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## OUR LOVING NEIGHBOR

With that fine quality of the higher journalism which characterizes all its utterances the Standard this morning describes the Times as "an exponent of gutter journalism" and "a deliberate liar." Certain statements concerning Mr. J. M. Robinson, president of the board of trade, which appeared in the Standard's article, relative to the Bay of Fundy controversy, cannot be discussed by this paper because of Mr. Robinson's absence from the city, further than to say that Mr. Robinson told the editor of the Times that he had informed a representative of the Standard that the board of trade asked for information relative to the sailings of vessels in and out of St. John, and the losses sustained, and that they were awaiting this information.

The Standard's statement, which is more than it would be justified in doing with statements made by a journal which is ready to go to any length to save Mr. Hazen from the condemnation he merits for his failure as minister of marine and member for St. John to brand as falsehoods the statements made about the navigation of the Bay of Fundy. Mr. Hazen is still silent. But why does not the Standard send some of the slanders of the Bay of Fundy upon the man who as the representative of this city consented to the Gutelius agreement, which is doing and will continue to do infinitely more injury to the port of St. John than all the falsehoods about the Bay of Fundy that our most ingenious enemy could possibly invent?

Despite the Standard's assertions, the board of trade applied to the local marine department and is preparing a statement although that should have been prepared by Mr. Hazen's department by his order as soon as the falsehoods concerning this port were uttered.

## THE COAL TRADE

The relations between capital and labor in the bituminous coal fields in the United States is the cause of some concern in that country. The wage agreement expires on April 1, and the Coal Age says that the miners are instructing their delegates to insist on a "nine hour" basis, which it says the operators will refuse to consider. The fact that a commission in Ohio has approved of the "nine hour" basis of payment encourages the men in the other fields, and also weakens the case of the mine owners. The Coal Age says that unless great forbearance is exercised by the two contending factions the prospects for peace will not be at all favorable. If, however, there should be a satisfactory arrangement the outlook for the coal industry would be better than at any time in recent years.

The Coal Age, in its issue of January 10, which is a magazine of more than one hundred and fifty pages, and deals exhaustively with the coal trade of the continent for the past year, notes the fact that the total output of coal in the United States last year was 582,000,000 tons, compared with 534,000,000 tons in 1912; while there was also some increase in the production of the coal mines. The value of the coal production at the mines was \$735,000,000, an increase of 8.4 per cent over that of the preceding year. It is added that the most noteworthy event of the year in coal mining was a national movement to reduce accidents and improve working conditions, and every manager, superintendent and foreman is laboring to that end. Concluding an editorial review the Coal Age says:

"Let us all pray for peace in 1914. That accomplished we will have the most prosperous year in history."

The review of coal mining in Canada, which is a feature of the issue, notes that the production of coal in Nova Scotia last year was about 8,400,000 tons, a record output and exceeding that of the previous year by about a half a million tons; and it is said that the present year promises to be another record-breaker, as the physical condition of the collieries is good and some mines will be in operation which were not operated last year; while there is much undeveloped coal land awaiting demand.

One not familiar with the coal industry is surprised to find how widespread are the coal areas on this continent, and in how many states and provinces coal is successfully mined.

Great must have been the horror of the Tory strike-managers in Great Britain yesterday when Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill left the cabinet conference arm in arm.

Any citizen of St. John who believes that the city can provide itself with necessary institutions without paying for them is too simple-minded for this practical age. One of the methods of providing all necessary institutions without a heavy burden upon any citizen or group of citizens would be to adopt a modern system of taxation. The sooner such a system is adopted the

more rapidly the city will grow, and the less complaint there will be about heavy taxation.

The Bank of England has again reduced its rate. The Bank of Germany has followed suit, and that of France is expected to do the same. This means easier money and a better opportunity for securing funds to carry on development work in Canada.

The municipal councils of Westmorland and Carleton counties have each dismissed the Scott Act Inspector. If this means that they want the law enforced hereafter, it will mark a notable change of attitude in relation to the Scott Act in this province.

The Municipal Council and the St. John Railway Company have come to an agreement relating to the extension of the street railway through East St. John to Lee's brickyard, and out the Marsh Road to Coldbrook. Doubtless the agreement will be ratified at once by the provincial government, and the work pushed to completion on both lines next spring and summer.

The Municipal Council yesterday authorized the warden, county secretary and Councillor Shillington to close up the road houses, concerning which there has been some vigorous correspondence in the Times of late. As they are authorized to expend what money may be necessary, it may be assumed that vigorous action will be taken. But what about those conditions that exist in this city, of infinitely greater danger to public morals?

We are told that though there is likely to be a reduction in the estimates at Ottawa this year, there will be no cut in the militia expenditure. And yet, there is no service in Canada which could better stand a cut than that over which Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes presides. Canada can ill afford to sacrifice the great public services of the country to the craze for militarism, against which there is a very pronounced reaction in the mother country and Australia.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., of Prince Edward Island, in his speech in parliament yesterday endorsed protection, declared he did not want any reduction in the tariff, and added a cheerful sentence which we may well believe was heartily applauded from the government benches. "Let's dash away and spend the money," said Mr. Nicholson. He is a gentleman of discernment, and knows the real source of Tory joy. And the way they have spent the money makes all the other spendthrifts fade into insignificance.

If Secretary Daggett continues long enough to assert that the embargo against Canadian potatoes was a blessing in disguise, he will finally come to believe it himself; but to accept that view of the case would be a sad reflection upon the department of which Mr. Daggett is the secretary. It would imply that a blow to a great productive industry in this country was necessary in order to make the department aware of its duty toward that industry and the local dangers by which it was threatened.

The changes in the provincial cabinet still leave St. John without representation other than that Hon. John E. Wilson is retained as a member without portfolio. Hon. Mr. Wilson's excursion into a rural district of Kings county, where he has a summer home, has not qualified him for the post of minister of agriculture, which goes to Hon. Mr. Murray. There has long been dissatisfaction in the government ranks with Hon. Dr. Landry as minister of agriculture, and he has been removed to another department. Hon. Mr. Clarke has received late recognition, and his friends of the newspaper profession extend congratulations. The re-constituted government is confronted by the same danger by which it was confronted after the general elections were held. Its support in the house is too strong, and there are too many eager seekers after favors in return for political services rendered. The interests of the province would be better served if a healthy opposition were in the house to criticize the policy and the administration of the government. By the time the next provincial general elections are due, there should be in the field a well organized opposition, with a definite, progressive policy, on which to appeal to the electors.

## Children's Favorite Books.

"Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales," "Robinson Crusoe," and "Tom Brown's School Days" are still the most popular books for children, according to the experience of the I. C. C. education authorities. When the revised price list for the elementary schools was put before the committee it was seen that these old favorites continued to hold the first three places. Then followed in the order given—"Tanglewood Tales," Lamb's "Fables from Shakespeare," "Grimm's Fairy Tales," "Coral Island," and "Wonder Book."

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

A veteran Senator, Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, who is eighty-two today sends out these words of counsel as a birthday message to his fellow countrymen: "We have a great country, great undeveloped resources, and prospects ahead of us that may make any Canadian feel proud of the possibilities of his country. But the country's greatest need is that we should have men qualified with character and ability to develop these resources, and to raise our country to the position that it should occupy among the nations of the world. It therefore becomes Canadians to devote themselves unselfishly to the service of this country, believing that in this they will not only benefit themselves, but also their fellow countrymen and give them the satisfaction of seeing Canada take the position to which its geographical position, climate and resources entitle it."

## LIGHTER VEIN

Another Resolution

"I've resolved not to pay any more of my bills."

"How's that?"

"I'm going to get married and let my husband pay them."

"Oh! I see; going into the hands of a receiver?"

## Those Sweet Girls

"So you are engaged to Tom?"

"Yes."

"My dear, I congratulate you. Tom is the nicest fellow I ever had." — Boston "Transcript."

## Its Meaning

"Papa," asked little Lester Livermore, he of the prying mind, "what does 'nominal' mean?"

"In name only; not real," my son. For instance, the average 'The Hon.' is nominally honorable," — "Judge."

## In Washington

Eastern applicant: "They talk about public office being a public trust." Western officeholder: "And then they hang the 'No Trust' sign all over this town."

## It's True!

At Christmas-tide we spend our cash for lots and lots of useless trash. And this we send to friends, and they send back about the same that day. — Browning's Magazine.

## Persiflage

Gibbs—A man's best friend, they say, is a full pocketbook.

Dilks—An empty one is his most constant friend, because, while others may grow cold, he will find no change in his purse.

## Slow Growth

Barefaced Junior—"Yes, I'm trying to raise a mustache and I'm wondering what color it will be when it comes out."

Miss Green—"Gray, I should say, at the rate it appears to be growing." — Yale Record.

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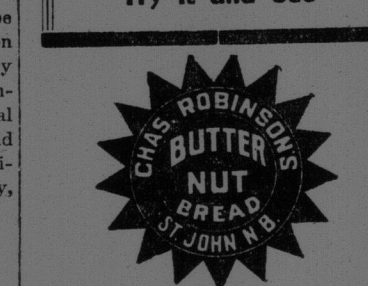
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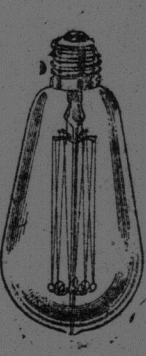
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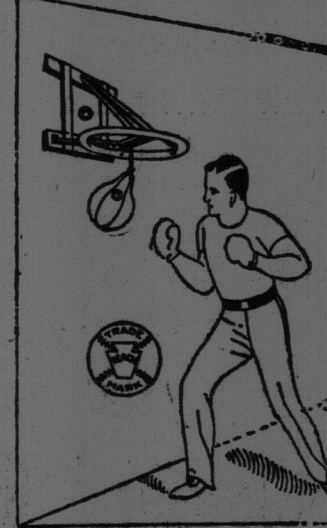
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## CATHOLICS AND EDUCATION

Value of Denominational Schools—Contracting-out Condemned

The seventh annual conference of the Catholic Teachers' Federation, held in Leeds, Eng., recently was attended by about seventy delegates. After the Catholic Bishop of Leeds, accompanied by the Catholic members of the local education committee, had offered a welcome to the representatives, the president, J. W. Donovan, of Commercial Road, London, in the course of his address, remarked that fortunately for them the gloomy prognostications for 1913 had not been verified. They had been repeatedly warned that the sword which had been suspended over their heads practically since the advent to power of the liberal government would inevitably fall before the close of last year, but their present position added another proof to the statement that threatened men and institutions lived long.

## THE SECRET OF GOOD DIGESTION

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the public generally that contracting-out savoured of injustice, and if Catholics remained solid in their opposition to it no danger need be apprehended. They demanded Catholic schools staffed by Catholic teachers under Catholic management and control, and their claims as a right that so long as they claimed as His Majesty's inspectors and fulfilled the requirements of the local educational authority they should participate equally with others in taxes from the imperial exchequer and the local rates.

## Catholics and Mental Deficiency

The Bishop of Salford, in his monthly letters, says that Catholics will be faced with a very serious problem in the mental deficiency act, and the attempt to grapple with it may prove the most important task before the Catholics of England during the year. The church has but two schools for mentally deficient children, neither of which is large enough for present requirements, and the new act will make it obligatory on education authorities to send defective and epileptic children to special schools, so that for such as are capable of being educated and trained. The existing provision for men and women will also be quite inadequate for future requirements. He points out that the Cardinal Archbishop and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who have control of the existing institutions, have come to the conclusion that the only method of dealing satisfactorily with mental deficiency as a whole is to found a colony on national lines, and later to extend the colony system to other parts of the country as occasion arises.

Members of Branch 482 C. M. B. A., and their lady friends enjoyed a sleigh drive to Brookville last evening. The party numbered about 100 and the guests included Rev. Charles McCormick, rector of St. Peter's, and Grand Deputy R. J. Walsh. After the drive the party enjoyed supper at Wanda-

## Assessors' Notice

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Saint John hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1914 forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their property, real estate, personal estate, and income, which is assessable under the "Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909," and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished can be obtained at the office of the Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in the office of the Assessors, within thirty days from the date of this notice. Dated this Fifth day of January, A. D. 1914.

Arthur W. Sharp, Chairman of Assessors of Taxes.

Uriah Drake

Timothy T. Lantalum

John Ross

Extracts from "The Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909."

"Sec. 32. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal property, and the income of any person, who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 48. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement under oath within the time required; nor shall the Common Council, in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided. 5840-2-6

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