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Measures for the material progress and moral advancement of our great Dominion.  
No graft!  
No deals!  
"The Shamrock, Thistle, Rose entwined The Maple Leaf forever."

## WE ARE BRITISH

Those who state that there is a possibility, if not a probability, under certain conditions, that the Dominion of Canada would eventually prefer union with the United States rather than to remain with the other states in the British Empire have utterly failed to present any sound reasons for their belief. Why should Canada have any desire to separate herself from the greatest empire the world has known, to unite her fortunes with those of a country small in comparison, which has grave problems to solve, and whose people really enjoy less of responsible government than do the people of Canada? There is every reason why Canada should enlarge her trade and develop the most friendly relations with the United States, but there is absolutely no reason why she should haul down her flag. It is unfortunate that there are still persons of ability and influence who refuse to take for granted the integrity of the British Empire. Is it that they have no faith in themselves and their own loyalty, or that they merely distrust their neighbors? We in this part of Canada have been living for very many years on the most friendly terms with our neighbors of New England. The population of those states contains hundreds of thousands of persons who are provincials or the descendants of provincials. There is hardly a man or woman in these provinces, except recent immigrants, who has not relatives and friends scattered through New England. They visit us and we visit them. We are familiar with the affairs of those states, we admire their institutions and learn from them many valuable lessons; but never has the thought of annexation gained the slightest favor among us. We are British, and British we will remain.

## TWO DIZZY PROPHETS

Hon. Robert Maxwell and Hon. Harry F. McLeod do not appear to regard it as all necessary to hold anti-reciprocity meetings in St. John, or anywhere else in these provinces. In Ottawa yesterday Mr. McLeod secured the public-in-general that the Conservatives could carry New Brunswick to one against reciprocity. Mr. Maxwell added the assurance that anti-reciprocity would carry the maritime provinces.

If it is basing its hopes of success upon such assurances as these, the opposition party at Ottawa may as well throw up the sponge. If Mr. Maxwell and Mr. McLeod know anything about the sentiment of the people of New Brunswick and the maritime provinces generally, they must know that the people here want reciprocity and will give the agreement their hearty support. No part of Canada has more to gain from reciprocity than these provinces, and they have nothing to lose. The farmers, lumbermen and fishermen will derive benefit from the larger market opened to them. The manufacturers of these provinces will not be at all affected, nor will there be any disturbance of the east and west trade between these provinces and other provinces of the Dominion. Reciprocity will help to develop the resources of New Brunswick, without the slightest danger that the value of those resources will be in any way impaired. These provinces had reciprocity once before, and it was of enormous benefit to them. It would be of benefit now, and if any man asserts that the loyalty of the people to the British Empire would be in any way affected by a more prosperous condition of trade the greatest kindness that could be extended to him would be to have his head examined.

## THE VALLEY RAILWAY

It was intimated recently that the provincial government would probably reject the proposal to have the St. John Valley Railway operated by the Intercolonial, although it had expressed a desire for such operation. Four members of the government were in Ottawa yesterday, along with Mr. Gould, and before going to Ottawa they are said to have been in conference with the C. P. R. people in Montreal. In their interview with Hon. Dr. Pugsley they are said to have shown that it is their intention to abandon the policy of having the Valley Railway operated as a part of the Intercolonial system. Apparently Mr. Hazen is another scheme in which the C. P. R. may be supposed to have some interest. This is not what the people of the St. John valley desire or have the right to expect. They want competition and not monopoly of traffic. As the

delegation to Ottawa have been asked to put their request in writing the public will soon know exactly what it is that Mr. Hazen proposes. It is to be feared he does not propose to give the people the railway service which they desire and to which they are entitled.

## KEEP TO THE FACTS

The Standard keeps up a foolish warfare on the commission plan of government. This morning it quoted from the Toronto World an article in favor of commission government in Canada, but by omitting a sentence tried to make it appear that the World was opposed to the plan. In the World of Wednesday the following editorial appears:—  
"In its editorial the other day, commenting on the splendid success attending the operation of the Liverpool city street railway system, the Star could not refrain from interjecting a fling at municipal government by commission. If it had paused to think, it might have seen, without difficulty, that the reason why the commission system is being called for in the American continent is just because city councils here will not or cannot adopt the business methods that characterize those of Britain. British municipal councils appoint a general manager of proven ability and experience, at a salary that commands the qualities required, and with the responsibility give him the powers necessary. They direct the policy, not the management, acting in this just as do the directors of private companies. If Toronto had enjoyed councils of proper calibre and of sufficient discretion to refrain from needless interference with responsible officials, the call for government by commission would never have come. The citizens want both honest and efficient administration. If that cannot be obtained in the traditional way, the time has arrived to secure it by any other method that will produce the result required."

## THEY WANT COMMISSION

The Times expressed the view that Halifax had adopted a half way measure when the people decided in favor of a board of control, and cited Ottawa as an instance of failure of that system to produce results. As an evidence of the feeling in Ottawa it may be noted that the following resolution was debated for three hours at a public meeting one night this week, and will be further discussed at a meeting next week:—  
"Resolved that whereas this city has suffered from an inefficient administration of its affairs for many years, and  
"Whereas this condition has been largely improved since the establishment of the Board of Control that the elimination of handicaps to that system seems desirable in the public interest; and  
"Whereas public opinion seems now ripe for the further evolution of the Board of Control or commission system; be it therefore  
"Resolved that in the opinion of the council of the Board of Trade the question of doing away with the aldermanic system and substituting therefor an adequately paid commission with the initiative, and referendum, and the recall, vested in the people, should be submitted to the electors at the next municipal election, and if carried, that legislation should be at once applied for to make the vote effective."

If the C. P. R. should gain full control of the railway traffic of the St. John valley it would be an excellent thing for the C. P. R.

President Taft went to the root of the matter in a speech last night when he said:—The United States has all it can do with the territory it now governs. The talk of annexation is all booh."

The city council will aid in beautifying Market Square. That course is highly commendable. Beauty spots are too few in this close built city.

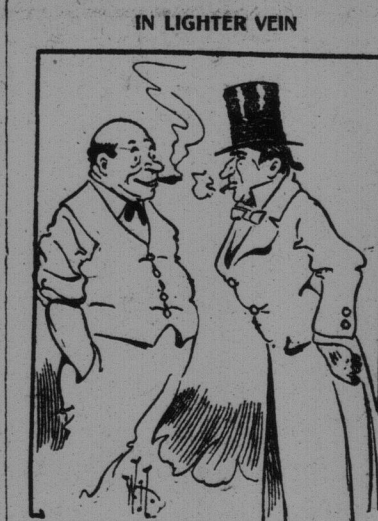
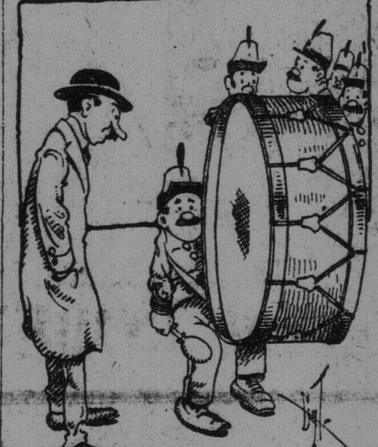
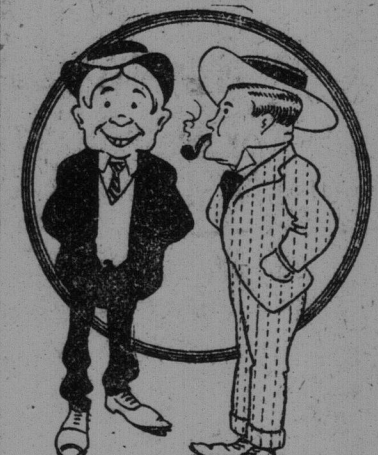
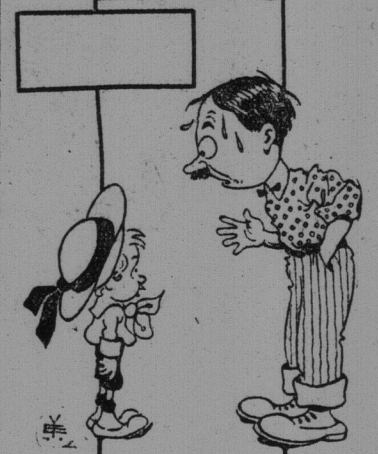
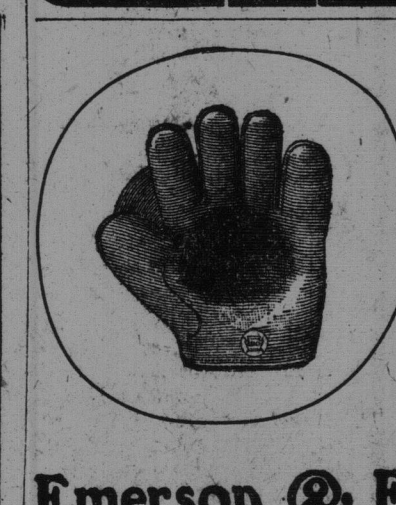
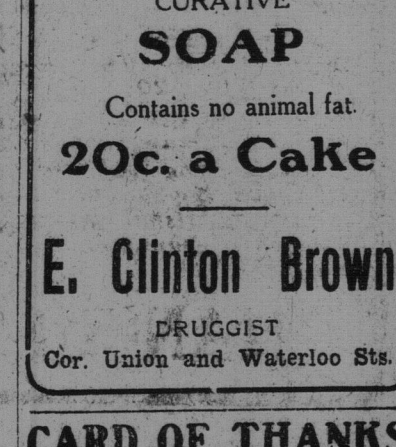
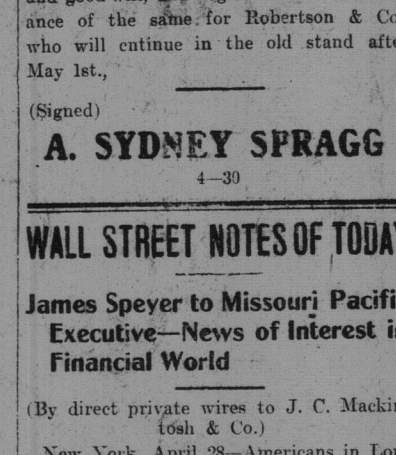
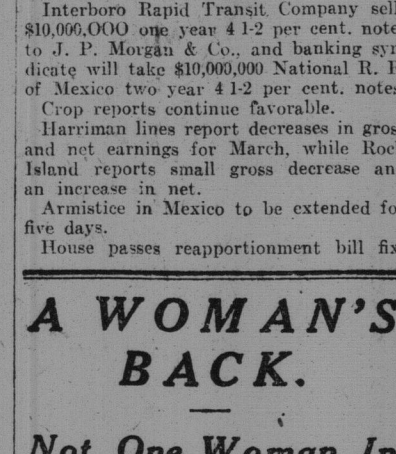
The first of the eight-day camps for the training of the youths of the Australian Commonwealth has been opened with great success. It is interesting to note in this connection that the political party under whose policy these camps have been provided for is the Labor party.

## A MUNICIPAL UNCLE

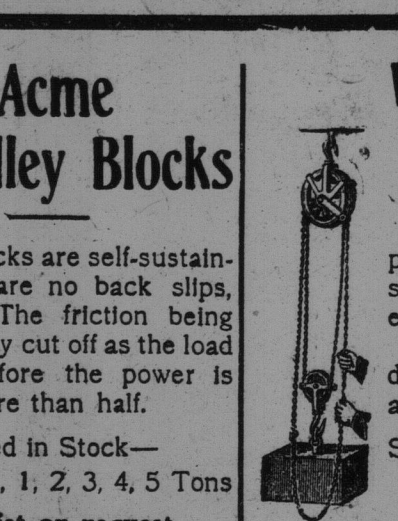
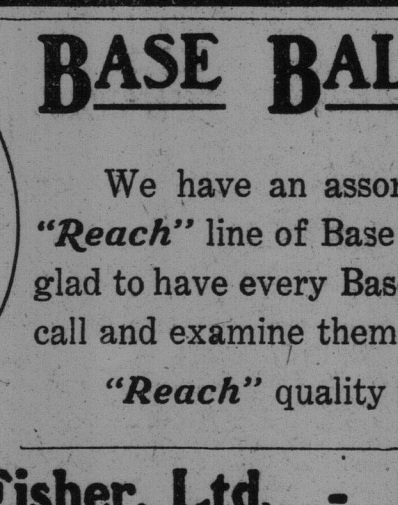
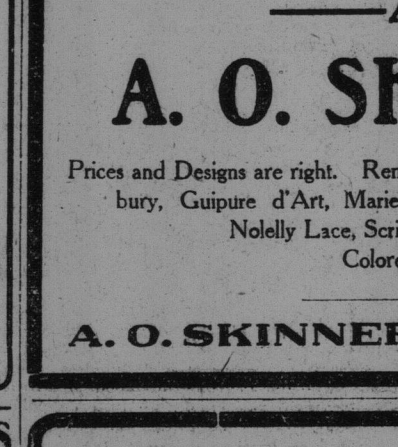
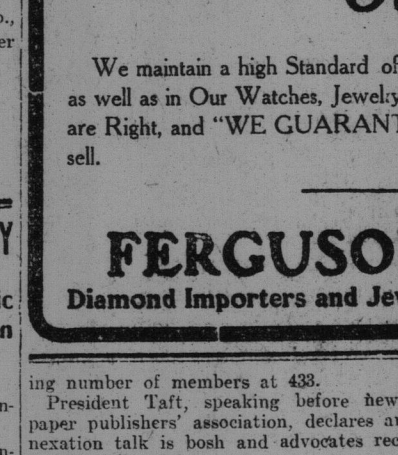
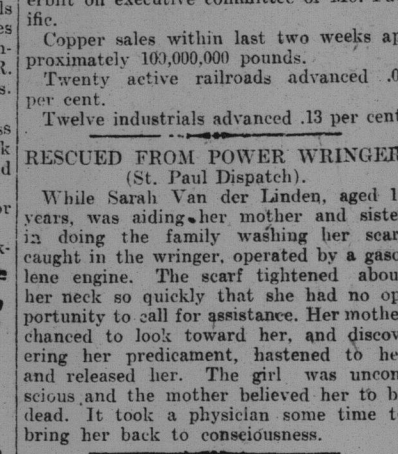
(Vancouver Province)

It is proposed to establish municipal pawn shops in Montreal, where needy citizens can secure advances on collateral at more favorable rates than "Uncle Ike" demands. Should the corporation ever become bankrupt the management would doubt make a reasonable advance on the city hall clock.

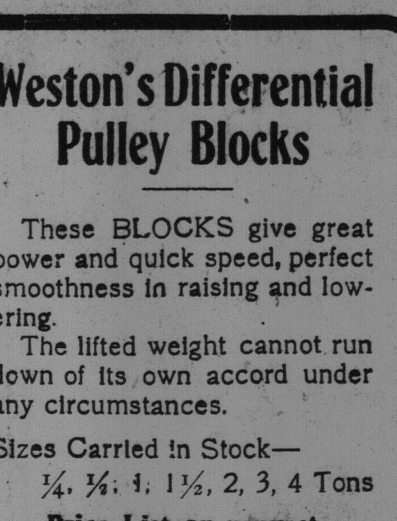
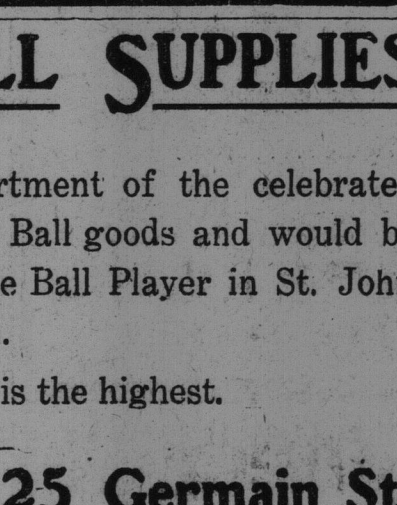
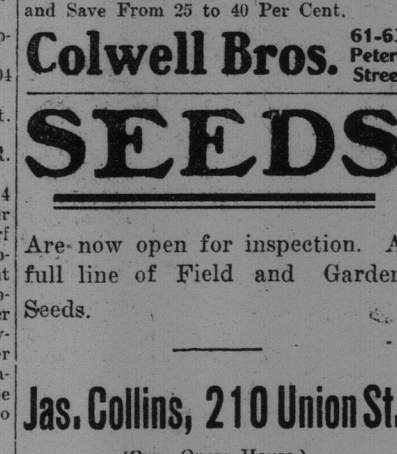
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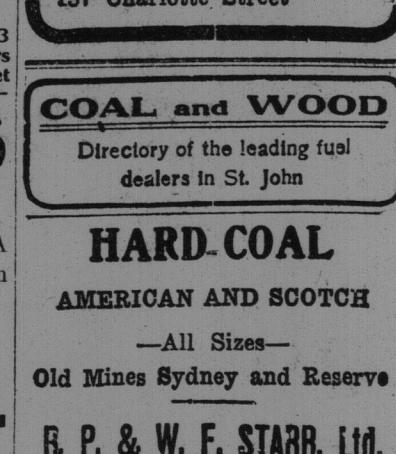
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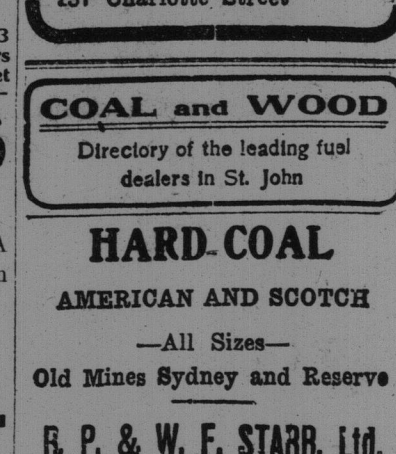
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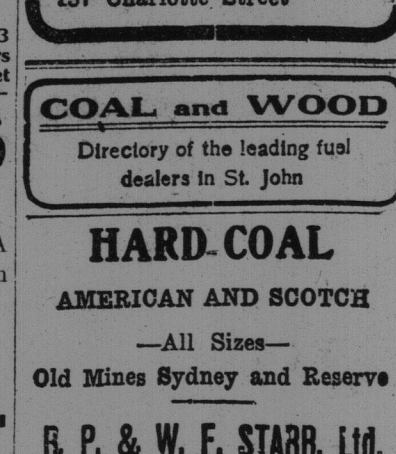
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