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### "THE NIGHT COURSE"

The Secretary of the Board of Trade should receive today the data on the I. C. R. C. P. R. agreement which Hon. J. D. Hazen said on Friday was being mailed. With the information before the Board no time should be lost in preparing the case to be submitted to the Railway Commission and St. John's strongest arguments must be brought out by an expert. The reference of the whole agreement to the Railway Commission will provide the opportunity for St. John to prove that unjust treatment has been dealt out to this port.

Those gentlemen and newspapers who, at this stage, devote more time and effort to abuse of Mr. Hazen than to a calm consideration of the case for St. John, will do well to pause in their condemnation of the Minister of Marine and think upon the newest evidence that Mr. Hazen is doing his utmost for us. The very fact that the agreement is to be submitted to the Railway Commission—aside from the judiciary, probably the most impartial and most competent tribunal in Canada, shows that Mr. Hazen has not been idle.

In the ordinary business of railways, the general manager of one road has power to make a traffic agreement with the general manager of a competing road, and Mr. Gutelius, of the I. C. R. C. R., evidently had this power to negotiate, and, if the negotiations proved satisfactory, to formulate an agreement with the Canadian Pacific to cover the haulage of freight trains from St. John to Halifax. If his action had to be approved and ratified by any higher authority the authority would naturally be the Minister of Railways.

If, as appears in the present case, the business is to be carried to an even higher authority, such as the Railway Commission, it must surely appear to sane men that Mr. Hazen has been at work in the interests of St. John.

The reference to the Railway Commission is an eminently fair way of dealing with a troublesome question, and that the better thinking Liberals agree in this is evidenced from an editorial in the Globe of Saturday which, under the heading, "The Right Course," says:

Any suggestion that it will be too late for the Railway Commission to pass on the I. C. R. C. P. R. agreement after it has been signed is unworthy a moment's consideration. In consenting to a reference to this competent and impartial tribunal, the Government is placing itself in regard to this particular matter in exactly the same position as others who must appear before the Board from time to time. While not legally bound by any opinion or decision, the Board may give the Government will be morally bound, and there need not be the slightest doubt that whatever the finding is it will have the same effect as a legal order of the Board. If the St. John expert and the St. John lawyer can make out a great case there need be no fear of the result; in fact the reference to the Railway Commission is a more satisfactory move than any yet made in this matter, for it opens a way to success if a sound argument can be raised against the full control of the Railway Commission.

Since the first announcement of the withdrawal of the Empresses the situation as it developed has been discussed by the general public in a fair-minded manner. Political lines, with few exceptions, have been erased in the desire to secure fair play for this port. Fair, honest discussion or criticism is always helpful, but while it is one thing to criticize a man, even a political opponent, for cause, it is entirely another to abuse and condemn him, as Mr. Hazen has been abused and condemned, when he is daily affording evidence that he is putting forth his very best efforts in the interests of his constituency. The campaign of abuse and condemnation of the Minister of Marine as conducted by the Telegraph and the Times has already passed what fair-minded citizens will regard as the limits of decency. It can serve no purpose except to further illustrate to what depths of malicious vituperation the disgraced and disgraced Pugsley press can descend.

### CONCERNING SOUTH BRUCE.

Some Liberal papers, of the sort that see only what they wish to see, are holding up the result in the South Bruce by-election as a certain indication that the party of Laurier will be returned to power when the people have their next opportunity of pronouncing upon the merits, or demerits, of the Borden Government. Such wise acres are influencing some but themselves by their wild predictions. To them we respectfully commend the spirit of the Liberal Ottawa Free Press, which says:

"As Liberals we would like to

believe that South Bruce marks the beginning of a complete collapse of the Borden Government. But what is the use of cheating ourselves?"

Also dealing with South Bruce, the Toronto Mail and Empire states the situation up well when it says:

"The bye-election in South Bruce changes from the Government side to the Opposition side the place held in the House by the representative of that riding. But it changes nothing else. The fact that it would not change anything else was, indeed, held out by Laurier speakers in South Bruce as a consideration wherewith the elector might save his conscience for yielding to the temptation to vote against the Government. It was said to him in effect, 'You cannot do the Government any harm by helping to take away one seat from the large majority it has. If you are in favor of the Government and its policies they will continue just the same, though at our solicitation you 'this time vote for an Opposition candidate.' And, of course, the victory won by Mr. Trux's personal influence and by the false and misleading suggestions of his abettors will not cause the slightest variation in the course determined by the Government."

Instead of gaining in South Bruce the Liberals have lost in that disastrous tactics in that riding have now become known the country over, and will continue as a stinging reproach to the party long after all the present followers of Laurier have returned to dust.

### TRAFFIC IN TITLES.

A startling statement comes from London in a special cable to the Montreal Daily Mail as follows:

The campaign for publicity as to campaign contributions is bearing fruit over here. Sir George Kekewich, a Liberal M. P., and former Secretary of the Education Board, declared at a public meeting that there was a regular tariff for the purchase of honors. He said the tariff was:

A knighthood, £5,000.  
 A peerage, £25,000.  
 These sums go into the party funds.  
 Sir George, who is joined with other public men in a campaign for clear government, says he knows of actual instances where these figures have been paid for honors which on their faces looked like spontaneous signals of the Royal approval.

The revelations have created a great sensation.  
 It has been the belief hitherto that the traffic in titles was principally conducted via the marriage ceremony and that the chief purchasers were American millionaires with pretty daughters and more dollars than sense. If Sir George Kekewich speaks truly, and there will be many to doubt him, it would seem that to become a person of title, one has only to acquire a fortune, give some of it to the campaign fund committee of the British Liberal party and select the title at the specified rate. Given a wealthy and ambitious clientele this business of converting a person to a personage should prove fairly lucrative. The exposure, however, gives rise to the question: Did the exposé obtain his handle from his ancestors, or by reason of his "sterling" worth?

The Standard on Saturday morning branded as absolutely untrue a statement made by The Times that the Conservative majority in Chateaugay had been reduced. On Saturday evening The Times repeated the statement after its error had been pointed out. If The Times is not deliberately falsifying there is an easy way to prove it. Let it publish the record of Chateaugay if it dares, the facts will speak for themselves.

"Tory Ministers are Very Sore and Blaming One Another," says the Halifax Chronicle. Now that is one compensation South Bruce has brought. The result gave the Liberal newspapers an opportunity to trot out the old campaign roster and the big type, both of which were rusting from long disuse.

Possibly the Telegraph will pluck up sufficient courage to print Sir Wilfrid Laurier's St. Hyacinthe speech about the same time the lying Times dares to publish the record of Chateaugay.

The weather of Saturday and yesterday brought a bracing suggestion of Christmas. It also carried a shocking reminder of an empty coal bin.

A Tip for the Times.  
 (Ottawa Free Press, Liberal.)  
 No, honestly, we don't think S. Bruce can be taken as the voice of Ontario. This province is still pretty much Tory at heart.  
 (Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
 A purely Canadian navy capable of cutting any figure in the sea power of the world would be enormously expensive. Can Sir Wilfrid or any of his supporters give a reason for having the country assume such a burden of armament account—a burden which they themselves have deprecated as at variance with humanity and economy?

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### THE HUMAN PROCESSION

#### BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABLES.

In a little hut on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, Vilhjalmur Stefansson was born thirty-four years ago today. The distinguished Icelandic Canadian explorer, young as he is, has already added vastly to the world's knowledge of the Far North and its people, and the expedition on which he is now engaged may enable him to write the last important chapter in the story of geographical discovery. Whatever of hardships may confront the Stefansson party in those unknown regions bordering on the north pole, they will hardly be worse than the leader of the expedition has already experienced. Stefansson was still a babe in arms when a famine swept over the then bleak and sparsely settled Manitoba, and hundreds of people, especially children, succumbed to starvation. Among the victims were two of the Stefansson children, but the infant Vilhjalmur survived. He lived through a winter when the temperature reached fifty below zero. With the coming of spring the Stefansson party had emigrated to Manitoba from Iceland shortly before Vilhjalmur's birth, but before the specter of want and settled in the North Dakota ten years ago. Vilhjalmur graduated from the University of Iowa, and then he spent three years studying anthropology at Harvard. His first arctic tour was commenced in 1906, and in 1908 he made another extended trip to the northern wilds, in the course of which he discovered the tribe of blonde Eskimos. While his work has lacked the spectacular features of a dash for the pole, it has been of great benefit to humanity and science. If he should realize his hopes on his present expedition, the young Norseman will be entitled to rank as one of the foremost explorers in history.

Mehmed V., Sultan of Turkey, Khalif of the Moslems, Head of the Faithful, Supreme Head of the Followers of the Prophet, and Direct and Only Lieutenant on Earth of Mohammed, was born in Constantinople fifty-nine years ago today. His reign has been a disastrous one for Turkey, and it is understood that the kindly and pious sovereign intends to abdicate and return to that seclusion from which he was dragged to succeed the deposed Abdul Hamid on the throne. Mehmed spends most of his time in pious devotions, and religiously performs all the prayers and ceremonies of his faith.

Edward Douglass White, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, will celebrate his sixty-eighth birthday today. He was born in Louisiana and enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of sixteen. The Chief Justice was reared in a country inhabited principally by the descendants of Acadian exiles from Nova Scotia, and in his youth he spoke French more often than English, although he is of Irish and English descent. He was a United States senator before his elevation to the bench.

Henry Lane Wilson, who was the American ambassador to Mexico during the troubled period when Diaz and Madero were overthrown, was born in Cranford, New Jersey, and will be fifty-six today. He was editor of the Lafayette, Ind., Journal, and afterward a lawyer and banker in Spokane, Wash., before he commenced his diplomatic career in 1897 as United States minister to Chile. He was minister to Belgium several years, until appointed ambassador to Mexico in 1909.

### THE PASSING DAY

#### A PANAMA CELEBRATION.

Life in Spigot-Land this week will be just one "glorious spree" after another for in the Panamanian calendar the third of November is "dedicated" to the "memoria" of that historic blood-stained revolution of 1903 when the Spigotys arose in his might and cast off the yoke of hated Colombia.

Spigoty, by the way, is a native of Panama, so called because of his profound conviction that he is able to "spigot" English.  
 As no true son of Latin-America could possibly give adequate expression to the patriotic enthusiasm that surges in his bosom within the circumscribed limits of twenty-four hours, the fleets of "la libertad" will extend over several days, and will cause only when the necessity arises for sleeping off the effects of a too free indulgence in the native "forty-rod" liquors.

This year's fiesta will surpass all its predecessors in éclat and brilliancy, since it marks the completion of the Great Canal across the isthmus as well as the rounding out of Panama's first decade as a free and independent nation—under the guidance of Uncle Sam.

A reckless, exuberant and alcoholic gaiety characterizes the Spigot celebration of independence day. Merry masquerades in the streets, the dancing of the "cumbia" in the plazas at night, bull baiting, music, fireworks, processions and various other amusements and spectacles are included in the programme.  
 The republic of Panama is a veritable melting pot of races, white, black, red, yellow and all shades between, and a babel of tongues. The Spanish influence and language predominate. English runs Spanish a close second, and most of the natives in Colon and Panama are now able to spigot English fairly well. The president's English of the "Yankle" and the King's English of the Jamaica negroes, who have been employed in the ditch, struggle for supremacy in Panama. Many of the natives also "spigot" French, or a queer patois of that language, which they picked up while the French company was engaged in its important ditch digging. The Indians in the Panamanian interior have four distinct languages, and there are also many Italians, Greeks, Syrians, Portuguese and Chinese in the country.

Panama's first decade of self-government has worked a considerable and salutary change in the condition of the people. Educational facilities have been greatly extended, agriculture has been promoted, and with the assistance of Dr. Gorgas, pestilence has been stamped out. Panama has become a winter resort, attracting thousands of tourists, to the profit of the Spigotys. The country is rich in undeveloped natural resources, which American and British capitalists are now seeking to open up.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

Guess What.  
 Betty—There is something about Jack that draws me to him.  
 Marie—So I noticed last night in the conservatory.

Sometimes Works.  
 Mrs. Eze—I can't get my daughter to take any interest in kitchen work at all.  
 Mrs. Wye—Have you tried calling it domestic science?

There Certainly Would.  
 "There'd be fewer divorces if there were more men like Brown."  
 "An ideal husband, I suppose."  
 "Not at all; he's a bachelor."

Disprove It.  
 In talking of Miss Mceneybags Jack hardly was discreet.  
 She heard him call her dull, and so she cut him on the street.

The Rascal.  
 "Tom is nothing but a heartless dirt."  
 "What do you mean?"  
 "Why, after I've refused him only six times, he's making love to another girl."

Man Of His Word.  
 Wife—You've changed dreadfully. Before we were married you said that you'd lay down your life for me.  
 Hub—Well, I did—my life of single blessedness.

The Faithless One.  
 "I will confess to you," she said, "that I am older than I look. I will be thirty-one my next birthday."  
 "Really?" he replied. "Hardly any one would guess that you were more than about twenty-nine."  
 "That's the last time," she said when he had departed, "that I'll ever try to be a brute."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Reemblance.  
 He (to wife at the piano)—That new piece you are trying is pretty difficult, isn't it?  
 She—Yes; I feel like an aviator.  
 He—How so?  
 She—I'm trying to conquer the air.

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Consentious Man.  
 Slowway—Doctor, I suppose you can recommend your tailor to me.  
 Doctor—Certainly; but you will have to get someone else to recommend you to my tailor.

Heard At The Station.  
 Townley—You say that the morning trains in from your station have been given nicknames.  
 Subbs—Yes. At 6.10 there's "The works;" at 7.20 "The clerks;" and at 8.30 "The shirks."

Philosophy.  
 The Irishman was relating to some friends in Glasgow how one night on retiring to bed he fancied he saw a ghost, and having a revolver handy he fired at it. Next morning he examined the object he had shot and discovered it to be his shirt.  
 "What did you do then?" exclaimed one of the company.  
 "Bedad, I just thanked Heaven I wasn't inside of it," replied Pat.

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**ROLLED 120 PINS.**  
 W. F. Taylor won the silk up at Victoria alleys on Saturday night the highest roller for the scoring 130 pins.

## A FORGIBLE ADDRESS TO THE LORD

Protestant Organization Celebrate Guy Fawkes Day.

POLITICAL POWER OF ROMAN CHURCH

Orangemen, Prentice Boys and Sons of England Attend Divine Service Main St. Baptist Church

"England today would be Roman Catholic and instead of King George there would be on the British throne a Roman Catholic sovereign. It would only be a matter of time before our forefathers could themselves custodians of the faith which shed their blood in its defence." Rev. David Hutchinson, D. D., yesterday afternoon in the course of his sermon to members of the Sons of England, Prentice Boys and Orangemen at the annual service in Main St. Baptist church in celebration of Fawkes Day.

"We have no feeling against the man Catholics, individually, against the Church of Rome, political factor," continued the speaker. "If the Roman Catholic Church were no more political than the Presbyterian or Methodist churches, it would be no opposition."

"Premier Asquith has promised connection with the Home Rule for Ireland, that the Protestant party will be safeguarded, but Protestants fear the Church of Rome as a political organization."

"While in Belfast sometimes asked several people why they did not want Home Rule, for it seemed to be a good thing, for we had Canada. The reply was that 'we were pleased with Home Rule as it Ontario and New Brunswick but as it is in Quebec.'"

Dr. Hutchinson urged the need of defending the faith at the present and pointed out that the Orangemen association was established to support the practices of the Christian. "The incarnation and miracle Christ are facts, but they cannot be explained, continued, 'but Christ gave health to the life and to the dead and quelled temptations. These facts may not be explained, but they are facts, and possible one faith in Christ.'"

In closing Rev. Dr. Hutchinson urged his hearers to stand for the and give it protection whenever necessary.

The service, which was in connection with the celebration of Fawkes Day, took place at 8.30 o'clock yesterday. Members of the Sons of England, the Prentice Boys and Orangemen, attended in a body, accompanied by the Carleton St. M. and Sons of England bands.

The procession formed in George street and marched through Prince Charlotte, Kings, Deck, Mill and to the church. After the service the procession returned to the street along the same route.

The parade was made up of the Sons of England band, members of P. A. F. B., Royal Black Knights, Ireland, Royal Black Knights, John County West Orangemen, John County Lodge, Loyal O. Lodges, 1, 2, 3, 7, 24, 27, Carleton band, Loyal Orange Lodge, 141, St. Mary's band, Loyal O. Lodge No. 11, District Lodge of County Lodge officers, Grand Lodge officers.

The order of service was as follows: Hymn, "Our God, Our Help in Past;" Scripture lesson, Matthew 13:28; selection by the choir, "The Church is Foundation," hymn, "The Church is Foundation," sermon by Rev. Hutchinson, D.D., National Anthem and prayer and benediction.

THOSE who have been waiting for the first of the Thompson-Woods Company was all it was advertised.

THIRD—If the plays and productions were superior to many of the other companies charging high prices, have been informed by those who have attended, that the answer of the above is "YES."

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