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NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE MARITIMES.

It is significant that the first of the resolutions adopted at the Winnipeg conference has to do with the Maritimes.
That resolution gives national recognition to the justice of our case and to the pressing need for action on the part of the Federal Government. It stamps the case of the Maritimes as a national issue that no Dominion Government may safely neglect—that no federal administration can neglect and still be true to the national interest.

The resolution adopted at this representative economic conference, adopted unanimously and with every evidence of deep interest and sincerity, sets out at the beginning that a serious economic situation exists in the Maritimes, that this serious situation is a menace to the welfare of the Dominion as a whole, and that it is therefore a matter of concern to all Canadians. On these broad grounds the meeting resolved:

"That this conference urge the Dominion Government immediately to take such steps as may be necessary and justifiable by the circumstances as will remedy the economic disabilities which now prevent the Maritime Provinces from realizing those advantages which under Confederation and the subsequent development of the Dominion of Canada should have accrued to them."

Not only was this the first resolution passed, but it was greeted with more applause than any other which was adopted, indicating how clearly the Maritime delegates had established the justice of their case and how fully they had enlisted the support of the representatives of the other provinces. It is to be noted, also, that in another resolution, urging the necessity for prompt and effective action with respect to immigration and colonization, particular reference is made to the Maritime Provinces. "The conference made it clear in this immigration resolution that the question of an augmented population is one of overshadowing importance in Canada today, and that the Maritimes must share equally with the other provinces in the distribution of settlers suited to our conditions. In this matter the conference inflexibly acknowledges the injustice from which the Maritimes have suffered in immigration matters in the past, and warns the Dominion authorities that there must be fair play in the future."

The Maritime delegates, in leaving Winnipeg, rightly feel that they will have the hearty support of the business men in other parts of Canada in seeking to have effect given to the resolution urging the Dominion authorities to relieve these provinces from the economic disabilities under which they have been laboring. Action on behalf of the Maritimes was taken on the broad ground of the national interest. The recommendations regarding the Atlantic division will carry great weight. They are made by representatives of every province in Canada, and they place upon the Government and upon Parliament a duty which cannot be ignored. The action of the Winnipeg conference arms 29 Maritime members of Parliament with a new and effective weapon to be employed on behalf of their constituencies.
The effect of the conference upon Maritime sentiment will be most heartening. The light for Maritime betterment will go forward all the more steadily and resolutely because of the judgment recorded at Winnipeg in terms so striking.

President Beatty of the C. P. R., whose address was one of the striking features of the closing day at the Winnipeg conference, referred to the problems confronting the various provinces, and made special reference to the Maritimes, saying:
"You appreciate as I do the very acute problem of the Maritime Provinces. Now that that problem is realized, that the Maritimes are awakened and are endeavoring to lead the thought of Canada to their assistance in the solution of their difficulties, their problems, always capable of solution, are immediately solvable."
Mr. Beatty from the first has appreciated the importance of the campaign for Maritime betterment, and has displayed a personal interest in its success. It is encouraging to note that so sound a judge of Canadian conditions believes that, as a result of the vigorous movement set on foot, these Atlantic Provinces are likely to come into their own.

The situation in the Maritime Provinces has elicited a statement from Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He is a little late in getting around to this, but better late than never. He says that whatever government is in power must give serious consideration to the difficulties and claims of the Atlantic Provinces, and he refers particularly to the need for justice to the Maritimes in the matter of the greater use of the ports, and a proper distribution of

immigration activities. Mr. Cardin evidently recognizes that something practical must be done at Ottawa with respect to these provinces. He would have been wiser politically had he come to this conclusion a year or two earlier. Doubtless he will make his views known in the House of Commons a few weeks hence, and, if he does so, he will not be alone. Continued neglect of the Maritimes will cost any political party dearly.

Odds and Ends

One Last Word
(Everybody's Magazine.)
It happened last summer in the Adirondacks.
"All aboard!" shouted the conductor. The young couple who had been standing a little apart started.
"I'll never be alone here without you," he observed.
"And I'll miss you, too," she told him. "This has been the best vacation I ever had, and all because I met you yesterday."
"But just think of all the days we might have been together!" he wailed.
"All aboard," the conductor insisted. "Oh, dear! I've got to go!" she exclaimed on the verge of tears.
He kissed her good-by, quite ignoring the persons who looked on with mild amusement.
"You'll write?" she called from the platform.
"Every day," he promised, as the train began to move.
And then he suddenly dashed after the train.
"Wait a minute!" he yelled despairingly. "What did you say your name was?"

Name Seems Familiar.
(Border Cities Star.)
Montreal despatch reports an address made by Mr. Patenaude. The name sounds familiar, but we can't just place him.
Of Course.
(Ohio State Journal.)
The United States is using up its timber supply, what there is left of it, four times as fast as it is growing, but we suppose Henry Ford can always invent something synthetic.

Over-confident?
(Chicago News.)
"How many bank robberies have been in this town since the bankers offered their reward for bank robbers dead or alive? Not any."
Be Hopeful.
(Manitoba Free Press.)
If it has been a good year so far, there is the more reason to expect that the year ahead of us will be at least as good. There are no indications on the horizon of coming events of an alarming nature. For the first time since the war ended the international outlook reflects itself on the daily life of all the nations, of whom Canada is one. Our musings and reflections, while they may be serious, or thoughtful, should not harbor pessimism or a distrust of the future.

Illegal to Open Another's Letter.
In reply to the question of a subscriber the Toronto Star says:
It is made a criminal offense under the Post Office Act for any person to unlawfully open a letter. Section 421 says: "Everyone who unlawfully opens or wilfully keeps, secretes, delays or detains any post letter, etc., or who neglects or refuses to deliver up any such letter to the person to whom it is addressed, is guilty of an indictable offense." The penalty is not given in the Post Office Act, but the Criminal Code, section 1032, says: "Every person convicted of any indictable offense for which no punishment is specially provided shall be liable to imprisonment for five years."

Couldn't Catch Up.
The touring company had given their last performance the previous evening, and the manager was settling up with the theatre authorities.

"Your show is the worst we have ever had here," remarked the theatre manager in icy tones, as he handed over a share of the box office receipts to the touring company's "boss."
"That's rather strange!" exclaimed the latter. "Very strange! Why, do you know that when we played away in Aberdeen we had the longest run the city had ever known?" "I'm very sorry indeed!" replied the theatre manager. "Sorry about what?" "I'm very sorry indeed!" he retorted, "that the audience abandoned the chase!"

Rough on Longfellow.
(Toronto Globe.)
Admirers of Longfellow's poem "Evangeline" would have been surprised to hear the description applied to that popular work by Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell in the course of an address at a dinner of the Queen's Own Rifles Association at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday night.
He called it "a nifty, puffy twaddle." Compared with the virile poetry of the Canadian William Kirby, he said, it was like the ordinary run of new compared with the Canadian Loyalists.

The speaker was referring to the coming of the United Empire Loyalists to Canada when he made the comparison. He quoted a few lines of Evangeline:
"Men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodland
Darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven;
Waste are those pleasant farms and the farmers forever departed."
"And so on, and so on, and so on, and twaddle, and twaddle, and twaddle," continued Mr. Justice Riddell, emphasizing the meter of the lines. "Compare this nifty-puffy twaddle of Longfellow with the poetry of William Kirby, and you can compare the Canadian Loyalists with the ordinary run of men."

Just Fun

THE WORST HALF OF IT
HOPKINS—"So your wife is rather temperamental?"
Wallace—"Well, it's mostly 'temper' and not so much 'mental.'"

CHRONIC
"I'm wild about you," she says, says she.
As with her eyes she vamped me.
But I later spurned her love when I learned
She was wild before she lamped me.

IT must be terrible to hand-pick your own critic and then have him tell you the truth.
A BUSINESS GIRL makes the most comfortable sort of wife, because after a few years around the average office she is afflicted with no illusions about the masculine sex for her husband to live up to.

PAY as you go and everyone will ask you to stay.

ANY BOY'S IDEA OF A BATH.
Put it off as long as possible.
Set about it under protest.
Toss with the faucets until the tub is ready to overflow.
Whine out a complaint of the temperature of the water.
Shiver for an hour or two.
Feel of the water again.
Shiver.
Fidget on one foot.
Stroke the surface of the water with the toes of one foot.
Jump back writhing in utter horror.
Shake the dirt off the shoes into the tub.
Make a splashing and swishing noise with the bath brush.
Sprinkle the hair, face and neck.
Dress idly.
Come out for inspection.

"FRANKNESS," says one authority, "is the modern girl's long suit." And we had been harboring the silly notion that it was associated in some manner with her short skirt.

NEIGHBORS.
"Hullo, Brown, are you using your step-ladder this afternoon?"
"Yes, I'm afraid I am."
"Splendid! Then you won't mind lending me your lawn-mower."

"THERE'S a wise crack," said the pugilist as he strategically floored his opponent.

NONE but the brave deserve the fair, and none but the brave can live with some of them.

SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Land sakes! What chances he takes,
A racin' for crossin's, dependin' on brakes.

Better living quarters make better halves.

A grouch is known by the dinner he eats.

Saw a roadster making sixty miles an hour: Destination, eternity.

Man made money—
Lost all his health;
'Long came a doctor—
Took all his health.

The best efficiency experts, in any plant, are sunlight and fresh air.

We have drugless cures and bugless cures, but what we need is a drugless cure.

I saw a man the other day,
And a wealthy man was he;
His abdomen was in the way
And he had a bum kidney.

When the steam is up and the window down every doctor in the town is busy.

Now that we have to pay the specialist, some folks are going to miss the old family doctor.

When the frost is on the pumpkin
And there's frost upon the lot,
We'll heat our bloomin' houses
And we'll heat 'em bloomin' hot.

We were speaking of carpets and the pneumococcus said he was a bug on the subject.

A thousand grip germs could march through the eye of an ordinary needle. Stitch that one in your side.

Dinner Stories

AUSTRALIA AND EMPIRE.
(Melbourne Stead's Review.)

Australia retains to herself the absolute and final right to say in any emergency whether that emergency is such as to warrant the pooling of her resources with those of the entire Empire. There is little doubt that if England were as menaced in 1926 as she was in 1914 Australia would spontaneously come to her assistance. But as a grown-up, "daughter nation" within the Empire, she insists on her freedom to stand inside or outside of any pact made by any British government or any British foreign secretary.

UNIVERSAL HOPE.
(Christian Science Monitor.)

After six years of political trial and error, there is now basis for the belief that some measure of tranquility will be restored. Paul Painlevé, the French premier, in a recent address, declared that "Franco-German reconciliation is the keystone of European civilization." That such a declaration could come from the spokesman of the French government and receive hearty reception at the hands of the French press indicates how far toward rapprochement the situation has progressed. Even now there will be no easy solution for the questions still at issue. But once the basis for agreement is accepted, Western Europe can find relief in a peace that is relatively secure and turn from a consideration of the security question to the issue next on the agenda of settlement, namely, the problem of bringing to pass a more complete European disarmament. The road to Locarno has been a long and frequently a disheartening one. But today, more than at any time, perhaps, since the publication of the treaty of

Same Old Story in the Same Old Way

