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A FINE PERFORMANCE.

Just what can be done in the way of handling mails through the port of St. John was splendidly illustrated yesterday in the case of the Royal George, of the Canadian Northern line. Not only did the big steamer break the trans-Atlantic record from Bristol to St. John, making the distance in six days, seven hours and twenty-four minutes, but the mails were landed and shipped away in one hour and forty-eight minutes. This is the fastest time in which mails were ever landed at a Maritime Province sea port. The George brought out 2,237 packages of mail. The record of which the Halifax newspapers boast is 1,000 packages an hour, and at this rate it would have taken almost two hours and fifteen minutes to unload the mails which St. John handled in almost half an hour less time.

Let us see what the record means insofar as the claims of St. John are concerned. The total time consumed by the mails in the run from Bristol to Montreal figures about like this:

	Days	Hrs	Mins
Bristol to St. John	6	7	24
Unloading at St. John		1	48
St. John to Montreal	13		
Total	19	8	12

From this it can be seen that the mails will be landed in Montreal in less than seven days after leaving Bristol. In several particulars that is a record that can hardly be equaled by any other Maritime Province port. St. John has asked for a fair test of its qualifications as a mail and passenger port. The trip of the Royal George was the first real test of the winter, and there is no reason to be ashamed of the showing made.

THE CARE OF THE INSANE

The county of St. John will suffer no more than any other county in the province in having to pay for the support of all its insane patients, whether dangerous or harmless. The new regulation which has gone into effect and which places the responsibility for all classes of patients upon the municipalities to which they belong also reduces the rate per patient by twenty-five per cent.

The Telegraph yesterday morning attempted to make it appear that a great injustice had been done to this municipality by the new arrangement and that St. John municipality was charged with the maintenance of many patients who have no legal claim upon it. The officials of the Provincial Hospital tell a different story. They state that ninety-five per cent. of the patients charged against the municipality of St. John have a legal settlement here and are justly chargeable against the municipality.

There is a constant demand upon the provincial funds for increased grants to roads, bridges, agriculture, education and the other great public services and the probability is that this demand will continue to increase. This has been the history of other provinces in Canada, whether governed by Liberals or Conservatives, and it is folly for the Telegraph to attempt to ignore the situation, or to make it appear that New Brunswick's case is different from that of the others. With these increased demands it is only logical that the falling direct taxation, some of the burdens now borne must pass to the municipalities. The maintenance of the insane is one that might fairly so pass.

"NOBODY IS DECEIVED."

For once the bought and paid for Times tells the truth when it heads a second editorial attack upon Mr. H. B. Ames with the words, "Nobody is Deceived." Whether the words refer to the attitude of the Times and the Telegraph upon Mr. Ames' address, or to the past record of those newspapers is not stated and, possibly, it is not necessary to specify. Careful perusal of the labored article in the Pugsley sheet leads to the opinion that the Times is not so greatly aggrieved at Mr. Ames for telling the truth regarding battleship construction as at the action of The Standard in giving large circulation to his remarks, especially when the Telegraph on Tuesday morning attempted to deceive its readers with a garbled report of the discourse, and the Times dutifully reprinted it. However, as the Times truthfully states "nobody" was "deceived." The reason for the suppression of the Ames speech in the offices of the Telegraph and Times is too apparent. Mr. Ames' plain truths do not serve the bought and paid for editorial opinions manufactured in Canterbury street.

The Times is pleased to jest, however, when it says that the majority of the people of Canada are opposed to Mr. Borden's naval plan "and will declare their opposition whenever Mr. Borden summons courage enough to give them the opportunity." Since parliament rose last session, there have been several bye-elections over a range of country which should prove

fairly representative of Canadian opinion, and in all but one of these the Borden candidates were victorious, while in all, the naval issue was the chief question before the people.

There was one particular "opportunity" offered in York county a few days ago, and on that occasion it was not Mr. Borden or his followers who lacked courage to heed the call to battle, but, rather, was it the discredited remnants of the Liberal party which Mr. Pugsley purports to lead that dared not face Hon. H. F. McLeod at the polls, even after Mr. Pugsley's personal emissary had scoured the county with a drag net looking for a victim. In the light of the facts, the Times should really refrain from perpetrating its present brand upon a long suffering public. As it admits itself, "Nobody is Deceived."

Says the Impertinent Telegraph: "Mr. Ames is not what would be called a political Dreadnought. He is more like a light cruiser sent out to do scout duty. If he is an accurate observer he will tell them at Conservative headquarters that the enemy is strongly entrenched in the Maritime Provinces." "Strongly entrenched," is good, but, if the Telegraph desired to carry the simile further it might have suggested that Mr. Ames' report to the Conservative headquarters that the enemy, in addition to being so "strongly entrenched" that they refused to come out and fight, as in the case of the York County bye-election, is also provided with a couple of hot air balloons which make daily ascents from Canterbury street.

The Standard has never said the potato growers of Carleton County have not been injured by the embargo that the United States Government decided to put upon New Brunswick potatoes on the plea of powdery scab. Any action that cuts off an avenue of advantageous business does injury. But The Standard will say, and plainly, that whether or not the Carleton County potato growers have been injured by the United States embargo, they have been injured to a considerably greater extent by the false statements of Frank B. Carvell, their own party representative, and by the ill-considered publicity given to such statements by the Telegraph and the Times.

Says the Times: "It was fine to see the Conservative stalwarts of St. John, including most of Mr. Hazen's platform retinue, stride into Keith's assembly rooms last evening to hear and applaud Mr. Ames. They knew he had the real goods concealed about his person." In its leading editorial the Times vigorously attacked Mr. Ames for presenting to the Canadian Club audience what it terms "the real goods." Apparently, in matters of naval construction as in other things, the Times most seriously objects to anything like "the real goods," or, in other words, the true facts, being placed before the people. There are reasons.

The Board of Trade of Montreal is composed of worthy citizens and there are others just as worthy who are deeply interested in the questions now agitating Canada's largest city. It is said that Montreal is bad morally, civility and educationally, that greed and incompetence are popular qualifications at city hall, and that vice stalks abroad. This may all be true. Montreal may need a moral and civic bath, but to wash her with the floods of dirt now being paraded through the medium of motions before public bodies, and sensational letters in the daily newspapers will not accomplish the desired object. Less abuse and more action looking to improvement would seem to be the better way.

While there will be general regret that Hon. William Pugsley's health is not sufficiently robust to allow him to address the Liberal rally advertised to be held in this city in a few days, and that, consequently, it has been found necessary to postpone the "talk fest," it must also suggest itself to the rank and file of the Liberal party that the postponement is a good move. Just as well to see first what is in the Transcontinental Railway grant report.

It is to be hoped that the movement to provide a home for delinquent girls in the Maritime Provinces, so clearly explained by Rev. J. W. MacMillan of Halifax, will speedily come to successful fruition. No movement in which the church could engage would be of more real benefit to society.

Despatches bring the news that the rebel troops are steadily gaining small victories over their Federal opponents in Mexico, but we notice that Mr. Huerta is still enthroned as dictator and has no intention of making way for another.

Diary of Events

THE PASSING DAY

LOUISIANA HAS HOLIDAY.

Louisiana will celebrate a legal holiday today, commemorating the ninety-ninth anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, which was fought Jan. 8, 1815. A much more elaborate observance will mark the date a year hence when the Crescent City will commemorate not only the memorable victory achieved by General "Andy" Jackson, but also the centenary of peace among English-speaking nations.

The battle of New Orleans was fought fifty-nine days after the signing of the treaty of peace by the British and American commissioners at Ghent. Pakenham, the British commander, was the bravest of the brave, and there was never a more gallant body of men than those veterans of Wellington's who followed him in the advance on the American lines. Yet no amount of valor could stand before the deadly fire of the American riflemen. From their earthworks the defenders of New Orleans mowed down the red lines, and not till brave Pakenham and most of the officers were slain was the attack abandoned. On the plain of Chalmette 700 British soldiers were landed and over a thousand wounded, while the American loss was slight.

FIRST THINGS

CAPE COLONY.

The first attempt of the English to secure possession of Cape Colony was made in 1795, but it was not until Jan. 8, 1896, just 101 years ago today, that the British flag was permanently raised over Cape Town. The Dutch were the original possessors of the extreme southern part of Africa, and founded Cape Town in 1652. In 1795 the British captured the colony from the Dutch. Sir D. Baird and Sir D. Popham forced the surrender of the colony to the English in 1806, and in 1814, just a century ago, the colony was definitely ceded to England. It was not until 1820 that emigration from England to the colony commenced, but within a few years it made great strides in the settlement and development of the country. In 1848 the Orange River Territory was added to the English possessions in South Africa. The colony of Griqualand was constituted in 1871. In 1877 the Transvaal republic was annexed, but it was not until after many years of warfare that the English rule was finally accepted, and the Transvaal made a part of the new Union of South Africa.

TH HUMAN PROCESSION

QUEEN OF ITALY 41 TODAY.

Queen Elena, the Montenegrin "gathered princess" who now sits upon the throne of united Italy, will celebrate her 41st birthday today. The Italian queen has been called the most constant of hobby riders. While King George is a devoted philatelist, or collector, and King Victor Emmanuel is an enthusiastic numismatist, Queen Elena has a dozen hobbies. Her most recent passion is archaeology, and she has personally directed excavations which have resulted in many remarkable discoveries. Sketching and water-color painting and playing the piano are among her hobbies, and she takes a lively interest in each new addition to the great coin collection of her royal husband. Her heroic devotion to the times of public calamity, such as the Messina earthquake, are too well known to need repetition.

The Italian Queen has been called the "worst-dressed woman in Europe," but, while this is an exaggeration, she assuredly does not manifest any tendency toward brilliant or costly dress. Elena detests court fashions, as does the King, and they never overlook any possible excuse for refraining from giving official receptions and banquets at the Quirinal. Romans often laughingly assert that if the Queen should hear of the death of a native African king, she would immediately go into mourning for him, and thus avoid obnoxious entertaining. When other royal courts go into mourning for a month over the death of a king or prince, the Italian royal family requires a full year to recover from their grief.

Queen Elena's youth was spent in the little mountainous country of Montenegro, and she has hunted, fished, rode, walked and indulged in various outdoor sports. Montenegrins are nearly all exceptionally tall, and the Queen is no exception and she towers a full head above the King.

FROM SCHOOL TEACHER

TO SENATOR.

William Andrews Clark, who rose from the humble position of a country school teacher in Missouri to a seat in the United States Senate and a place among the world's richest men, was born three-quarters of a century ago today in Connelleville, Pa. The builder of the gorgeous Fifth Avenue palace that started even New York, was not born with a golden spoon in his mouth. In his youth he studied law in Iowa, but abandoned his legal ambitions to become a country pedagogue in Missouri. At 23 he went to Colorado and a year later to Montana; where he won fortune as merchant, banker, copper mine owner and manufacturer. He began running for the United States Senate in 1890, when he was nominated by the Democrats and claimed election, but was denied the vote. In 1898 he was again a candidate and was elected, but a contest ensued at Washington and before the investigation was concluded he resigned. In 1901 he made his third try for the Senate and this time he got by.

The Clark mansion in Fifth avenue is one of the slightest points of contact to all the New York robber-baronies. It is about the finest thing in mansions that the American metropolis can show, and the interior is filled with priceless treasures in the way of paintings, furniture, books, tapestries, etc., etc., collected by the former Senator at prodigious prices in foreign lands. When the Clark mansion was sold to the city it is alleged that he gave his employees checks for their work that were accurately computed up to noon of March 4th, and not a minute longer.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AND HE DID.



AND HE DID.

The Old Lady Again
 Mrs. Klawier—Is it true that your cousin, Mr. Perkins, is married?
 Mrs. Blunderby—Yes, Robert has joined the benedictines.

Stale News
 "Are you familiar with the Mexican situation?"
 "Only up to eight o'clock this morning."—Detroit Free Press.

A Tough Bird
 Briggs—Was the turkey Subbubs sent you for Christmas a good one?
 Griggs—Not if the adage is true that "the good die young."

Also The Canal Zoon
 Teacher—How many zones are there, Bobbie?
 Bobbie—Oh, a whole lot. There's the torrid, two temperate, two frigid, and a whole lot of postal zones.

Might Be Arranged
 The Luncher—Look here, waiter, I'm very sorry, but I've only just sufficient money with me to pay the bill, and nothing left for a tip for you.
 The Waiter (condemning)—Would your mind just letting me have another look at the bill, sir?—The Sketch.

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 Dis—I haven't found it so. I can lift my wife quite easily.

Horse Sense Defined

"Come in and have a drink, Old Man."
 "Nothing doing!"
 "What's the matter? Sworn off?"
 "Not directly, but I've resolved that this year I'll exhibit a little horse sense, and that is the ability to say neigh."

No Musle For Him

William (who has been persuaded to contribute to our annual concert)—Can 'ee tinkle "Varmen's Boy," miss? Squire's Daughter—Have you brought your musle?
 William—Musle! I don't sing by musle, I sing by hearsay.—London Opinion.

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