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## THANKSGIVING DAY

On Monday next Thanksgiving Day will be observed throughout Canada. Canadians have great reason to be thankful for much they have enjoyed and much they have escaped, during the past year. Peace has reigned within our borders, and even the "emergency" of last year has taken to itself wings and departed. The country has not only reaped a bountiful harvest, but has proved during the past summer its ability to withstand a severe financial strain, with less disturbance to the general conditions of industry and trade than any other country experienced. The tide of immigration has continued to flow in, and a very desirable class of settlers has been moving steadily into the great western country, bringing more and more of the land into a productive state, and affording a larger and larger market for the manufactured goods of the eastern provinces as well as the products of the factories in the west. No great plague or destructive storm has swept any portion of Canada. When the people compare their lot with the lot of any other people under the sun, they have great reason for thankfulness that their own has been cast in so rich a country, offering so much of comfort and happiness to the great majority of its inhabitants.

And yet there are in Canada many things which cannot be regarded with thankfulness, but rather with a sense of shame and a desire that the conditions may be improved. While it is true that at no former time in the world's history was as much of the attention of earnest men and women devoted to the work of social reform, it is also true that giant evils still exist, and bid fair to take their toll of human lives for generations to come. If we are truly thankful for that which we ourselves possess, in the blessings that fall to the lot of so many among us, we ought to give evidence of the fact by endeavoring to help at least in small way to bring those blessings within the reach of many who, as a result of existing social conditions, are unhappily associated with misery and vice and crime.

## KEEP IT GOING

The council of the board of trade took the proper step yesterday when it decided to secure, if possible, the services of a traffic expert to examine in St. John's interest the remarkable terms the government railway has given to the Canadian Pacific, which enable the latter to carry traffic past its natural port at St. John to the port of Halifax. This was proposed in the amendment moved by Mr. R. H. Bruce at the mass meeting on Monday evening, and it really should have been adopted then.

The council of the board is also pursuing the right course in deciding to urge upon the government a more rapid completion of the Norton Griffiths contract, which includes dredging and some wharf building, and which must be completed before terminal facilities will be available at Courtenay Bay, for the use of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways. This is a matter of great importance, for the terminals referred to should be all ready for use by the time the St. John Valley Railway has been completed from Gagetown to St. John, and they ought indeed to be ready as soon as the Grand Trunk Pacific is ready to furnish traffic by way of Moncton.

The council of the board also approves of the resolution of the mass meeting calling upon the government to make provision at the earliest possible date for the construction of ten more steamship berths at West St. John. This does not mean, of course, that the whole ten will be finished at the same time, but it ought to mean that the work will be begun just as soon as parliament can vote the money, and be carried forward so promptly as to prevent any such question as that of the last three months of last winter.

The board of trade will do well to continue to press these various matters upon the attention of the government. It will never do to sit down with a retiring modesty and permit the government to forget. In years past St. John made progress by fighting every inch of the way. The fight is not yet over. Indeed a somewhat bitter struggle appears to have only begun.

## KEEPING POLITICS OUT

The Standard just hates to introduce politics in a discussion of the present situation in St. John with regard to steamship traffic. Hence, it says:— "The Liberal government during their fifteen years of power entirely failed in their duty toward St. John, and the situation in which we now find ourselves is directly due to that neglect."

The charge of the Standard that the Liberals failed to do their duty to the port of St. John reminds us of the time when Mr. Hazen had to place his resignation in the hands of a Conservative government at Ottawa before he could get even a very small measure of justice for this port. There are those who think Mr. Hazen should once more tender his resignation, as a protest against a grave injustice to St. John by a Conservative government. It was the Liberal government that took over the

work of building wharves and warehouses at West St. John, prepared the plans and began the great work of dredging the harbor, prepared the plans and received the tenders for the development of Courtenay Bay, and in short carried on a work which if it had been continued as it should have been by the present government would have prevented much of the loss of traffic which now threatens this port.

On Monday, Thanksgiving Day, the Times will not be issued.

The evidence brought out at the police investigation last night was of a sufficiently sensational character to attract attention in a very unpleasant way to the affairs of the police department.

A reduction of thirteen in the number of steamship sailings from St. John during the coming winter appears to be the answer to C. P. R. assurances that the port will be offered more business than it can handle.

Hon. Robert Rogers cannot come to St. John this month, as he has several by-elections on his hands; and, if there is anything in which the Hon. Robert's heart delights, it is an opportunity to display his peculiar talents in an election contest.

St. John is not isolated to the extent that Mr. J. B. M. Baxter feared on Monday evening in this matter of the mail steamships. Sympathy has been expressed in Chatham, Moncton and St. Stephen. Discrimination for the benefit of the C. P. R. is not popular.

References to Hon. William Pugsley by his political opponents serve to remind St. John people that they were not compelled to pass resolutions and send delegations to Ottawa to seek justice for this city when he was its representative in the government.

The persistency with which the Germans continue to put their faith in the dirigible balloon, in the face of the repeated terrible tragedies which have resulted from experiments with this class of air craft, shows that as a nation they are tenacious of an idea to the point of recklessness.

One way to relieve the congestion at the wharves at West St. John during the winter is to have a smaller number of steamship sailings, and also to take away the biggest of the steamships. This appears to be the plan that has been adopted. It is not good for St. John, but will help a constituency which has more influence in the cabinet, unfortunately, than has the city of St. John.

The chairman of the Manchester Liners, Limited, says that the port which provides more than the necessary facilities for the business that is offering will rapidly increase its business. The better the facilities, the more eager the steamship companies are to do business at that particular port. St. John, he says, "needs more berths and needs them badly."

The last week has been marked by an unusual number of great human tragedies, resulting in the loss of many lives, and bringing sorrow into thousands of homes. Almost every day has brought its grim story of disaster and death, causing a thrill of horror that all the world feels as the tale is told. More and more the people of all nations are drawn into sympathy in grief that is common to them all, and the news of which is flashed from day to day around the world.

The Standard expresses amazement that the Times has not heard of Mr. Archibald Hurd as a gentleman amply qualified to issue "an authoritative appeal for the earliest possible naval conference." Despite the shock to the Standard, the Times really doubts the right of Mr. Hurd to speak for the various states of the British Empire, or any of them, in the matter of a naval conference. The fact that Mr. Hurd was formerly an officer in the navy, and that he has some gifts as a writer, does not make him the arbiter of naval destiny in the British Empire.

Hon. William Pugsley has again been caught red-handed by the Tories. He is now after the leadership of the Liberal party in Canada. But the party has a leader, who has been described by the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill as "that great imperial statesman," and who is still the terror of the Tories. If the Liberal party were seeking a leader, the Tories might well object to the choice of Dr. Pugsley, for next to Sir Wilfrid Laurier they fear him more than any other of their opponents. He has proved his strength in opposition as he did when in the government, and nowhere so effectively as in the halls of parliament.

## Roller Defeats Burns

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 18.—Ben. F. Roller, heavyweight wrestling champion of the Pacific coast, bested "Cyclone" Burns, title holder of New England here last night. Burns was downed in two straight falls.

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Hon. A. K. Macdonald, M.P., for Halifax, and one of the Liberal leaders in Nova Scotia, was born at Upper North Sydney, Cape Breton, Oct. 18, 1869. He is a lawyer by profession and practices in Halifax and Lunenburg. He was for a time attorney-general of Nova Scotia.

Hon. J. C. Kaine, member of the Quebec government without portfolio, and a prominent citizen of Quebec, is fifty-nine years of age today. He is M.P.P. for Quebec West.

George Caverhill, of Montreal, one of the city's chief business men, particularly identified with the wholesale hardware trade, was born at Beauharnois, Que., on Oct. 18, 1868.

W. B. Northrup, M.P., for East Hastings for many years, celebrates his fifty-seventh birthday today. He was born in Belleville, where he practices law.

Rev. L. H. Drummond, son of the late Hon. T. T. Drummond, Quebec, was born in Montreal on Oct. 19, 1848. He has occupied many positions as educationist, and is a lecturer and preacher of note.

Li-Col. F. W. Hibbard, of Montreal, prominent as lawyer, soldier and public man, was born in Dublin, Ireland, on Oct. 19, 1868. He was appointed in 1910 president of the Royal Public Utilities Commission. He has a reputation as a popular and instructive lecturer.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Elias de Barabau Arnaud, Canadian commercial agent at Bristol, is sixty-six years of age today. He was born in London, England, and entered the service of the Bank of British North America as a young man. He acted as a manager in the maritime provinces for twenty-five years.

E. E. Kingsford, Toronto, second police magistrate of the city and president of the Canadian Defence League, was born in Montreal sixty-four years ago today. He is a lawyer by profession and has compiled several law books. He is interested in military affairs.

His Honor C. D. Macaulay, judge for the Yukon Territory, is fifty years of age today. He was born in Hastings county, Ont., and practiced law for a time in Belleville.

## LIGHTER VEIN

The Correct Answer

Teacher.—If a bricklayer gets four dollars for working eight hours a day, what would he get if he worked ten hours a day?

Bright Pupil.—He'd get a call-down from the union.

## No Joke

"I know one thing that's sure," observed the Wise Guy.

"What's that?" asked the Old Fogey.

"The man who said two heads were better than one never woke up in the morning after painting the town red," replied the Wise Guy.

## Both Waiting For It

"At last," he sighed, "we're alone. I've been hoping for this chance."

"So have I," she said, "very frankly."

"Ah! you have guessed, then, that I wanted to tell you that I love you?"

"Yes, and I want to say 'No,' and get it over with."

## Popularity Counts

Michelangelo beckoned to Rembrandt.

"I see they've found another of your pictures, Remmy."

The master sighed.

"They found four last week," he said, "and five the week before. Funny, isn't it?"

"That's where the boys who write have the best of you," said the Old Fogey. "You don't hear of any Paradise Lost's being found in out-of-the-way places."

"Nor any Pilgrim's Progresses," added John Bunyan.

"No," he answered, "I don't. All these discoveries seem to depend on present market values."

And pulling his big velvet hat over his eyes he waved his hand and stalked away.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A potato measuring 9 x 5 inches, and 28 inches in circumference one way and 18 inches the other, was exhibited in the Belchertown hall. It was raised by a farmer resident of the town, Fred C. Abbey, on his small city lot in Anacortes, Wash.

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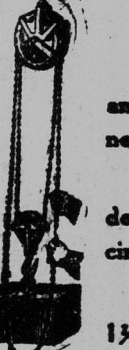


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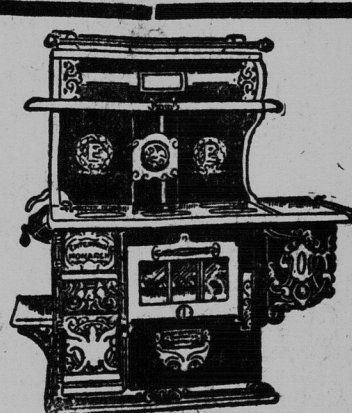
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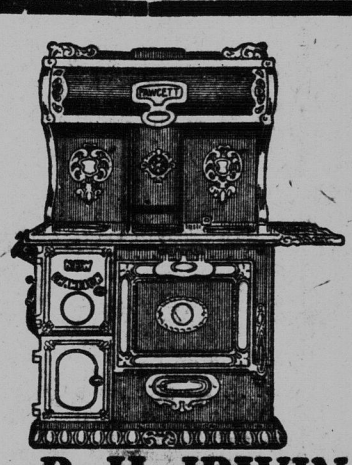
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Sydney, Oct. 18.—Interest following the arrest of Mrs. Atkinson and William Madden in connection with the Haynes murder case has almost reached its climax and the session of the supreme court at which Haynes, Stevens and the other two will appear, should they be committed, is anxiously awaited.

The preliminary hearing of Madden and Mrs. Atkinson was commenced yesterday, but adjourned until next week.

Daughter of Former Premier Quebec, Oct. 18.—Miss Adda Tache, daughter of the late Sir E. P. Tache, a former prime minister of Canada and aide de camp to the late Queen Victoria, died here last night. She was 87 years old. She was a sister of the late E. E. Tache, former deputy minister of crown lands.

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