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#### THE LAST NIGHT

Tonight the exhibition will be practically closed. Tomorrow is "get-away day." The citizens should make this evening's attendance a record from the standpoint of local patriotism. It will be their last opportunity to see to advantage the greatest exhibition ever held in St. John. It is no more than justice to the management that their successful efforts to provide a great educational and entertaining fair should be stamped with the seal of a generous approval by all the citizens. The people of the province at large have come in larger numbers than ever before, and the coming has meant much to the business interests of the city. There may not be another exhibition of as great extent, with so many special attractions of great merit. The "white way" to the turnstiles should be thronged with people at an early hour this evening.

#### THE PAVING REPORT

The city council has condemned Inspector Carleton, who resigned his position in protest against the waste of civic money on the Main street paving job, and has endorsed the Hassen method, although no alderman has yet been discovered who can tell exactly what that method is. With regard to the city engineer, the council began by censuring him, and ended by giving him a free hand on Smythe street.

The Hassen people are the only persons, with the exception of the members of the city council, who are altogether blameless. The newspapers and the fools who believe them are the guilty parties.

The report of the paving committee is an ingenious document, skillfully prepared. It proudly begins by exonerating all aldermen and civic officials from any suspicion of desire to profit at the city's expense, and then gently chides the engineer for not having a clear understanding with an inspector who foolishly believed that it was the duty of an inspector to inspect. Then it concedes that the charge of the inspector was proven, but explains that it was all his fault. He should not have been so meddlesome. He should not have interfered with the Hassen method, although the report admits that the engineer himself did not know what was meant by the Hassen method.

The report next expresses the opinion that the balance of the work, done under the public eye after Inspector Carleton had resigned and an investigation had been demanded, is "good and substantial." It does not say, however, that the city is getting what it is paying for. On the contrary, it complacently points out that if there is a loss it is not worth talking about. In other words, it is all right to pay \$1,800 for a 8900 article, and there should be no controversy about such trifles in civic finance.

The committee also expresses its approval of concrete mixing machines, and concludes with another charge against the inspector and a love tap for the engineer.

The general discussion on the report, concluding with Ald. Baxter's artful manoeuvre to give the Hassen method to Smythe street, will rank with the humorous incidents of the whole affair.

What is the Hassen method? In Frederickton the people contracted for a Hassen pavement. There, we are told, the stones were rolled before the grout was applied, just as was done on Main street after Inspector Carleton resigned. "The committee was challenged to get evidence from Frederickton on this point, but refused to do so. If that was the Hassen method in Frederickton, would it not have continued to be the Hassen method in St. John but for Mr. Carleton's resignation?"

It is to be regretted that Ald. Hayes fell into an error in some remarks which discredited Mr. Carleton. The alderman stated that Mr. Carleton swore that he had never spoken to Mr. McLeod about the contract, and that Mr. McLeod swore that his firm had raised its figures after a conversation with Mr. Carleton. There is here a confusion between two contracts. Mr. Carleton told the truth when he

stated that he had never spoken to Mr. McLeod about the present contract, and Mr. McLeod did not contradict him. Mr. McLeod asked Mr. Carleton some questions about the cost of the old Water street pavement, and did not discuss the present work at all. The prejudice against Mr. Carleton is the worst feature of the case.

The public, however, will not be prejudiced at the action of the council. The members were investigating their own conduct and the result was as expected. We may, however, recall some remarks made by Mayor Frink on August 17th, as follows:—"I have called this meeting as a result of the revelations regarding the Main street paving made yesterday. The city has not received value for the money expended. Any observer can see that the work is not up to the standard and is altogether bad."

The resignation of Mr. Carleton led to the exposure which prompted these remarks by the mayor. The committee's report, in the words of Ald. Christie, is "a bucket of whitewash."

#### FARMERS' INVESTMENTS

The Farmer's Advocate gives sound advice to prosperous farmers on the question of the investment of their surplus earnings. It points out that these may be invested in such ventures as will fail, or may be placed in the bank at four per cent.; but there is a better way. We quote:—"But, before you decide what to do with this year's accumulation, try to find out what the boys feel to be most urgent, learn the girls' opinion, and consult long with your wife. Are there no fields needing underdrainage? Are all the fences all they should be? Is the home well provided for in those things that make the young folks love to linger in it, and the mother happy? Think it over, long and well. A bank account drawing interest to make a larger bank account, or an investment in more land to make money to buy more land, does not add one whit to the pleasure or satisfaction or fulfillment of a life, and when the end of it all comes, it is hard to see what good it can then do; but judicious investment in improvements for the home, the farm, the stock, add to the joy of everyday living, and to the financial account, as well."

This is good advice. Money that is wisely invested in the farm itself yields the best financial returns, and tends also to make farm life more attractive to the younger members of the family, among whom there is too great a tendency to seek other fields of effort.

The Ottawa Citizen, Conservative, says:—"During the first five months of this fiscal year the revenue of Canada increased over \$7,300,000. There is also a large increase in the savings deposits, both of which go to show that the national and individual wealth of the country is making splendid progress."

The Toronto Telegram does not admire Mr. Bourassa. Therefore it says:—"Conservatives at Ottawa may not have left themselves with much of a future to lose. The future of the Borden opposition, such as it is, cannot be prolonged or brightened by the strategy which imagines that it is smart politics to coddle Henri Bourassa, M. P. P."

The Montreal Gazette presents the Father Vaughan incident in a light that should appeal to thoughtful readers. It says:—"Those who feel inclined to cast stones at Father Vaughan for what he said during the past week would do well to remember that one of the great ideas that Protestantism has claimed as its own is that, in regard to matters religious as well as concerning things civil, it is the right of a man to stand forth and declare that which he believes to be the truth. The right has been exercised freely by those who differ from the Church of Rome ever since the great Protest that gave the separated bodies their name. It will continue to be so exercised. It is a right of Roman Catholics as much as it is of Protestants. Some speakers at the Congress contented themselves with expounding their Church's doctrine in regard to the great Sacrament. Some, Father Vaughan among the number, explained why they thought the doctrine of Protestants generally was inferior. They had a right to do this. Protestant theologians can reply. One forceful reply has already been made. The next, however, will be by Protestants living their lives so that all people will see by its fruits that the tree of their faith is sound and rooted right in the teachings of the Bible."

#### RECOGNIZED.

(London Chronicle). Mr. Hugh Spottiswoode, the Kent cricketer, has a veritable store of humorous stories. An amusing one he related long since on the occasion of his being presented with a portrait of himself in recognition of his services to printers' charities. Responding, Mr. Spottiswoode remarked that he knew the painting was a good one because it had stood the test of the British workman's criticism. He was crossing Clifford's Inn one day when he met a tinner bearing the framed picture, who stopped and inquired his way. And then, as Mr. Spottiswoode told him, he swung the picture round to the light, and exclaimed: "Why, blow me, guv'nor, if it ain't you!"

The oyster is wise. It never opens its mouth until forced.

#### DAWN OF THE HEADLAMP

(William Watson, in the "Nation," London.) Dawn—and a magical stillness on earth, quiescence profound: On the waters a vast, content, as of hunger appeased and stayed: In the heavens a silence that seems not mere privation of sound, But a thing with form and body, a thing to be touched and weighed!

Yet I know that I dwell in the midst of the roar of the cosmic wheel, In the hot collision of Forces, and clangour of boundless strife; Mid the sound of the speed of the worlds, the rushing worlds, and the peal of the thunder of Life.

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN

LEFT ON SHORE. "Who would expect to see haystacks here?" exclaimed the near-sighted boarder. "Them ain't haystacks," replied Farmer Corntoe. "This is our 'bushin' beach,' an' them is rats, coronet braids an' such."—Washington Star.

#### REVISED.

There is so much good in the best of us, And so much bad in the worst of us, Why not call it an age of specialization And let it go at that?—Chicago Tribune.

#### CONFIRMED.

Ethel (confidently):—"Do you know Clara that had two offers of marriage last week?" Clara (with enthusiasm):—"Oh, I am delighted, dear. Then the report is really true that your uncle left you his money?"

#### NEW REST CURE.

If you want to be cured by the cure That's the latest and snappiest "stunt," You must sit on a chair with your feet in the air. And your toes pointing well to the front. You must stretch out your muscular arms, Your mouth like an "O" must be drawn; Then throw your head back till your collar-studs crack, And yawn, yawn, yawn. —The Sketch.

#### HIGH FINANCE.

"What are you doing, little boy?" asked the curious stranger as he passed the suburban garage. "I'm catching potato bugs," responded the youngster with the paper bag. "Pa gives me a penny do for 'em." "Ah, and you are too tender-hearted to kill them. What are you going to do with them?" "Give them to Billy Jones next door to sell to his pa."

"And what will he do with them after his pa has seen and paid for them?" "Oh, he'll slip them back to me and I'll sell them to my pa tomorrow."

#### BRITAIN'S GREAT FIGHT FOR COLONIAL RIGHTS

Fisheries Case Shows That Motherland is Not Ready to Sacrifice Them—Court Like Canada's By Board

(Toronto Telegram) Writing from The Hague, at the close of the Newfoundland Fisheries Case before the Peace Tribunal, Nelson R. Butcher, official stenographer, says:—"In times past, and even not very far in the past, it has been said in Canada with a persistence designed to drive home the suggestion, that the desire on the part of England for friendly relations with the United States has led to the sacrifice of Canadian interests. This suggestion has been based upon the assertion of a weak or lukewarm diplomacy by England when dealing with questions with which Canada was vitally interested."

Great Case. Now, this statement is easily made, and it has created at times a deep impression. Nothing could be more dangerous, because though one made it could not be denied without a full knowledge of all the facts concerning any one dispute. It has taken years of research, the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, the searching of the archives of Great Britain, Canada and Newfoundland to present the history connected with this fisheries dispute, which has taken into the third month of discussion, producing a record of some 2,000,000 words, besides printed cases, counter-cases and official documents, covering perhaps 1,000 pages, already placed before the tribunal.

British Diplomacy. Now, with all the facts marshalled at this great expense, a Canadian who would let the opportunity pass, and not state what the results shown, would be neglecting an opportunity to do justice to English statements.

A perusal of the record will demonstrate beyond a doubt that the fisheries dispute should form a fair example of British diplomacy. As a Canadian I feel justified in saying that should any state hereafter be made that Canadian interests were sacrificed at any time, in this case, in all the hundred years of British diplomacy in dealing, therewith, it would be a cruel misrepresentation and unfair. Time and again the tribunal have listened to documents which showed the two great nations were on the verge of war, and that war was averted only by the good sense, not weakness, of a statesman, first in one country and then in another.

#### War or Arbitration

Senator Root testified to this in the first hour of his great speech when he told the tribunal that during all these years each country had held to its ground and neither being willing to recede, there were only two solutions, war or arbitration. Common sense, he said, had prevailed, and they were here as an example not only to Great Britain and the United States, but to other nations.

It must not be inferred that because counsel are fighting to win, there is not the best feeling animating all concerned. Natural pride in country, and patriotism have inspired great effort, and sometimes counsel have warmed up to their work, in the old Hall of the Knights, at the Binnhof making history for the world.

Like Railway Commission. If I were asked what court most nearly corresponds to the peace tribunal, I would say by all odds our Canadian Railway Commission. The man with a technicality to present does not make much progress. The only counsel here who had to leave for rest at the close of his argument, was the man who had to deal with the technical branch of the case.

Have just learned that owing to the danger of a political crisis in England during the early part of this case, which would have demanded the return of Sir William Robson and Sir Robert Finlay, Mr. Shepley had to be prepared to step in. The tribunal and counsel came from different parts of the world, and an adjournment would have been impossible. In that event Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. Shepley would

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#### JOHNSON-JEFFRIES PICTURES.

Queen's Rink is to have the genuine pictures of the fight at Reno, between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson. The opening pictures show the training quarters of Jeffries, who can be seen boxing, skipping, punching the bag before a crowd of sports, which include George Harding, the time-keeper; James J. Corbett, Tom Flanagan, of Toronto; Jeffries in action with Stan Berger and Joe Choyinski, Partner Burns; John L. Sullivan gives an exhibition of bag punching in which the bag gets the best of the contest. The building of the arena is an interesting subject. The morning of the fight the crowds are seen waiting for the gates to be opened. Of the fight itself there is little to be said as everyone knows the details. Friday, Saturday and Monday the pictures are to be shown here.

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age of forty-five he grew a beard under his chin, bought himself a pair of drab gaiters and a white neckcloth, and spoke with anxious concern of the rising generation, whose manners were so different from those he had known as a "young man." In our generation 32 is outwardly indistinguishable from 22, save in that the former has a slightly more youthful tint in its cheek and its waistcoat.

As for the fair sex, the genus old lady is all but extinct. The pretty vivacious matron you admire at a garden party may have seen 25 or 30 summers. As Queen Alexandra not long ago said to Miss Adeline Patti: "We two are two of the youngest women in England." The illustrious royal example has been so sedulously followed that the ladies—always young, always active—may be said to laugh in the very face of Father Time.

### THE WAY TO SLEEP.

Edwin Markham, famous poet, advocates and practices outdoor sleeping. He said: "It seems that people are just beginning to discover that they have lungs and that their lungs have to be fed as well as their stomachs."

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