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RECIPROCITY MEETINGS

Political meetings in June and July are likely to be warm, even if party feeling does not run high. It is announced that the reciprocity controversy is to be shifted from parliament to the country, and that members of both parties will discuss the question in the constituencies. The most of the agitation in the country outside of parliament has been conducted by the Conservatives, although some very effective meetings were held in this province by the Liberals. Despite all that has been published in the press there are many people who would be glad to hear a public discussion of the whole question, and the campaigners will therefore not lack for audiences, even in hot weather. The question is the most important that has been before parliament for many years. So far as the eastern provinces are concerned, the great majority of the people are in favor of reciprocity. If for a moment it may have appeared that the annexation cry and the fear that imperial interests might be injuriously affected, and led to join in the campaign against the pact. The "fly-fighting committee" of the American Civic Association sends literature broad-cast, has a travelling fly exhibit, and seeks the co-operation of all agencies, to the end that the breeding of flies may be prevented, and that where they are permitted to exist all food products offered for sale be properly screened and protected. "Cleanliness," says the secretary, "is the beginning and end of the house-fly problem." New York and Boston have civic ordinances providing for the screening of flies and dust all food that is offered for sale, and this rule is being adopted by other cities in steadily increasing numbers. What will St. John do with the fly problem?

There are still some very filthy backyards in St. John, and we are on the verge of fly-time. Get rid of the breeding places and there will be fewer flies and less disease.

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There are indications which point to a great development of the resources of Albert County. Its oil and gas, and its oil shales, are attracting the attention of men of enterprise, with capital to invest.

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One steamship company in Japan, the Japan Mail Steamship Co., operated seventy-seven steamers, aggregating 312,233 tons, last year, and paid a dividend of ten per cent. Japan anticipates a great growth of trade when the Panama canal is completed.

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The experiment of exporting unrefined sugar from Japan to Canada is to be tried. The Oriental Review quotes a Japanese newspaper to the effect that a sugar manufacturer in Canada has contracted with a Japanese company for 10,000 bags of sugar as an experimental shipment, and the Review says it is believed Formosan unrefined sugar can be shipped with success to Canada. Such a trade development would not have been dreamed of a few years ago.

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A London journal says: "Nearly 25,000 persons of both sexes have left Scotland for Canada since the beginning of the year; nearly 25,000 of the pick of the Scottish people. This periodic exodus is expected to have a marked influence on the coming census returns, and is causing some anxiety even on the English side of the border." What is Scotland's loss is Canada's gain, and it is much to be regretted that more of these very desirable immigrants are not attracted to the maritime provinces.

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Hon. John Morrisey is quoted by the North Shore Leader as expressing the view that the St. John Valley Railway should be operated by the Intercolonial. This is the view that is held by everybody except Mr. Morrisey's colleagues in the government. They are trying to make arrangements which would give the people a much poorer railway, and in every way less satisfactory. When will they cease playing with this question and do what the action of parliament last week has made it possible for them to do in the public interest?

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A REWARD FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS

His hair is red and tangled,
His face is full of freckles,
And his ears are shaped like fins,
And a large front tooth is missing,
As you'll notice when he grins;
He is like a comic picture,
From his toes up to his head—
But his mother calls him darling,
When she tucks him into bed.

It is he who marks the carpet,
With the print of muddy boots;
And rejoices in a door-bell that is pulled out by the roots.
Who whistles in his fingers till
Almost splits his ear,
And shakes the pious caller
With the slang that he may hear.
He fills the house with tumult,
But his mother calls him darling,
When she tucks him into bed.

WALTER W. HOLDER.
North End.

No man ever grows strong fighting little worries.

EMPIRE DAY

Wednesday next will be Empire Day. We in New Brunswick still know it best as Victoria Day, observed in honor of the great queen, but since the Dominion Educational Association accepted the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Ross, now Senator Ross, to observe May 24th as Empire Day, its observance has grown in favor in other parts of the empire. The Canadian Courier, in an article on the origin of Empire Day, says it is estimated that last year no less than thirteen and a half millions of children joined in the celebration of the day, exercises being held in over fifty thousand schools throughout the empire.

There is something very inspiring in the thought that on this particular day the children in widely separated countries have their attention directed to imperial themes, and are taught lessons in imperial patriotism and loyalty. In no more fitting way could the birthday of Queen Victoria be celebrated from year to year. May 24th as Empire Day is becoming an imperial holiday; and, as a writer in the Canadian Courier points out, the first impulse was given to the movement by a Canadian woman, Mrs. Fessenden of Hamilton, who in 1898 persuaded the board of trustees of that city to set apart one afternoon in each year for the purpose of inculcating patriotic sentiment. She induced the boards of London and Dundee to do the same. The matter was taken up by the Ontario minister of education, and by the Dominion Teachers' Association, and finally May 24th was set apart as Empire Day. With us in the lower provinces, however, the day is a holiday, and the exercises in the schools take place the day before.

AN INTERESTING FIGURE

An interesting figure at the coronation will be the Hon. James Sinclair McGowan, premier of New South Wales, the brother state in the Australian Commonwealth. Premier McGowan was once a boiler-maker. He is a man of very striking appearance, and powerful physique. The Sketch says of him:—

"Mr. McGowan was born 55 years ago at sea, during the voyage of his parents, who set out from Lancashire to seek their fortune beneath the Southern Cross. At the age of fifteen young McGowan was apprenticed in the ironworks of Messrs. P. N. Russell & Co., of Sydney. He became a boiler-maker, but his mentality brought him to the front as a politician. He represented the interests of the working men in the state parliament of New South Wales, and after six years' leadership of the opposition became premier of

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(Moira O'Neill in McClure's.)

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An' her sort is lost out of Ireland, women like her there's none!

Blue were her eyes an' kindly, soft and slow was the tongue;
I mind her words the better for that, an' the queer old songs she sung;
She had many a poor one's blessing, an' blessin' she'd give golor,

Aye, a rose in December was growin' by her door.

But you were all the daughter she had, an' faith I was just as well,
For if it wasn't for manners nor, straight to your face I'd tell
That 'two like you is too many, an' one is more than enough

But rightly I know for an old man's talk you'll not care a pinch o' mud!
For looks you were never the peel of her; for Fanny may be a fool,
But I wouldn't give much for the 'larkin's' that's got at the National School.

Young people should be conducted, but that's where they're all astray;
There's none done so to you as I am, from him in Father McCarthy's day.
Twice he would ha' had his liver for less, so he would then, who, but for me,
Your mother he called 'the flower o' Layde,' an' none minds that but me.

An' she had the voice of a song-thrush, but you have the laugh of a jay—
Och, she was woe in December, but you are a frost in May!

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OTTAWA DEMAND.

FOR INCINERATOR

A straight motion to accept a tender for the erection of a garbage incinerator in Ottawa over which there has been so much delay, will be presented to a special meeting of the council there within the next few days.

The principal matter under discussion at a meeting of the board of control recently was the great increase in the number of outside privy vaults in the city. A report from the board of health was the cause of the meeting, and the board was asked to take some steps to alleviate the nuisance and menace to health. There are many districts in the city in which there are no facilities for the erection of inside closets in houses, and many where the houses themselves are so small that it is an impossibility to install them. The board of health is anxious to put some idea under way whereby the immediate necessities can be improved. Several suggestions are offered, dry earth closets subject to regular inspection by civic inspectors, and another to have outdoor closets flanked from the kitchens of the houses.

Many suggestions were given the controllers regarding the alleviation of the privy vault nuisance, and all were discussed, but no final decision was arrived at. The whole matter was left with Dr. Shirreff, who will institute inquiries in other cities as to how they have dealt with this important matter.

Dr. Shirreff asked the board how long it would be before there would be a water supply in all parts of the city, so that drainage could be provided for closets.

"There are many houses in Ottawa now," explained Mayor Hopewell, "where even if there were drains and other modern facilities, it would be impossible to install flush toilets for the reason that the houses are too small to allow of putting closets in them. I know of many instances of this kind."

"It is a very important question," said Controller Hinchey, "and it might be well for Dr. Shirreff to write to some other cities and find out how they deal with such cases."

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