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PORT PROSPECTS

The national importance of this, the natural Atlantic winter port of Canada, stands out more prominently than ever as a result of the hearings before the Duncan Commission in Montreal.

After all, Saint John's strategic position, duly recognized by Sir Henry Thornton and other transportation authorities before the Duncan Commission, must be recognized unless Canada is to persist in hauling freight uphill instead of down, unless it pursues the policy of avoiding rather than utilizing the shortest available haul to winter tidewater, unless the national and disastrous folly of building up American lake and seaboard cities at the expense of our own country is to be pursued.

We must not miss this tide. No clash of opinion locally, no failure on the part of our elected representatives, no lack of resolute action here, no hesitation on the part of the National Railway Commission, no failure on the part of the National Government, can be permitted to result in further erosion and postponement of the equipment of Maritime ports, the recovery of diverted traffic, the securing of reasonable satisfaction for the Maritimes as regards matters of federal policy and federal enterprise—these things have been shown abundantly to be nationally necessary, and they must come in the very near future unless the Dominion is to be false to us and we false to ourselves. Let us look to it.

GOLF FOR BOYS

To encourage a youthful Kubelik is all very well, but that is no reason for setting all youngsters to fiddle-scrapping in the hope that they are teachable performers. If a boyish Braid show golfer by intentionally sliced or pulled drives to utilize the wind, work miracles with a niblick and magic with a cleft, it may be an act of human benevolence to foster his unusual talent. But does this justify the Winnipeg Tribune's declaration that golf is one of the best games for our youth as well as for our men-folk?—apparently the Tribune will not go to the length of advocating ladies on the links.

School Films

At the recent convention of the National Educational Association which held in Philadelphia it was agreed that there should be larger use of the motion picture in all schools above the third grade. The films are used to emphasize the books. They illustrate the facts in such a way as to give an enduring comprehension of the lessons they accompany. The eye carries its message to the brain with more conviction from the pictured scene than from the printed word. The movie theatre is but a single field for the film industry, and it is in the hands of the National Educational Association that the motion picture is to be used to the greatest advantage in the schools.

Business First

An elderly man hurried into a newspaper office and said: "I've lost my spectacles, somewhere and I want to advertise for them, but I can't see to write the ad without them."

A Labor View



"They cannot blow out the light."—From The New Leader, London.

Queer Quirks of Nature

LIVES AT BOT TOM OF SEA. BEAUTIFUL. In color, marked with scarlet, green and lilac and with black radiating lines, this jelly fish is a most extraordinary creature, for it is extremely poisonous.



Jelly Fish

The Political Fray

Conservative WHAT THE STAR OPPOSES (Montreal Star). If the Liberals are to go back to office by grace of the Progressives, it is perfectly obvious that they must pay the price exacted by these sturdy and determined Westerners.

Liberal (Manitoba Free Press). The only possible ground for feeling against the West on the part of the Maritimes might be thus expressed by a "Maritime Righter": "The railways might be induced to give us lower freight rates here in the Maritime Provinces if they were permitted to recoup themselves by charging the Western farmers more for carrying wheat and flour."

AN IMPROVING SITUATION. (Winnipeg Free Press). One of the things which trouble the hearts of Mr. Meighen and the protectionists is that that Canada buys more from the United States than it sells. This is charged up to our tariff system; and pledges are given that it will be stopped if the Conservative Government are returned to power.

A MORAL ISSUE (Victoria Colonist). Mr. Mackenzie King and his ministers seem to regard what happened in the Customs Department as mere peccadilloes. They do not recognize that there is a moral issue before the people. In that issue, however, the ethics of government itself are at stake and the moral well being of the people.

TARIFF FOR PROTECTION (Hamilton Spectator). Canada by reason of its situation in juxtaposition to the United States, has an obvious need for industrial protection, and a tariff for revenue does not apply the requirements. It is on the question of fostering and building up the industrial and commercial welfare of the country that the result of the election will turn.

POEMS I LOVE

"Airly Beacon," By Charles Kingsley. HEART-BREAK is in this lyric, beautiful of Kingsley's many brief poems. To give so complete a picture of a life within the astonishingly narrow compass of twelve lines is a noteworthy achievement.

Just Fun A WOMAN in Persia is 146 years old. This is entirely due to the fact that she has lived since 1780.

WHAT'S become of the little girl who used to say, "I'll slap you if you do."

ALL the world loves to see a hard-bellied bachelor hooked by a clever woman.

AN AFRICAN of peculiarly dusky hue was hailed to court one morning for stealing chickens. The judge said to the clerk: "Swear the prisoner."

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"Katherine," said daddy, "did you throw that stick at your sister?" "Yes, daddy," was the defiant reply. "Why did you do it?"

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U. S. VIEW OF DEBTS (Indianapolis News). The debts due us from abroad are due, not to our government, but to the people who advanced the money to be lent to our late associates in the Great War.

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FAMILY LIFE IN CHINA (The Contemporary Review). The coherence and intensiveness of family life in China is hopeful, too, in many of its aspects, for the future, in spite of its undoubted disadvantages, the reactionary spirit it breeds and the backward view, the sense of responsibility, each for all in a family, will always operate for the benefit of the child.

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Just Fun

YOU can't leave many footprints on the sands of time by keeping the top of your desk decorated with fresh heelprints.

SOME girls are so hard it takes a diamond to make an impression on them.

A SOUND REASON: "To what do you attribute your long life, Uncle Moses?" asked a newspaper reporter of the colored man who was celebrating his ninety-fifth birthday.

"To de fact dat Ah wuz bo'n a long time ago," the old gentleman replied.

"Sam, do you solemnly swear to tell the confounded truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

"Sam, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Well, Judge, with all dem limitations you has just put on me, I don't believe I has anything at all, sah."

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"Because," instantly replied the youngster, with her eyes flashing, "afterwards she hit me."

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Other Views

THE GUILTY ABROAD (London Daily News). The vengeance of crowds is always indiscriminate, and if it is true that some Americans in France have been passing ten-franc notes on the railway carriage windows and on their valises and wearing them screened up in their button-holes, it is not very surprising that a French crowd should have felt that vengeance on somebody was essential.

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ECONOMICS AND MINERS (Glasgow Herald). "We will never surrender to the terms of the government and the coal hope of a settlement."

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