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EAST AND WEST

The Minister of Public Works has among his occasional critics, some who are disposed to fear that Federal aid given to projects such as the Hudson Bay railroad, and the improvement of western waterways and harbors, will interfere unduly with the expansion of eastern Canadian ports, in which we are all so deeply interested.

Growth of trade and commerce in Canada must be along natural lines, remembering that it is the settled policy of the administration, as long ago defined by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to keep Canadian trade in Canadian channels.

The success or non-success of the Hudson Bay Railway and of other western projects is a matter that will be clearer some years hence; but, however that may turn out, the increased acreage yearly brought under cultivation in the West, and the great stream of population continually flowing into that territory, must mean, for a generation to come, a tremendous increase in the traffic flowing between East and West.

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Minister of Public Works, the work of harbor expansion here has been officially recognized as a national duty in the performance of which not only this city and province, but the Dominion as a whole is interested and to the continuation of which along progressive lines, the country as a whole is definitely committed.

MEN OF PLAIN SPEECH

Thousands of St. John people crowded several of the city churches last Sunday to hear some of the foremost men in the Church of England in our day. Some, perhaps, went through curiosity, but more, doubtless, in search of some new and strengthening word from these great captains of the Gospel.

It has been asserted in some quarters that there is in the Church of England today a tendency either towards unbelief or towards symbolism. One could not readily discover excuse for that assertion in any of the more striking addresses made by our visitors at last Sabbath.

The Bishop of London himself, chief among the visitors, is in the view of the wayfarer, who thinks of religion rather than of creeds, a twentieth century crusader, dealing manfully and with unflinching courage, with tenderness and yet with daring, with the great problems and the small, with the high things and the mean, that come into the everyday lives of the rich and the poor, the hale and the sick, the righteous and the sinners, among the people to whom he ministers.

In every century, in every decade, there spring up in every church tendencies which, were they not resisted, would surely weaken the religious efficiency of the organization. Our generation is not peculiar in this matter, though some believe it to be so because they perceive that it is marked by a freer range of thought, a more daring analysis of all things on the part of an increasing number of the thoughtful men of the time.

THE TARIFF AND SHIPPING

The tariff reformers in England still speak of commercial decadence and the decline of England's commerce. Not only do the stars in their courses fight against them, but England's ships and sailors on every sea are proving them lying and foolish prophets.

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exporting millions of bushels of wheat, millions of bales of cotton, gallons of oil and manufactured articles without number, her merchant marine has dwindled to the present pitiable condition.

There is no question but protection has blasted this industry. There are no articles to which protection can be applied which are not directly a factor in a myriad of other industries and indirectly so in all the countless branches of industry.

But that is not all. The only remedies proposed today to build up a merchant marine worthy of the traditions of the past are subsidies and more discriminating duties. The habit of running to Washington for aid seems fixed. The doctrine of paternal care taking the place of self-help has transformed the former aggressive self-reliance into limp dependence.

THE EXTREMISTS

"No advocate of reciprocity," says the Conservative Toronto News, "can show its benefits to Canada even on local grounds."

Here we have the extreme view, put forward by an organ of the protected interests which desire a continuation and an increase of special legislation in order that the Canadian manufacturer may, under the cover of protectionist laws, deal with the Canadian consumer after the fashion of the railroading phrase which says that the proper freight charge is "all that the traffic will bear."

In dealing with the United States, as in dealing with other nations, any changes that may be made in the Canadian tariff will be made in the interest of the people of this country, and not because of any mere desire to promote trade with the Republic or any wish to curry favor with the people to the south of us.

When tariff making comes to be discussed, in Canada as in the United States, there is bound to be a great amount of dust-throwing by those special interests who fear any change in the tariff that may take from them the unjust profit they have enjoyed at the consumer's expense.

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tariff agreement with the United States will be a step toward separation from the Empire—but that cry is well recognized in this country now as born of a desire to prevent any lessening of the profits which the protected interests in this country derive from class legislation.

The News says that no advocate of reciprocity can show its benefits to Canada even on local grounds. If the News will wait until it has seen what sort of reciprocity the United States is willing to agree upon, the value of its words will be measured much more easily.

From now until the Ides of November many of our quiet, decent citizens will "play hobo," as the unregenerate call the sylvan sport of hunting.

GOOD HUNTING

The one point which the mighty African hunter last year always insisted on was not to wound animals and lose them. However well a man may shoot at a small mark on a target, the conditions are different in the forest.

There are, in the aldermanic report, several attempts to confuse the issue, at least that are unworthy of men in a responsible position. If there was to be a serious investigation of the Main street job and of the civic spending department, the way to set about it was to have the inquiry conducted by an impartial authority or tribunal outside the Council, and to engage competent counsel with power to call and cross-examine such witnesses as he desired and to act upon any or all information supplied to him openly or confidentially by the taxpayers.

As the matter stands today, the Hassam Company camps on the field. But the question is not settled, and echoes of it will be heard from this time until after the next civic election.

THE MAINE ELECTIONS

As foreshadowed in these columns a day or two ago, the unexpected has happened in the adjoining state of Maine.

THE VERDICT OF THE ALDERMEN

After some weeks of investigation by a committee of aldermen, a report was submitted on Tuesday evening to the Council, setting forth the opinions and findings of the judge and jury who have been trying themselves for neglect of their public duties.

manic report upon it now, the verdict of the aldermen will not be displeasing, because, although it is highly self-contradictory, it asserts in the main that the aldermen, the civic officials, the Hassam Paving Company, and all hands excepting only Mr. James Carleton and the newspapers, have attended strictly to their business and are in no serious degree blameworthy.

There are some things which an observing public will not readily forget. Some of them are: That the city intended to have, and is paying for, a concrete foundation in Main street, but that it is not getting what it paid for.

That while Mr. Carleton had resigned in protest, and had thus concentrated public and official attention on the Main street job, there is reason to believe that the whole work would have been as unsatisfactory as was that portion which was so roundly condemned not only by the inspector but by the Mayor and the aldermen generally.

That the main proposition in the aldermanic report of investigation is based upon the contention that the Hassam people did not intend or desire to roll the broken stone before the grouting mixture had been applied; whereas, it has been asserted freely and frequently that in Frederickton when the Hassam company put regularly another contract, the stone was thoroughly rolled before the mixture was applied; that it was, apparently, at one time the intention to bring evidence to show what the Hassam method was in Frederickton, but that for some reason that very pertinent line of inquiry was not followed home.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Register-Extension, of Toronto, a leading organ of the English speaking Catholics of Canada, says editorially: "We feel somehow that Dr. Vaughan's denunciation of Protestantism as a soul-less religion, was a serious mistake. It is an offensive phrase and we have been objecting to offensive phrases. The expression means nothing and has merely served to stir up bad feeling and to create sentiments of resentment in the breasts of kindly and well-intentioned Protestants."

The Canadian Associated Press is receiving praise for its prompt and full report of the Fisheries Award, and the praise is just. The C. A. P. scored a feat on all other news agencies.—Ottawa Journal.

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A HARD-HITTING RETORT.

When Wellington appeared in France at the Court of Restoration, the marshals of the empire turned their backs on him. The king apologized to him for their rudeness.

THE FACE AT THE DOOR

My shack is rather poor and humble, but on its roof the sunbeams play, and in the yard the glad bees bumble, and birds are singing rag-time lays; my hours are long, my work is grinding, I journey homeward tired and sore, but happy, for I'm sure of finding a face that's sunny at the door.

STOMACH LIVER LUNGS Each of the chief organs of the body is a link in the Chain of Life. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, the body no stronger than its weakest organ. If there is weakness of stomach, liver or lungs, there is a weak link in the chain of life which may snap at any time.

FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE A SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY By Daniel Webster

I KNOW, although the idea has not been stated distinctly, there is to be, or is supposed possible that there will be, a southern confederacy. I do not mean, when I allude to this statement, that anyone seriously contemplates such a state of things. I do not mean to say that it is true; but I have heard it suggested elsewhere that the idea has been entertained that after the dissolution of this union a southern confederacy might be formed.

Sir, nobody can look over the face of this country at the present moment, nobody can see where its population is most dense and growing, without being ready to admit that ere long the strength of America will be in the valley of the Mississippi.

Moncton expects to have natural gas piped into the city limits early in 1911, and if this expectation is fulfilled there will be, in the already rapidly growing railway town, a very great additional industrial development.

There will now be a general, and no doubt a sustained, demand that Mr. James Carleton become a candidate for a seat in the next Council. His election would be a fitting answer to the aldermanic report of the aldermanic investigation. And he will be elected if he is willing to serve.

The appearance of typhoid fever at Campbellton should tend to direct public attention afresh to the serious nature of the situation bound to develop there as winter approaches. The brave and energetic men who have been exerting themselves to better the situation of the sufferers deserve at this time a great measure of public support, and any statements they may make as to the needs of the people there should be given close attention, for they are on the ground.

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Methodism having an allowance of age, and to this fund the annual payment active workers. References they agree to their retirement after a period of \$300 per cent of their full claims.

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