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DEATH OF DR. THOMAS WALKER.

Dr. Thomas Walker, to whom the end of a busy and useful life of varied activity came on Christmas morning, was for more than a generation one of Saint John's foremost citizens. He had practiced his profession here since 1868, a work which he pursued with conspicuous success throughout an active and successful career much longer than the average given to man. Devoted as he was to his chosen profession, he was much more than a physician, giving largely of his time and talents to other activities of public benefit.

For many years he was the chief directing force in connection with the General Public Hospital. He was one of the most distinguished members of the Masonic Order. He was active in St. George's Society and at one time was President of that organization. He was the second oldest graduate of the University of New Brunswick and always took a strong and beneficial interest in the success of that institution. He was a man of great personal force and of wonderful energy, and was a fearless and powerful champion of many good causes. In the old days of boat racing and of the Paris Chew Dr. Walker, like other leading citizens of that day, did much to advance Saint John's name in sportsmanship. He was ever a friend of the poor and the suffering, and did a world of good without ostentation.

With his passing, which will be the cause of deep and widespread regret, Saint John loses a strong figure, one of its outstanding citizens.

HOW THE LEAK GROWS.

"Certainly we did not spend \$170,000,000 for the sake of Portland and Buffalo," says the Ottawa Journal in discussing Canada's grain traffic.

It is true, of course, that the people had no intention of spending \$170,000,000 for the sake of Portland and Buffalo and a dozen other American ports, but how has the scheme worked out—how is it working out to-day? Let the Journal answer. In its article of December 24 it said:

"Since the opening of the present grain-hauling season 92,000 carloads and wheat were loaded at C. N. R. points on the prairies. Yet not a single carload of it reached Halifax. Out of 123 million bushels of grain shipped from the West only 1,250,000 bushels have reached Saint John. The remaining 122 million bushels have gone through American ports—much of it to Portland."

That is what is going on.

The people who pay the piper certainly have the right to call a tune.

The expenditure of \$170,000,000 on the Transcontinental represents only a part of the money which the people of Canada paid out to develop their own country and to make sure that the all-Canadian idea would govern in transportation matters. To that \$170,000,000 must be added the hundreds of millions additional represented by the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific, of the Canadian Northern, and even of the Grand Trunk itself, which were taken over and incorporated in the C. N. R. system.

Parliament, in building the Transcontinental, in financing the Grand Trunk Pacific, and in making immense loans to the Canadian Northern, stipulated that the traffic should go through Canadian ports, and as the Journal says, "upon this clear understanding—nothing could be done." Parliament sanctioned the expenditure of \$170,000,000 for the Transcontinental. "Upon the same clear understanding the Maritime Provinces supported the project. That understanding has never been lived up to. It is not being lived up to now." It suggests that Parliament "should try to ascertain why it is that the real reason for an expenditure of one hundred and seventy millions of Canadian money has never and is not now being justified."

Parliament already knows the reason why the grain traffic is being lost, and it cannot be blind to the disastrous effect of that loss not only upon the Maritimes but upon the whole country.

The grain traffic can be recovered, in a large measure at least, by using the lever of favorable rates—and much more that the grain traffic itself is involved in this issue.

IMMIGRANTS FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

As a result of a conference between W. R. Little, Commissioner of Colonization for Canada, Hon. J. A. Walker, Minister of Natural Resources and Provincial development, and officials of the provincial immigration department, a plan of co-operation has been worked out to secure immigrants for Nova Scotia. The first step was to arrange for common action by the Provincial and the Dominion governments. Commissioner Little, who has been in charge of the Dominion immigration organization in Europe for the last two years, recently returned from England, and he believes that the lower steamship fares for immigrants will greatly facilitate the movement of

settlers to the Maritime Provinces, if proper arrangements are made to place them on the land and afford them such opportunities as should enable them to become productive and permanent residents.

Under the agreement reached at Halifax a few days ago, the Dominion Government will assume responsibility for canvassing the British Isles and several European countries for the type of settlers Nova Scotia requires. The canvass will not only include men and women coming under the arrangement for reduced transportation charges, but others outside the class of assisted immigrants. The province of Nova Scotia will have the right to make selection at English ports, and its agent-general in London will have the assistance of Dominion officials there in securing settlers of the kind desired. The provincial authorities will undertake responsibility for supervising all immigrants for a period of five years from the date of their landing.

It is proposed by the Nova Scotia Government to make a complete inventory and classification of the land available for settlers, in order that the first to come may be located without delay under favorable conditions, and also in order that the Government may know how much idle land there is, how it is located with respect to transportation facilities, what it is best fitted to produce, and how many immigrants the province can absorb to advantage within a given time.

Odds and Ends

A Week of Epigram

Experience is a sound teacher, though its fees are terribly high.—Dean W. R. Inge.

Italy under Mussolini is a silent and shadowy world where men are afraid to be seen in the streets in the company of truth.—William Bolitho.

Monopoly has all the vices of Socialism with none of its countervailing advantages.—Lloyd George.

One of the most irritating things in the world is a piano stool that is not quite firm.—Vladimir DeBachmann.

The beauty of these old dances is that they force people to know one another.—Henry Ford.

As for the socialist, he is usually a dribbling liar.—D. H. Lawrence.

After fifty a man may without harm to his health work ten or twelve hours a day. What tires you most is doing nothing.—Raymond Polcar.

Nothing is more striking in the lives of the rich than their dreariness.—A Gentleman with a Duster.

Mr. Clynes says that the only party that counts is the Labor Party. If that is so, I wish its arithmetic were better.

Sir A. Steel-Maitland.

Our present prosperity is due largely to the fact that we have for a President one who is practically a deaf mute.—Lewis S. Cobb.

Artistic temperament is nothing but advertising.—Bertha Ott.

On the strength of Locarno, Great Britain has now become a sort of J. P. in Europe.—Leon Trotsky.

Of all living creatures, the fox terrier is the one which obviously gets a good deal out of life.—Stacy Ammonier.

Some persons are franker than others, but all of us are practicing deceit from roiling to night.—J. A. Hobson.

There is no human trait quite so impossible to conceal as one's estimate of one's self.—Dr. Hartley B. Alexander.

He Needed Air.

(New York Herald.)

"The city of New York is very proud of Captain Paul Grening, a splendid type of American sailor," said the Mayor. "I am happy to greet you as a product of our city. You went forth upon the seas. You worked your way up from the bottom."

Business Is Business.

(La Bulgare, Sofia.)

From a tombstone in a cemetery near Dijon, France, the following unique epitaph was recently copied: "Here lies, mourned by his family and lamented by his patrons, Pierre Mercier, restaurant manager, 1848-1908. He was the inventor of the famous Mercier omelette, the recipe for which his son, living in the Rue Dijon, this city, is the sole proprietor."

Object of Punishment.

(London Daily Mail.)

Sir Walter Shaw, late Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, writing to the Daily Mail, says:

"I notice that the Home Secretary, in his address to the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, appears to have subscribed to what seems to me to be a common fallacy prevailing at the present time—namely, that the prime object of punishment for crime is the reformation of the offender."

Surely the first object is the protection of law-abiding citizens by discouraging criminally disposed persons from committing offences.

Although the reformation of the particular offender is earnestly to be attempted, are we not, in our modern zeal for humanitarian principles, somewhat inclined to forget that it is merely a secondary object of prison discipline?

ENGLISH VS. SON.

Servant—Sir, your little son has broke his leg.

Professor of English—How many times must I tell you that it is not "broke"; it's broken.

CAUTION.

She—Dearest, will you love me when I'm old?

He—Love you? I shall idolize you—you're not going to look like your mother, are you?

Just Fun

THE good old days were those in which the bartender's "What's your poison?" was only spoken in jest.

THE burglar came in as we were eating our soup—

"Then, of course, you didn't hear him."

BET SHE'S HOARSE NOW.

SHE kept Blakey in conversation while she went for the police.—Johnstown, Ga., Gazette.

IT DOESN'T take much rain to wash the good out of our good roads.

THE vanderville singer announced—

"Till now sing 'He's a glutton for gloom—he gets his humor from the obituary columns.'"

When the donkey saw the sebra, he began to switch his tail!

"Well, I never," was his comment, "There's a mule that's been in jail!"

THE closer a man is the more distant his friends are.

IF GARTERS were worn round your neck you'd change them frequently," says an advertisement. Likewise suspenders.

A DAY IS NOT LOST IF—

YOU have learned to do one thing better.

You have made one person happier.

You have gained a little more self-control.

You have been a little happier than you were yesterday.

You understand your neighbor a little better.

You see truth a little more clearly.

A SCOTCHMAN is a man who eats salted peanuts on the way to his friend's house for a drink.

A flag, a swish and a rattle

Were the things that helped

Mother to charm;

And grandmother was a beauty

And dangled a fan on her arm.

But daughter is frank and resolute,

And scorns every hidden snare.

She banks on a one-piece bathing suit—

And wins by a shagged hair!

"AREN'T you off the track a little?" asked the doctor as he pulled the detective from beneath the derelict train.

A SIGHT worth going miles to keep from seeing is an adult female with her face painted and her hair bobbed.

Other Views

FRENCH CURRENCY AND CIVILIZATION.

Paris Figaro. Contrary to the opinion of many, the rule of the currency would be a much more serious thing to France than it was to Germany. No one who is in the habit of calculating the real forces of nations can have a doubt of it. When savings have been spent or lost, they can be replaced by the payment of actual values. Germany was able to destroy her currency, but she remained, of all the nations of Europe, the richest in men and labor, the richest in coal, the richest in industry. But it is by the war, with a low birth rate, is compelled to import the greater part of her raw products; she has insufficient coal, and no oil. . . . Her only hope lies in the antiquity, the perfection, the prestige and the thousand reflexes of her civilization. But it is precisely that one hope, that very civilization which will founder in a currency disaster.

GERMAN COLONIES.

Warsaw Messenger. Poland: (A strong movement for the return of the German colonies has started in Hamburg, the home of the German colonial empire.) The principal effort in the whole of this movement is directed towards winning the sympathy of the United States for the German projects, and this is expected to be won by explaining to the United States the right of restoration of the colonies is an essential condition for the execution of the Dawes plan. This attitude is manifested throughout the German manoeuvre and it is the more characteristic since, when Germany affixed her signature to the Dawes plan, there was no question of the restoration of her colonies nor any suggestion that the plan could not be executed. . . . We must nevertheless recognize the fact that once Germany has been regularly admitted to the League of Nations, it would be logical, when that time comes, for her to claim a share in the exercise of colonial mandates. But the remarkable feature is that already today German opinion is obviously not satisfied with any such program and is openly demanding the restoration of the German empire.

Dinner Stories

A spinster living in a London suburb was shocked at the language used by two men repairing telegraph wires close to her house.

"She wrote to the company on the matter, and the foreman was asked to report."

"This he did in the following way: 'Me and Bill Fairweather were on this job. I was up the telegraph pole, and accidentally let the hot lead fall on Bill. It went down his neck. Then he said: 'You really must be more careful, Harry.'"

THE son of the family was home on his first vacation since he had attained to the dignity of college instructor. He and his father were discussing affairs of the day, and finally the boy remarked:

"Dad, I hope when I am as old as you'll know more than you do."

"I'll go one better, my boy," the father replied: "I hope when you are that old you will know as much as you think you do now."

THE Princess Pignatelli d'Aragona, formerly Miss Ruth Waters of Philadelphia, said as she embarked on the steamship to spend the winter in Cannes with her sister, the Baroness Meyronnet de Saint Marc:

"Revere, fashions this winter are going to be ultra. Skirts especially." The princess smiled and added:

"You might say that skirts will be knee plus ultra."

Three Blind Mice



—From the News of the World.

Poems That Live

STAY, O SWEET.

Stay, O sweet, and do not rise!
The light that shines comes from thine eyes;
The day breaks not; it is my heart,
Because that you and I must part.
Stay! or else my joys will die,
And perish in their infancy.

"Is true, 'tis days what though it be?
O will thou therefore rise from me?
Why should we rise because 'tis light?
Did we lie down because 'twas night?
Sever which in spite of darkness brought us hither,
Should in despite of light keep us together.

Light hath no tongue, but is all eye.
It could speak as well as say,
That, being well, I fain would stay,
And that I lov'd my heart and honor so.
That I would not from him, that had them so.

Must business thee from hence remove?
Oh, that's the worst disease of love!
The poor, the fool, the false love can
Admit, but not the busied man.
He, which hath business, and makes love, doth do
Such wrong, as when a married man doth woo.
—John Donne.

The Best of Advice

—BY CLARK KINNAIRD.

MEASURING THE DISTANCE TO THE HORIZON.

CREATIVE man has measured the span of the heavens, calculated the volume of the stars, arrested the light in its clouds, subdued the seas and harnessed the elements to do his bidding.

How much further will he go? What other wonders will restless man accomplish?

About this, not even the wisest of us can make any but puny prophecies. The distance to the horizon never can be measured.

WE KNOW nothing about the future, and but little about the past. But this we do know, man would have accomplished nothing without ORGANIZATION.

Not until savage men learned the wisdom of cooperation did civilization begin its onward course.

IN HIS Ruins of Empires, a book that is a complete education, Volney graphically traces the origin of society in a few words:

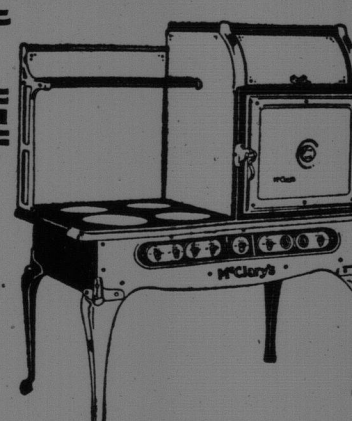
"Wandering in the woods and along the shores in pursuit of game and fish, tormented by hunger and assailed by enemies, reptiles and beasts, the first men were urged by a common need of safety, and so they united their strength and their resources."

"As men increased in numbers, the scarcity and elusiveness of game prompted the idea of taming the animals as a more dependable method of procuring food and clothing."

"Later, as certain favored regions became more densely populated, the cultivation of plants in the fertile

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Twenty Years Ago Today

—From Times' Files.

THE merchants of the city reported a splendid Christmas trade and it was estimated that during the Christmas week more than 15,000 visitors were here.

THE large show window of W. M. Sanborn, Main street, was destroyed when a horse and sleigh went through it.

REV. A. W. MEAHAN, rector of the cathedral parish, was presented with a purse of gold by the altar boys.

Who's Who IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JOHN N. GARNER.

AS RANKING Democrat of the Ways and Means Committee, John N. Garner, representative from Texas, will be in the limelight during the present session of Congress. Although Garner has been in Congress for 22 years, he has introduced less than 22 bills. Once he let five years pass without introducing a bill. He never makes speeches for "home consumption," feeling that his constituents can see that he is accomplishing something by watching his results rather than reading long speeches in the Congressional Record.

He represents a district so large that the State of Delaware or even Vermont would seem like one of its voting precincts if transferred to Texas. He is a good speaker and is said to be the ablest "rough and tumble" debater on the Democratic side of the House, especially on tariff and tax questions. His main services are performed in the committee, as he is an organizer and a strategist.

Garner was born in Red River County, Texas, in 1869, and had very few school advantages. In spite of this he was admitted to the bar in 1895. He first came to Congress for the first



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time in 1898 and remained there until 1902, returned in 1903 and has been in every Congress up to the present time. Although his territory is too large to be canvassed before each election, no one has been able to defeat him for 22 years.

COME OUT OF THERE, MAURICE (Ad in Minneapolis, Minn. Journal) LOST—Dark grey suit coat with small brown stripe. Maurice L. Rothschild in inside pocket.

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