours a life of toil or untroubled joy."

"You still can learn a lesson from this snail untroubled boy."

"Don't aim to be an earthly saint, with eyes fixed on a star."

"Just try to be the fellow that your mother 'inks you are."

—Oriental Consistory, Oct.

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