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### THE HYDRO QUESTION.

Mr. Henry Holgate, in a letter published today, assures Mr. C. O. Foss that there is nothing in the Ross report, and that from both an engineering and a commercial standpoint the Musquash proposition is a safe one. In other words the power is there and the city can get it at 1.2. A letter from Mr. Ross endeavors to disarm the criticism of Mr. Foss, but the Ross report is utterly worthless. The province of New Brunswick offers the city a stated quantity of power at a stated maximum cost. It is not for Mr. Ross or the city to question the ability of the government to fulfill its contract. Only those citizens who this of the New Brunswick Power Company first and the city last would attempt to discredit the findings of the government engineers.

Mr. F. W. Holt, C. E., makes in a letter to the Times a suggestion which might have occurred to the city council at the very outset. If the council had devoted its energy to getting an authoritative statement of the cost of a distribution system we would be nearer a solution of the whole problem.

### ONE SOURCE OF WEALTH.

New Brunswick has one source of wealth that is not affected by tariffs, railway rates or government neglect of its national port. Spasmodic efforts have been made to utilize it for the general welfare, but it has never been exploited in a manner to produce good results. It is found in the summer climate and scenic beauty of the province.

Our neighbor, the State of Maine, has not only found out that wealth can be derived from this source, but is determined to get more of it. The State of Maine Publicity Bureau proposes to co-ordinate every interest to advertise the state. "To spread broadcast the knowledge of its recreational advantages, its natural resources, agricultural and industrial opportunities and co-operate in movements to increase its commercial activity," and it has begun with Maine as a summer playground. Why? Let us quote from the Bangor Commercial:—

"We are told that the lowest estimate shows that the tourist coming into Maine leaves on an average, \$75, although others would figure the average amount at \$100. How this runs into money and business for Maine is shown by the figures for 1919 when it was estimated that 600,000 tourists came into our state. If they left an average of \$75 each there was the distribution of approximately \$45,000,000 by summer visitors in Maine."

Now that New Brunswick has a greatly improved system of highways the desirability of doing everything possible to attract motorists is obvious; but there are great numbers of people who would come by train and steamer to spend a considerable portion of the summer months if they knew of the charms of this region and were sure of getting comfortable accommodation. Along with an effort to get more industries and to get more people on the farms should go a well planned and continuous propaganda to get tourists, not merely because of what they would spend while here, but because of the certainty that many of them would become interested in the development of some of our resources. What the Commercial says about Maine applies with greater force to New Brunswick. It says:—

"Maine people have not been sufficiently good advertisers in the past. They have known of our extraordinary advantages as a state but have not aroused themselves to impress these upon others. Now we are to take a leap from the book of other states and tell the world of the chances for business and pleasure to be found in Maine. We can meet with success in this effort but only if there is the best of co-operation."

An intensive co-operation campaign to attract tourists to this province next summer would produce splendid results. No local jealousies should stand in the way. There has been too much of that in the past. It should be possible to strengthen the provincial organization already in existence so that it would be manifestly able to make the desired campaign early in the spring.

### THE STORY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Every individual who passes through Queen Square in this city sees the statue of Samuel de Champlain, with finger pointing toward the western kingdom he hoped to gain for France. What is remembered locally about him is that he came into this harbor in 1604 and named the river St. John. Readers of the Times will be interested in a summary of an address by Dr. Benjamin Sulte, F. R. S. C., a distinguished French-Canadian historian, delivered before the St. James Literary Society in Montreal this evening. Dr. Sulte, who is now eighty-two years old, was described by Mr. W. D. Lighthall, first, as the founder, with Sir Georges Etienne Cartier, of the militia system of Canada, and then, as the precursor in Canada of the modern school of history, the school of original sources in the study of history.

Dr. Sulte in opening pointed out that early writers on Canadian history in ascribed the foundation and colonizing of a receptive mood. New France to kings and queens, to curiaans, ministers, and peers, to merchants and traders and casually mentioned Samuel de Champlain as a sort of forerunner of the princes and aristocrats of the traders, and the indifference of the princes, and that the merit of subsequent development was in large measure due to him. Champlain was 200 years ahead of his time, said Dr. Sulte. He had seen great visions of Canada's possibilities, and he accomplished marvellous things in his investigation of them. We marvel at the journeys through Africa of Stanley and Livingstone. They traveled in large armed parties with all the resources of modern science behind them. But Champlain explored North America with less than a half-dozen interpreters, going as far as Lake Huron and sending his young Normans alone to north, west, and south, as far as Wisconsin, and as far as Virginia. With the information he and they gathered, he wrote exhaustive narratives giving every imaginative detail of the country and its resources. These narratives, and the accompanying maps were a revelation of Champlain's genius, erudition and activity. The sole privilege allowed Champlain was the choice of young men as interpreters. He chose them with great care, picking young Normans of education. It was they who carried out Champlain's conception of colonization, after his death in 1635. It was their letters home that brought out the first 14 families in 1634, and the other recruits which followed. It was largely their activity which gave New France its population of 2,500 at the first census 30 years later.

The dream of Champlain was not fulfilled, for though a great French province was established on the St. Lawrence the power in the western world passed to the English. Yet the descendants of the early English and all the young Canadians of today are deeply interested in Champlain's career because of what he was and what he accomplished; and the facts related by Dr. Sulte will give the boys and girls of St. John a new interest in the explorer whose statue graces one of our city squares.

### DETROIT STREET RAILWAYS.

"Take it, or get off the streets."

This is the ultimatum issued by the mayor of Detroit to the Detroit United Railways. The city has offered the company \$19,800,000 for its street railway plant, and when asked if he would raise the offer the mayor said: "Not by a cent." The city has an extensive street railway system of its own, and is determined either to take over that of the company or drive the latter off the streets. It made the company a much better offer in 1919. A Detroit dispatch says:—

"There was no doubt last night but that Mayor Couzens and the street railway commission had terminated negotiations with the company. Members of the commission were disgusted with the situation, the D. U. R. representatives having been in the city and having presented different figures of various matters. Mayor Couzens said that this kind of conduct had destroyed the city's confidence in the company's representatives. One thing was certain, at the end of negotiations with the company—that it must either accept the city's price and terms of payment offered or be forced to tear up its tracks in Fort street and Woodward avenue. It was also made plain to the company that as franchises on other lines expire on nearly one hundred miles, within Mayor Couzens' term of office, that the city would insist upon their removal from the streets."

For years the city of Detroit has been trying to get control of its street railway system. It was fought by the company at every point. Now it has the whip hand, and the company must get out.

Bangor Commercial:—"It may be that William Jennings Bryan will again become a prominent figure in the political life of the country for it is more than possible that Mr. Bryan will enter the United States Senate as a member from Florida. There has been some suggestion that Mr. Bryan would like a nomination for the Senate from Florida Democrats and it has also been said that with this matter in view that Mr. Bryan recently became a citizen of Florida. Naturally Mr. Bryan, as a newcomer in Florida, is not making an energetic campaign for the nomination but he is said to have stated that if he is drafted he will serve. So Mr. Bryan is evidently in ascribed the foundation and colonizing of a receptive mood."

### THE HIDDEN THING.

The hills are bare and bleak and cold—wind swept, The valleys sad in shivering, bare trees; Over the world a dismal pall has crept, Shrouding the light with sombre mystery. The moon at night is cold and white as death, That once wrapped fragrant hills in her warm breath.

The flowers that bloomed amid deep grass are gone; The bees that trafficked in their sweet are dead; The fields, once lush in clover, are forlorn; The wayside blooms are dead. Where now the wind, with ghostly feet, comes by, The fearful leaves before her dumbly fly. Yet—in the ground dark lies the hidden thing, Perpetual essence of all leaf and bloom; The hyacinth that hears the voice of Spring. E'en the Winter day has lost its gloom—The cricket, that wee minstrel of the sun, Whose tiny songs like little waters run. Somewhere the south wind's hid where none can know, Or in whose casket Spring's own person lies; The larks that, venturing, through the heavens go, Wait but the word to fly. Looked in a cold, dark tomb, while Winter sighs, The soul of Spring waits but her time to rise. —Carson M. Lewis in The New York Times.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

The Difference. Martin:—Both girls are the daughters of millionaires. Why is it that one looks down on the other so? Gilbert:—Because one's father made his money in refined sugar, while the other's traded in crude oil.

Mr. Nextdoor—Does your husband go out nights as much as he did before prohibition? Mrs. Wetmore:—Yes, but his pleasures are quite innocent now. He goes out nights just to enjoy the moonshine.

"Now," said the doctor to the young married man, "if you will take this medicine you will sleep like a two-year-old." The patient surveyed the prescription doubtfully.

"Well, doctor," he answered, "if you can make me like my baby I'd rather not take it."

Really New. Agent—I've got a device here for getting energy from the sun. Mr. Jones—Here! Give me one for mine—Princeton Tiger.

Indeed, Yes! Rector (giving lessons in school)—There are still parts of the world where men eat each other. What do you call a man who eats another man? Small boy—Greedy, sir!—London Morning Post.

## LOCAL NEWS

"KICK IN" First performance of the well known drama "Kick In" which had a phenomenal run in New York is Monday evening, February 27th, at St. Vincent's Auditorium.

CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT In South End Boys' Club, opposite artory, for benefit of club. An excellent programme. Tickets twenty-five cents. 21468-2-25.

Pantry sale will be held in the Court building, corner Main and Portland streets, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 11 o'clock. 21469-2-25.

Will all those having copies of score Queen Esther kindly return at once to Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, 29 Leinster. 21526-2-27.

See the new sport hats at The Spear Millinery Company, Union street. 21028-2-27.

Don't forget pantry sale held by Queen Esther League Saturday, Feb. 25, in lobby of Lansdowne House.

SUPREME COURT

ALLOWS APPEAL

IN PARIS CASE

Fredericton, Feb. 23.—The appeal division of the supreme court this afternoon after hearing argument on the motion for a reversal of the decision of the court in the case of the City of Fredericton v. the City of Paris, allowed the appeal of the City of Paris, and sentenced to be hanged on March 30 for the death of Sadie McAuley at the decision of the court.

The hearing will take place on these points before the appeal division here on March 3. The judges sitting today were Sir Douglas Hazen, Mr. Justice Barry and Mr. Justice Gilmour.

The application was made by G. H. Vernon, K. C., of Truro.

SMUGGLING ALIENS

MORE PROFITABLE

Reported That Border Bootleggers Are Changing Their Line of Goods.

Detroit, Feb. 24.—Aliens are being illegally "bootlegged" into the United States across the Canadian border, Dr. R. P. Prentice, chief immigration inspector, declared today.

This statement was made following the announcement by James J. Davis, secretary of labor, that steps would be taken to check up on aliens and deport those here illegally.

Patrol of the entire Canadian border is impossible, Dr. Prentice said, and it is an easy matter for hundreds or even thousands to cross the line each year.

Bootleggers are finding it more profitable to smuggle aliens across the line than to handle liquor, it is said. Each alien will pay from \$30 to \$100 to get into the United States, officers say.

The cheerful Toller's Mission Band of the Camarthen street Methodist church gave a concert in the church last night.

Those taking part were Miss Marian Earle, Harold Green, Miss Elsie Roberts, Gerald Miller, Miss Clara Vey and other members of the Mission Band.

## UNEASY OVER THE IRISH SITUATION

Embarrassment and Uncertainty After Sinn Fein Convention.

Hold Up Action on the Irish Treaty Until Matter Cleared Up—Faith in Irish Leaders, Says Westminster Gazette; Post Criticizes.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, Feb. 24.—The embarrassment and uncertainty into which the Anglo-Irish agreement has thrown the relations between England and Ireland are stressed by the morning newspapers.

The political writers, however, do not profess to shed any light on the situation, being seemingly content to take the attitude adopted yesterday by Secretary for Colonies Churchill in the House of Commons and Lord Chancellor Birkenhead in the Lords, that not enough was yet known concerning the action of the Sinn Fein convention to form a mature judgment upon it.

The writers endorse the government's suspension of further consideration of the Anglo-Irish treaty bill in the imperial government until further knowledge of the subject is gained, but believe the measure may be taken up on next Thursday or Friday if the matter means while has been straightened out satisfactorily.

The Westminster Gazette's political correspondent says the British ministers have perfect trust in the gold faith of the Irish leaders but wish particularly to ascertain whether the provisional government is going to present to the Irish people a new constitution which shall be in strict accordance with the treaty. He adds that certain Irish delegates already have reached London and are preparing a statement of their case prior to the arrival of Arthur Griffith and his colleagues. These delegates may see Lloyd George today.

The new development in Ireland has created much anxiety among Conservative politicians. This is editorially voiced by the Morning Post, which sees in the situation a threat to the ultimate outcome of Great Britain will have to reconquer Ireland.

The Daily Telegraph says the far-reaching change in the arrangements contemplated by the treaty has given rise to deep disquiet and misgivings. It attributes the whole position to operations of the Republican leaders carried on on the heads of the people, the bulk of whom it maintains would support the treaty at the polls if given a chance. The newspaper's articles urge the necessity of Great Britain carrying out her side of the bargain.

The steamer Stangstad is due from San Domingo on Sunday with a cargo of sugar for the refinery. After discharging she will load a cargo of potatoes for Cuba.

The steamer Wisley is due in port tomorrow from the United Kingdom to load oil for London and Havre.

The steamer Maplewood shifted to the refinery wharf this morning to load sugar. She will sail for St. John's tomorrow.

The steamer Bilbustor will sail tomorrow for London and Rotterdam with a full cargo.

The steamer Grey County sailed from Havre for St. John on February 18.

The steamer Park Haven is due in port the first of the week from Norfolk with a cargo of coal.

The steamer Catherine is due in port on Sunday from San Domingo with a cargo of raw sugar.

The steamer Manchester Corporation sailed from Halifax for Manchester yesterday.

The steamer Canadian Mariner will sail for Avonmouth tomorrow.

The steamer Canadian Explorer is due in port from Liverpool.

The steamer Levingham is due from Blyth.

The steamer Standerborg, now discharging coal at Pettigill's wharf, will sail for Norfolk the first of the week.

SLIGH DRIVE TO BLACK RIVER The annual sleigh drive of the St. John Iron Works took place on Wednesday evening. The employees drove to their club at Black River where a bountiful supper was served. A dance was then enjoyed, after which the national anthem was sung. The party returned to the city in the early hours.

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FARMER OUTWITS TWO HOLD-UP MEN

Leaves Them Struggling in Roadway and Makes His Escape.

Wellington, Feb. 24.—A remarkable case of an attempted hold-up was reported to Constable McCoy in this village today.

As Fred Davis, a young farmer of Lake Shore road, was returning home at an early hour this morning, he was stopped by two men, who demanded he hold up his hands. One seized the horse's head while the other came alongside with a pointed revolver. As the young farmer got out of his buggy he picked up a halter and, instead of holding up his hands, hit the fellow on the head and knocked him down. Then the other one

at the horse's head came forward and, thinking it was their victim who was knocked down, he pounced upon his own man in mistake.

Mr. Davis quickly jumped into his buggy and drove away safely. As this is the first attempted hold-up in this district it will probably be the last, after the would-be thieves had such a rough time of it.

The children of Brookville school enjoyed a sleigh drive on Thursday night.

Mr. Mills was in charge of the party, and it was a most successful one. After driving as far as Riverside, the party returned to the school house, where refreshments were served and a general good time was in order.

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