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### REVIVAL OF ATHLETICS.

An event of much more than passing interest and importance was the revival on Saturday of field sports in St. John. But little more than a year ago the old shipyard beyond the Marsh Bridge was an unsightly dump. A few persons could see possibilities in it, and on Saturday more than a thousand people witnessed there a fine series of field sports and the final stage of an Olympic trial. The dump had become a recreation field, with baseball diamond, running track, and facilities for other sports, besides swings and other things for the children. The faith and the continued labor of a few have made this possible. They were rewarded yesterday when they saw the large crowd, the keenly contested sports, and the large group of former athletes, some growing gray, who acted as officials on the field and manifested the keenest interest in the various events. A great number of boys who witnessed the sports on Saturday will now desire to train for future events, and the interest in clean athletics will spread over the city. The next step should be to provide facilities for running and jumping in each of the other three sections of the city, so that each neighborhood may have its training field for future competitions. The south and west ends can easily do it, for they have the grounds; and the city council should see to it that the north end also gets its neighborhood playground. The tendency for the past two years has been to neglect everything else for baseball, but that is not fair to the boys and girls. Facilities must be provided for all-round athletic training. The Commercial Club will conduct sports in July, August and September. There should be some new competitors in the field for these, and no doubt there will be if opportunity for training is afforded.

### ST. JOHN NEGLECTED.

The following editorial, headed "Union Government Careless of Rights of East," appears in the Montreal Transcript: "St. John no doubt has some right to complain of the lack of representation in the Dominion cabinet, so have other parts of the maritime provinces. Everybody is interested in the development of the winter port of St. John, and also in the development of the business of the C. N. R. and the C. P. R., but the volume of the index of the progress of the whole country.

"Last winter St. John was complaining of the inadequacy of its terminal facilities. Ships were lying idle in the harbor, while cars were blocked on the sidings. Even the Moncton yards were crowded with cars loaded with freight for the ships waiting for berths in the harbor of St. John. However, the conditions were somewhat exceptional. The Allied governments had undertaken to move grain in a hurry to Europe. Owing to the war unusual pressure has been put upon the port of St. John by the exports of grain and flour, and relatively St. John is much better equipped for handling grain than general cargo. There we have a port without a single crane, and the grain conveyors have been so constructed that cranes could not be installed on most of the existing piers.

"Next winter the eastern movement of grain and flour may not be so considerable as in recent years. Reports from the west say that there is anticipation of a heavy movement of wheat from Pacific ports to Europe during the coming fall. Even so it is important to have representation in the cabinet in order that the needs of our maritime ports may receive proper attention, and also being well represented in the cabinet is now demanding the control of the C. N. R."

### THE CHILDREN SUFFER.

The need of a court of domestic relations is keenly felt in the city of Montreal. Judge Choquet of the juvenile court says there are in the city at present no less than three thousand separations of husband and wife, as to bed and board. One result of such a condition of affairs is the throwing of young children on the community when they should be cared for by their parents. A conference of representatives of child welfare and other social organizations was held this week in the juvenile court, with Judge Choquet in the chair. It was agreed that "one of the main difficulties in dealing with defaulting husbands was the tendency on the part of the wife to forgive when the husband came before the bench." It was stated that in New York the total cost to the community in regard to abandoned children was a million dollars or more per year, and that the formation of a National Desertion Bureau, originated by a Jewish society, had produced good results, saving the United Hebrew Charities about a hundred thousand dollars in four years. With regard to Montreal, the general opinion was that a court of domestic relations, to sift all such cases, would be of great advantage.

St. John is a much smaller city than Montreal, but it would probably surprise the average citizen to learn how many homes have been broken up and hidden suffering because of the separation of parents or the desertion of husband and wife. And in this city we have not even a juvenile court with protection officers. We are therefore worse off than the city of Montreal.

The Quebec Telegraph believes Sir Lomer Gouin will retire from provincial politics. It says: "Much as the fact will be deplored by all well-wishers of the province, it appears impossible to disbelieve any longer the persistent rumors of Sir Lomer Gouin's very early retirement from the leadership of the government. It has been known for a considerable time past that the premier was anxious to withdraw, and that he had only remained up to the present time at the head of the provincial administration in response to the urgent appeals of his supporters in the house and in the country."

The Democratic convention in the United States must now say whether it has a clear-cut policy relative to the League of Nations or whether it proposes to follow the lead of the Republicans and another issue in words. It also will be invited to discuss prohibition and the Irish question, and the discussion is likely to be interesting all round. Having the Republican platform to study, the Democrats should be able to take advantage of its weaknesses and make a strong appeal for popular support of a policy concerning which there could be no two opinions.

Saturday evening and yesterday the Long Reach was dotted with motor boats. A few sailing yachts were also out, with a stiff breeze. The closing of the schools on Friday enabled families to spend the holidays along the river to get settled in their cottages before Sunday, and yesterday the summer life of the river was nearly at its height. The fact that it is now possible to go up any evening and return to the city early next morning gives many more people an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of the river resorts.

St. John did not send a delegation to Ottawa. The supplementary estimates give no comfort to St. John. Aside from the speech of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the needs of the port were not pressed upon the house. The visit of the schools on Friday enabled families to spend the holidays along the river to get settled in their cottages before Sunday, and yesterday the summer life of the river was nearly at its height. The fact that it is now possible to go up any evening and return to the city early next morning gives many more people an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of the river resorts.

The farmers of Halifax county have organized and it is planned to nominate a number of farmer candidates in Nova Scotia. The movement has just been given a great boost in New Brunswick, where the old parties must look to their laurels. The Nova Scotia provincial elections will take place on July 27.

Mayor Schofield wants to see more St. John entries in field sports. Let us all encourage the boys and young men to train for these events. One citizen took his boy to the field sports on Saturday, and that evening the boy was running around the square in imitation of what he had seen.

The citizens of St. John have invited the farmers to increase the price of milk, and have also given them a fine illustration of the effectiveness of a strike. "We have the reins of power in our hands now, and we propose to drive a milk producer last week. Evidently he knew what he was talking about."

The members of the house of commons are to get the increased indemnity. Will they want another session? The crop of candidates may be larger hereafter.

The next sporting event of interest will be the aquatic field day at Crystal Beach on Dominion Day. There will doubtless be a record crowd at that lovely river resort.

Sir Robert Borden still keeps the country guessing.

### SETTLEMENT IS REACHED IN THE EXPRESS CO. CASE

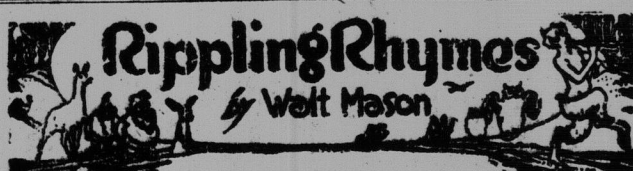
National Express Co. Employees to Get 25 Per Cent. Increase — 600 Employees Affected.

Winnipeg, June 28.—The board of arbitration in the matter of the Canadian National Express Company and their employees has finally settled the wage dispute. The agreement signed on Saturday provided increases ranging from ten dollars to thirty-five dollars per month or an average of twenty-five per cent. It is estimated.

The yearly increase of the company's wage bill will be over \$200,000. There are 600 employees involved at various points from Quebec to Vancouver.

### Spikes a Spectator.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 24.—Philadelphia took undisputed possession of last place today when Cincinnati evened the series by taking the final game 3 to 2. Spectators surged on the field after the game and Neale is said to have spiked one of them, precipitating a free-for-all fight. The visitors gained the shelter of the clubhouse without injury, but one spectator was badly cut about the face.



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### VIEWING WITH ALARM.

I thought, when nations were at bay, that when the war was ended, we'd all get busy baling hay, with diligence quite splendid. I thought we'd lay aside the sword, the shotgun and the sabre, and try to earn our bed and board by sane and useful labor. It never once occurred to me that we would all be dotty, that from the useful tasks we'd flee, for pastimes vain and naughty. And when I saw the country crazed, I ventured to defend it; I said, "By war we have been dazed—a month or two will end it; a month or two then rolled away, and other months followed, and still the country was at play, and in its orgies wallowed. The speeding months are making tracks, and into years they're growing, and still we don't get down to facts, or make a decent showing. One needs a searchlight if he'd find the man who works with ardor, who has declining years in mind, as he digs in the harder. A joyride life the boys would lead, and blow in all their winnings; in vain I rant and preach and plead the sports must have their innings."

### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

### CROWNING VICTORIA

On June 28, 1887, an event of great interest to all the British territory as well as to Canada, took place in Westminster Abbey, London; it was the coronation of Queen Victoria. The old city was awake very early that day and by 6 o'clock in the morning strings of vehicles were pouring into the West End. Everywhere platforms had been erected from which to see the young queen pass to the abbey.

At 11:30 o'clock the state coach entered the state carriage. Preceded by trumpeters and a detachment of the Life Guards and followed by a great procession of the elite of the land she rode to the famous abbey. The state coach was drawn by eight cream colored horses through immense crowds of loyal subjects who cheered their loudest as she rode along to take the oath of the sovereign.

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### THE GOSPEL OF LABOR.

They who tread the path of labor, follow where Christ's feet have trod. They who work with honest hands, do the holy will of God.

Where the weary toil together, there am I among my own. Where the tired workman sleeps, there am I with him alone.

This is the Gospel of Labor—sing it ye who toil. The Lord of Love came down from above, to live with the men who work.

—Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

### IN A VOLUME OF POET'S POEMS.

Unquiet hearts cry out and turn to sleep. But cannot rest, for through their slumbers deep. A troubled music stirs the murky air. His soul is lost within the tangled hair. Of pale Lenore; through sombre alleys creep. Diagonical figures; from the rock steep The Raven croaks his terrible despair.

He hurries through the mist with pallid face. In search of El Dorado, and the night is suddenly intense with song. It dies. And in a high, exalted, lonely place. Looks down through dreamland at a-mosphere of white. The angel Israel with burning eyes. —Herbert S. Gorman.

### SUNSET FIRES.

(By Mary Chaperote Billings.) Away across the hilltop At night I used to see A house with colored windows As lovely as could be. And flashing crimson light; Oh, how I wished our windows Would shine like that at night!

Away across the hilltop One time I went to see What wondrous panes were flashing Those rainbow gleams to me. Plain glass they were, like ours; And when I homeward came I saw our own bright windows With sunset fires aflame!

### THE GINGERBREAD MAN.

Oh, say, have you seen the gingerbread? He's rolled on a board and baked in a pan; He has currents for eyes, a clove for a nose, And baby has nibbled his fingers and toes. Oh, the gingerbread man is liked at our house, Although he is always as still as a mouse. For he's spiky and funny and tasty to eat. And the children all think he's a very great treat!

### SHE WOULD BE A MASON.

(By James C. Naughton in Vol. V. of the Scrapbook.) The funniest thing I ever heard, In the story of Mrs. Melville Byrde, Who wanted to be a Mason.

Her husband, Tom Byrde, was a Mason as good a Mason as any of you; He is tyler of Lodge Cerulean Blue, And types and delivers the summons "due."

And she wanted to be a Mason too—This ridiculous Mrs. Byrde.

She followed him 'round this inquisitive And nagged and teased him half out of his life. So to terminate this unhalloved strife He consented at last to admit her.

And first to disguise her from bonnet to shoe. This ridiculous lady agreed to put on His breeches—ah! forgive me, I meant a tunic.

And miraculously did it fit her. The lodge was at work on the Master's degree; The light was ablaze on the letter G; High soared the pillars J and B; The officers sat like Solomon wise; The brimstone burned amid horrid cries; The great roomed wildly through the room.

The candidate begged them to let him go home. And the devil himself stood up in the east. As proud as an alderman at a feast, When in came Mrs. Byrde.

Oh, horrible sounds! Oh horrible sight! Can it be that Masons take delight In spending thus the hours of night? Ah! could their wives and daughters know The unutterable things they say and do Their feminine hearts would burst with woe.

But this is not all my story. These Masons joined in a hideous ring. The candidate howled like anything. In the tones of death they sing. (The candidate's name was Morye); "Blood to drink and bones to crack, Skulls to smash and lives to take, Hearts to crush and souls to burn—Give old Morye another turn, And make him all grim and gory."

Trembling with horror stood Mrs. Byrde. Unable to speak a single word; She staggered and fell in the nearest chair.

On the left of the junior warden there, And scarcely noticed, so loud the groans, That the chair was made of human bone.

Of human bones! on grinning skulls He thrust the throats of horror rolls. These skulls, the skulls that Morgan bore! Those bones, the bones that Morgan wore!

His scalp across the top was flung, His teeth and the arms were strung. Never in all romance was known Such usage made of human bone.

That infernal gleamed in lurid flame, Just like a place we will not name. Good angels, that inquiring came, From blissful courts, looked on with shame.

And fearful melancholy. Again they danced, but twice as bad They jump and sing like demons mad! The June is "Hunky Dory"; "Blood to drink and bones to crack, Skulls to smash and lives to take, Hearts to crush and souls to burn—Give old Morye another turn, And make him all grim and gory."

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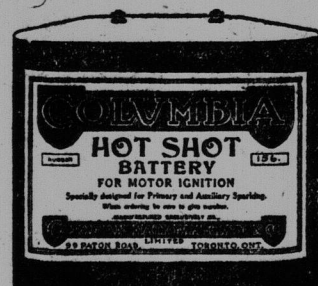
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At present prices this is a huge thing for the whole world is crying out for Australian merino wool, and the result has been that at the sales in England during the last few months wool has fetched enormous prices—prices far in excess of the flat rate at which it was bought by the Imperial government. But while values are now unprecedentedly high, the wool which is small likelihood of their continuance if the London market was swamped by 500,000 bales of "contract" wool within a few months, to be followed immediately by our 1920-21 clip, which will be ready for sale at the end of the year.

It is now proposed to form a voluntary pooling organization to control the marketing of the whole clip. After this scheme had been mooted, representatives of the brokers and the growers consulted Sir John Higgins, who has been the head of the war-time government wool pool, and he made the significant statement that if the various interests concerned—the brokers and the growers—could be brought to agree to some pooling arrangement "they would be in a position to dictate the world's price as far as merino wool is concerned." Naturally, this remark led to some adverse press criticism on the ground that it was being sought to form an iniquitous monopoly. This view has been supported by the fact that the pooling scheme proposed suggested that after obtaining the consent of the scheme of the great majority of the growers and brokers (not less than 85 per cent.), it would be necessary to seek legislative authority to compel the remainder to come into the pool. The reply to these criticisms is that the pool is only to cover the transitional period until the trade can return to the free marketing of wool that will be directed, not as the war-time pool has been, by a government controlled committee, but by a national council on which all interests will appoint their own representatives; but that as the shipping shortage is the outstanding difficulty it will be necessary for that

council to have control over the shipment from Australia of the whole of the wool output.

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The Australian wool trade is at the parting of the ways. In June the contract under which the Imperial government bought the whole wool clip of Australia at a fixed flat rate will expire and much discussion is now going on as to the procedure that is to be followed to bring the trade back to pre-war conditions. It would be impossible to jump back at a sudden bound to a free marketing of our wool here and in London. To begin with, when the contract runs out, there will still be in Australia 1,000,000 bales of wool which has been both bought and paid for by the Imperial government, and about another 1,000,000 bales in transit, and unsold to England. Practically all this wool will have to be sold in Great Britain for civilian purposes, (states the Melbourne correspondent of the Empire Mail), and the interest of the Australian growers in it has not ceased although it has been paid for at the flat rate by the British government. It was one of the terms of the last contract made with the Imperial government that on all the wool required for war purposes the growers should receive half the profit, if any, which the British government makes on the resale of the wool for civilian use.