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VANCOUVER AND ST. JOHN.

While St. John is fiddling over the question of the erection of some grain conveyors at West St. John, the Vancouver Sun is calling upon the business men of that city "to at once initiate and carry out an elevator programme which will ensure the building of grain-handling facilities with a capacity of not less than 8,000,000 bushels for the Port of Vancouver." The reason the Sun advances this policy is that the grain is available if the facilities are provided, and the only hope of getting them quickly is for the people themselves to act. Alberta, through its Premier and others has repeatedly said it would provide the grain, and it was up to Vancouver to provide the grain-handling facilities. The Calgary Herald recently asked what Vancouver was doing about such facilities, and it was later announced that the Alberta Government was investigating the matter. The Vancouver Sun says it can answer these questions, and does so as follows:— "The elevator situation in Vancouver so far as handling capacity is concerned, is today exactly what it was one year ago. The additions to elevator number one should be ready by January 1. Elevator number two will not be ready until September, 1924. Work on the Woodward elevator has been closed down for seven weeks; it will take two months of night and day work to complete that elevator. "Hon. T. A. Cressy recently said:— "Could not the capital be found in Vancouver to provide elevators with proper handling facilities? Such a step would do much, since it would demonstrate to the rest of Canada that the people of Vancouver have the greatest faith in the Western Route." "George Longley, head of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, in a letter to the Sun, expressed his surprise that the business men of Vancouver were taking no action, and added:—"A step of that kind would have the greatest possible effect on outside public opinion, especially throughout the prairies."

"Because there seems no other way out, the Vancouver Sun calls upon the business men of the city to carry out an elevator programme. It will be noted that the possession of a harbor commission has not solved this problem, nor have the facilities been kept ahead of the trade as in fortunate Montreal with its financial and political influence."

To get back to St. John—what about those grain conveyors? Talk with them, build them."

WAGES IN BRITAIN.

"Wages in British industry are still falling downward." A statement by the Ministry of Labor compares the wages of Oct. 1 of the present year with those at the end of 1920. In the building trades the wages of bricklayers had declined in the period mentioned from 27s. 6d. per hour to 18s. 6d.; carpenters from 27s. 6d. to 18s. 6d.; and plasterers from 27s. 6d. to 18s. 6d. In the shipbuilding trade the weekly wages of shipwrights declined from 91s. 8d. to 48s. 7d.; joiners from 101s. to 50s. 8d.; platers from 90s. to 47s. 7d.; and riveters from 87s. 2d. to 45s. The wages of hand compositors in the printing trade declined from 83s. 5d. per week to 73s. 9d., and of bookbinders from 83s. 4d. to 73s. 4d. For cabinet makers the decline was from 102s. 1d. per week to 72s. 6d. and upholsterers from 101s. 1d. to 72s. 5d. Table hands in bakeries suffered a reduction from 62s. 11d. per week to 63s. 4d. "It is to be noted, however, that the present wages are much higher than those paid in 1914. A comparison shows:— "The rates in the building trades are from 90 per cent. to 94 per cent. above pre-war rates; in the shipbuilding trades they are 18 to 26 per cent. above pre-war rates; printing, 107 to 117 per cent. higher; furniture making 62 to 87 per cent. up, and in baking, 111 per cent. above pre-war wages."

The reduction in wages, along with the great amount of unemployment, will be featured by the Conservatives in the election campaign as a reason for the adoption of a protective tariff, but the Labor Party, which might be expected to respond to such an appeal, is flatly opposed to protection and in favor of a capital levy instead. "It will be observed that wages are much lower in Great Britain than in Canada."

Premier Veniot is to be congratulated that the effort begun five years ago to get the Federal Government to take over wharves on the St. John River and elsewhere has been in part successful, and that thirty-two of these wharves on the St. John, have been transferred. The question as to who shall keep this number in repair is now settled. It has been a hard struggle, and the Premier is to be the more heartily congratulated.

Press Comment

REPARATIONS SHELVED

Boston Transcript: The progressive dismemberment of the Reich—the separatist movement in Bavaria in Saxony, and now the Rheinland—adds force to the Berlin government plea that it has not the power to make any more reparations payments. With the fires of revolution breaking out in many corners of the Reich, Berlin will have its hands full in trying to maintain respect for its authority. Reparations apparently may be shelved until some happier and quieter day.

AN IMPOSSIBLE SUGGESTION.

Detroit Free Press: Canada forms an autonomous and co-operating part of the British Commonwealth because it is predominantly British in feeling, tradition and loyalty, and because a long course of evolution has made its government what it is. Talk about preferring a similar status upon the Philippines is idle because every element of preference has been given to the United States and the Philippines. Such relations are not created by law, and no earthly power can make a Philippine native into a colonial American or establish a Philippine government on a Canadian model.

CANADA AND FOOD TAXES

(Toronto Globe)

The President of the British Board of Trade intimates that, in addition to the list already marked out for preferential treatment, the British Government is prepared to give preference to fresh apples, canned salmon, fruit juice and honey. Should this policy be carried out, substantial advantages will be obtained by Canada. In this connection it is satisfactory to note that the attitude of Canada in regard to preference has always been correct, and free from the reproach of seeking advantage at the expense of the British taxpayer. That attitude has been that Canada does not urge the British Government to impose taxes on food and other essential products, but that if such taxes are imposed by the free will of the people of the United Kingdom preferential treatment should be accorded to the products of Canada and the other Dominions. As Canada led the way in arranging her tariff so as to give preferential treatment to imports from the United Kingdom, this request was reasonable.

A HOHENZOLLERN RETURNS

(New York Sun)

If the Hitler-Ludendorff "putch" was opera bouffe, the return of Hohenzollern is a far vaudeville burlesque. Every one is unofficially on record as considering Frederick William Hohenzollern utterly unimportant. Holland is said to be relieved of him, but worries slightly about the Allies. Strassmann, confident of his harmlessness, but naturally casts a mildly anxious glance toward Berlin. In Paris M. Poincaré is supposed to regard the former Crown Prince as "a second rate actor," unworthy of attention from the practical French mind. It is reported also as fearing that England will wish to do something about him. In London a recent report shows no disposition to "make a martyr" of one who is regarded as unworthy of martyrdom. It is to be hoped that all the governments concerned will hold to this healthy indifference. The escaped Hohenzollern was once considered the whelp of a large and ferocious lion. Now it is pretty well established that the lion never existed, and it would be unnecessary cruelty to guess at the behavior of the whelp. What over he is, he has no teeth. The most effective means of reminding both the world and the refugee of his real significance would be to maintain the indifference which only a respect to international formalities would ever cause persuade the Allies to break.

WHERE OLD CUSTOMS SURVIVE

(New York Herald)

The American sportsman who went into the Adirondacks to hunt for muskrats and found it necessary to visit Ottawa to obtain the proper licenses, using an airplane to reach the capital, must have given the people of the north country a thrill, especially the guide and the hunter. What rapid transport to any vehicle more rapid than their own well built birch bark canoes and the comfortable levelboard and a steady going canoe of horses.

While the flying machine is all very well in its place, and on this occasion accomplished in a few hours what it would have taken days to accomplish by the old methods, there is little danger of anything in the way of modern inventions supplanting those customs which have been centuries of tradition for a background. The canoe recalls the days of the voyageur and there is an edge in a campfire on the shores of lake or stream which once inspired the trip. Forgotten, while the slightest touch of modernity would take away much of the delight that is evolved from a frugal pass in the hands of an expert backwoods cook.

The flying machine will be used in the woods and outside the old time guide and his birch bark canoe will endure.

DISCUSS BILL FOR MILFORD FERRY

County Finance Committee Will Pay Additional \$350 if City Does.

The cost of fitting out the Milford ferry for the Lancaster and Indian town ferry, occupied the time of the finance committee of the municipal council yesterday afternoon, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to pay an additional \$350, provided the City Council paid the sum toward this extra cost.

It was contended by several members of the committee that the bill of the ferry company was not in order on the ground that many of the items should be included in the contract for \$1,600 for removing the machinery from the E. Ross and installing it in the Milford, as his contract called for moving the machinery and making the boat ready to run. It was decided that all excess accounts, over and above the contract, would have to be proven by affidavit. The county treasurer was authorized

WELSH COAL HERE TO STAY

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In commenting on the local situation the Consumers Coal Company express the opinion that more and more people are becoming convinced that Welsh coal is a better and more economical fuel than the American anthracite. "Had we been as thoroughly familiar with the characteristics of Welsh coal fifteen months ago as we now are," they state, "it is our firm conviction that close to 100 per cent of our customers would be burning Welsh coal today. As it is, a very large percentage of our trade insists on Welsh coal, and the list is being added to daily."

"Given a fuel like the Welsh Semi-Anthracite, with 200 pounds less ash in the ton and one-sixth more heat than the American anthracite, one would say 'certainly it will be popular—one will ever use American coal again.' "Strange as it may seem, this low ash and high heat content of the Welsh coal is, with some people, the only criticism of the coal. It is hard for those of us who think we must give that furnace or stove a good shake at least twice a day to break this habit and keep in mind that having one-fourth to one-third the ash of American coal a Welsh fire should be shaken down only one-third as much or one-third as often. If it was not for the shaking habit many could get a longer lasting fire and at the same time utilize that extra 200 pounds of burnable matter in each ton. It sounds very simple, but it is hard for some to get the proper mental attitude.

"Dust and slack? There is certainly no dust in the coal when received by us, but we have now solved this problem as far as the householder is concerned. "Today as free of this nuisance as any coal could be. A way has been found which discards the residue to add just the right amount of moisture to the coal and put it in the same condition as the American anthracite or our Nova Scotia coal—not wet but just damp enough to lay the dust. Then special machinery has been installed to break up the large lumps to a more uniform size, so that it works better on the screens and more slack and dust can be removed.

"We were referring mostly to this dust problem when we said had we known as much about this coal 15 months ago almost 100 per cent of our customers would be using it today. It takes time and thought to work out any problem and no small amount of effort and hard work has been spent on this one, until today Welsh coal is sized and screened and delivered by this company as near a perfect condition as any coal.

"Please do not infer that we handle coal soft coals, as well as a substitute for anthracite, Besco Domestic Coke, but we are becoming more and more convinced at each day's business is recorded that Welsh coal is, to a very large extent at least, going to take the place of American anthracite in St. John and, in fact, any point where it can be sold at an equal price. Its quick heating and free burning qualities and that extra 200 pounds of burnable matter in the ton, seem to be the deciding factors.

"With reference to long burning qualities one of our customers states that he is greatly surprised at the length of time the furnace will continue to burn when using Welsh coal. During the last winter three or four days of mild weather, this customer states, that his furnace, although untouched, continued to burn slowly for two days without needing fuel, with all dampers closed."

NEGROES ASK CO-OPERATION TO PARDON SOLDIER RIOTERS
BOSTON, Nov. 12.—The National Equal Rights League, a negro organization, sent an Armistice Day petition to President Coolidge asking justice for negro soldiers killed in the World War by the Government at Washington, by extending pardons to soldiers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry (negro), imprisoned for participation in the Texas riots of 1917, and by the President urging Congress to pass the Dyer anti-lynching bill.

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THE SCHOOL BELL.

(Isabelth Scollard in New York Herald.)

On these blue autumn mornings when the sun is shining and the gold-brown woods upon the hill, When all the haze hung air is warm and still And earth at rest, like one whose tasks are done, Along the windy windings of the street Its mellow notes are sometimes blown to me To wake an answering chord of memory And stir recollections clear and sweet.

At its first sound the long years drop away: A child again I hear that clear bell call And run to heed its summons as of yore, When all the weather that I knew was May, Ere life had let my dearest treasures fall And spilled my dreams like water on the floor.

LIGHTER VEIN

Absent-Minded.

An absent-minded country vicar met the village postman trudging along a dusty road on a hot summer afternoon. The postman remarked that he had still a mile to walk just to deliver one newspaper.

"My goodness!" exclaimed the sympathetic clergyman, "I'd never walk all that distance for such a trifle. Why don't you send it by post?"

Avoiding Difficulties.

The junior partner was interviewing a very pretty girl who had applied for a position. The senior partner came in, and, after inspecting the vision, called the other member of the firm aside and whispered: "I'd hire her."

"Can she take dictation?"

"Well, find that out later," said the junior partner. "I didn't want any obstacles to crop up."

Why She Laughed.

"When the young mistress of the house entered the kitchen she carried herself with great dignity. She had, incredible as it may seem, come to call the cook to account."

"Mary," she said, "I must insist that you keep better hours, and that you have less company in the kitchen evenings. Last night I was kept awake because of the uproarious laughter of one of your women friends."

"Yis, marm," said Mary cheerfully. "I know; but she couldn't help it, marm. I was telling her how you tried to make cake yesterday morning."

ARMLESS BLIND HERO IS ONLY "INCONVENIENCED."

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Charles Bronner of Baltimore, who had lost both eyes and arms in the world war, told the convention of the United States Blind Veterans of the World War that "blindness is only an inconvenience." J. A. Bell, vice-president of the Association of the Blind in Wisconsin, explored what he described as the harm done by professional charity workers, saying the blind never asked for and did not want charity.

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