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SUITABLE INDUSTRIES.

On the eve, as we confidently believe, of a great industrial revival in the Maritime Provinces it may be profitable to take note of an article published in The Commercial and Financial World. This article draws attention to the condemnation accorded by the conference of industrial managers of Chambers of Commerce held under the auspices of the United States Chamber of Commerce to those cities which direct indiscriminate efforts towards inducing industries to locate within their boundaries irrespective of whether conditions warrant it or no.

The article says in part: "These trained specialists declared themselves committed in a practical way to the principle of seeking to locate in their cities only those industries for which there is prospect of economical and profitable operation. They concluded that the uneconomically located factory is a loss not only to those who have invested their money in the enterprise but to the community in which it is located. The conference discussed, among other things, the industrial survey as the basis for the determination of economical factory locations. Information thus obtained is drawn upon in presenting the situation from the viewpoint of a particular industry. It covers the natural resources of the community, its industrial resources, its condition of industrial operation, including cost of labor, fuel, water power, materials, transportation; its social conditions and conditions of trade; its financial conditions and available factory sites. If the conditions disclosed do not fit the industry, it is better for the community, the conference decided, to do without it rather than suffer the ill effects its subsequent failure would entail."

This is sound economics. It is better in the long run to have no industries than unsuccessful ones. It is all to have industries which force ahead and expand steadily and these are the ventures we in Saint John should seek to establish in the city. There can be no doubt that the fast rule not susceptible of modification as conditions alter, but several guiding principles can be stated. All manufacture consists of changing raw material into finished or semi-finished articles. Transportation and handling are the main contributors to the eventual cost. Therefore, given power, the industries first indicated should be those which utilize nearby natural resources. Examine our potential resources of forest, farm, fishery and mine and those are the most surely profitable origins of the articles we should manufacture.

But sometimes articles are required in a country which cannot produce the raw material and that raw material is not finished in its country of origin. Therein ports have the advantage over inland cities, again because of transportation and handling, and ports ought to watch these opportunities. Already Saint John has taken steps in this direction and when improvement and extension of port facilities permit more can be pursued.

There are but the broadest of broad generalities and it must be remembered that every project must be examined on its inherent merits and demerits. Bold enterprise is essential, but caution is no less necessary. Let us induce all the industries we can to locate in Saint John, but let us do all in our power to minimize failures which react harmfully in the place where they are situated.

VALENTINO, THE ARTIST.
Art is long, life short. The emotional hysteria which impels women to sob aloud when informed of the death of an artist who, outside his art, can be nothing to them, induces one to think seriously regarding the effect of stage and screen on that type of mind. To the ordinary balanced individual, it is intelligible that powerful acting should so grip an audience as to transport it from reality to the counterfeit and hold them as actual spectators of a genuine drama. Without imagination we should be no more than the beasts of the field and it is imagination that true art stimulates. But it is art, not the artist, that should supply the stimulus. When the personality of the artist, as distinct from his assumed personality, becomes a force, imagination has run riot and individuals who permit this are in a dangerous state.

Valentino was a great artist of his kind. He was particularly great in his repression. He at least never attempted to gain effect by what are commonly called histrionics. Publicity is an essential factor in the economics of the show business, but it is destructive of art in the elevation of the artist. That can be the only excuse for those ladies who, being totally unacquainted with Valentino, except through the characters he played, shed tears at his passing. Not a soul but deprecates the untimely death of an artist so eminent as he. The world is the poorer and a light is extinguished, but art does not die with the artist. Art is long, life short.

If we look back even twenty years, New Brunswick's equipment for the prevention or the treatment of tuberculosis is greatly improved, yet a statement made before the New Brunswick Medical Society here yesterday by Doctor Collins, Superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, shows how great is the need for improvement, particularly in educating the public to a complete realization of the gravity of the problem and the necessity for early treatment. Doctor Collins made the report that seventy-five per cent. of the tubercular patients brought to the institution of which he is the medical director are found to have had no professional attention whatever up to the time of their arrival. That this is a tragedy and a dangerous condition even the merest layman in these matters will see at once. He dwelt upon the importance of discovering signs of the disease at the earliest possible stage. Very evidently the Provincial Department of Health must do still more in awakening the people, and Doctor Collins' remarks should do something to correct the attitude of those who are sometimes disposed to regard the work lightly. It must be extended, not curtailed.

Ottawa despatches intimate that the report of the Duncan Commission may be available in about three or four weeks. In any case it is taken for granted that the recommendations of the Commission will not be made known until after election day. This is well, because it is far better that the report shall not become a matter of partisan discussion on the eve of the general election. The next Federal Government will be confronted with many public issues demanding prompt and courageous action, and so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned there will be none more urgent or demanding more wisdom in treatment than the Duncan report. And it is the Maritimes alone that are affected, but all the nine provinces.

It is said at City Hall that the proposed sprinkler system for the West Side sheds may not be installed this year, some difficulty being encountered in securing all the information requisite before the material can be ordered. The effect upon this city and upon national import and export trade if the sheds and other facilities were destroyed by fire would be very great. The necessity for carrying adequate insurance under any circumstances needs no emphasis. The Mayor and Commissioners, as trustees for the people, have a very heavy responsibility with respect to public property, and it must be supposed that they will lose as little time as possible in establishing a reasonable margin of safety.

The New Brunswick Tourist Association begins today a well organized drive for funds to extend its work. Its immediate objective is modest enough—\$10,000. Considering how manifold are the attractions which this province has and which it should capitalize, it is hardly difficult to think of an enterprise better calculated to pay rich dividends than this tourist work.

Odds and Ends

A Wonderful Camera
(Grove Patterson, in Duluth Herald.)
There is a camera in London which is capable of recording pictures at the rate of 300,000 a minute. Strange that man can make machines more wonderful in some ways than the human body. The human eye, in comparison with the camera, cannot receive more than thirty impressions in a second. The new camera is 150 times as fast. Let a vase be blown up by a charge of powder and this speedy camera will show the particles of the vase being blown from the centre.

Meals for Sponges.
(Montreal Gazette.)
One of the hardest things to believe is that the sponge you use daily is an animal, and not a vegetable growth of the ocean. Sponges live their own lives, and eat their own food of other animals. The separate existence of a sponge begins with the breaking away from the parent of a tiny particle. The latter, after being whirled about for a time by tides and currents, eventually attaches itself to a piece of rock, and from that home it seeks its own livelihood. The food of infant sponges consists of yolk cells, which contain a form of nourishment. Later, as the sponge grows, it becomes something more solid, and this is brought by the currents, which sweep into a basket mouth, stomach—minute particles of new food.

Diamonds in Guinea
(Winnipeg Tribune.)
The production of diamonds in British Guinea in 1925 amounted to 188,207 carats, valued at \$4,097,286, constituting an increase in weight but decrease in value from 1924, the record for which was 184,571 carats, worth \$4,097,437. The peak year was 1923, when 214,747 carats, valued at \$4,808,466, were produced. The output in preceding years was less than in any of the last three.

A Labor Thrust



"Civilization enters Mosul." —From The New Leader, London.

Queer Quirks of Nature

By AUSTIN H. CLARK

ALMOST the whole world over you will see this pretty little butterfly, for the only places where it is not found are the polar regions.

It is the most common butterfly in Egypt, where it flies throughout the year. It is abundant elsewhere in north Africa, in South Africa, and in the higher parts of India. Two years ago it was the most common butterfly in New England, but since then it has almost completely vanished.

This is a shy and nervous butterfly with a rapid dashing flight. Dry, open places, especially dusty roadsides and hot and sandy regions are its favorite haunts. It is very fond of flowers, especially thistle flowers and sweet white flowers like those of the button-bush and privet.

Decaying fruit has an irresistible attraction for this butterfly, and it is not unusual to find it feeding on a prolonged indulgence in an orchard. It sometimes becomes sadly intoxicated. When disturbed, this butterfly commonly circles irregularly about and returns to the place from which it started.

The Political Fray

Conservative

THE VOTE OF CENSURE.
(Toronto Mail and Star.)
To his Edmonton audience Mr. King said that the question of a possible vote of censure upon the Government was a matter of the greatest importance. He said that the Government had been in power for a long time, and that it was necessary to consider the question of its continued tenure. He said that the Government had been successful in many respects, but that it was necessary to consider the question of its continued tenure. He said that the Government had been successful in many respects, but that it was necessary to consider the question of its continued tenure.

MR. MEIGHEN AND C. N. R.
(Edmonton Journal.)
During the last election an effort was made to make it appear that the C. N. R. as a government enterprise would be prejudiced by Mr. Meighen's return to power. As he had the principal part in launching it and did so in the face of strong criticism from the opposition of that time, none of the railway's well-wishers were much disturbed over the prospect of his coming back into office. But doubt is again being cast on his intentions. At New Liskeard on Thursday he denied once again in the most explicit terms that he had any such plans as have been attributed to him. The report that he favored amalgamation with the C. P. R. he described as a "malevolent fabrication from beginning to end."

GROUPS IN POLITICS.
(Ottawa Journal.)
Mr. Porke and a number of his like-minded associates are candidates as Liberal-Progressives; some Labor men are in the field as Labor-Liberals; and a few independent workers of various shades of opinion are also in the field. Mackenzie King has said on numerous occasions that he does not like groups in politics. Ergo, he does not like himself, and who does?

Liberal

CANADA'S PROGRESS.
(Manitoba Free Press.)
Canada has made much progress on the road back to prosperity in the past year that the walls of the political pessimists are scarcely heard any longer. Talk of hard times simply will not go under present conditions. Mr. Meighen does not deny that the country is doing pretty well, and he admits the great increase in the production from the mines and the forests, though he complains that this means the shipping of our natural wealth out of the country. Sir Henry Drayton, acting-premier in denying the report that he might succeed Sir Henry Thornton as head of the National Railways, bears testimony to the "tremendous improvement" made last year by the national system and he says further: "I have now been Acting Minister of Railways for some time, and am pleased to be able to say that I look for an assured improvement this year over last."

Newspapers, too, which have been inclined to be doubtful are now beginning to admit the entirely cheerful outlook in the course of its comment on the prospect for the western harvest, the Montreal Gazette says: "It can be said that no country of like population presents so goodly a promise, the realization of which within the next few weeks will brighten even the gloomiest business outlook." And the Ottawa Journal, the Conservative paper at the capital, remarks: "It is perfectly true that Canada at present is doing fairly well."

ATTACKS ON MR. KING.

(Toronto Star.)
The personal campaign against Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King is notoriously a bitter one, up and down the country from end to end. It is not his policy that is discussed, nor his arguments that are answered, but against him there is turned loose every kind of personal attack. He is abused as no leader has been in politics in this country for many years. A lot of Conservative politicians who never themselves went to the war, and who if they ever got into khaki never accompanied their battalions beyond the pay office nor faced anything more deadly than cameras in front of the Toronto city hall have been denouncing the ex-prime minister because he was not in the war. He has an infinitely better answer than many who criticize him. Now that one reckless slanderer after another launches his vile attacks, it is not surprising that the Conservative party has been exposed as being what it is, one finds it a little trying to read in the press these solemn and pretentious appeals to "both sides" to cease that sort of work. Any such rebuke should be addressed to those who deserve it. Mr. Meighen is not being subjected to coarse personal abuse by the Liberal press. Slanders against the lives of his lieutenants are not being uttered from Liberal platforms one day that have to be withdrawn next day as entirely false.

POEMS—I

LOVE

"My True Love," by Sir Philip Sidney.

IN THIS deathless sonnet, Sidney again proves himself the true poet. This, too, drips with beauty, and can scarcely be matched for quiet simplicity and haunting charm. It should be a part of every lover's testament.

My true love hath my heart, and I have his,
By just exchange one for the other given;
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss;
Thus ever was a better bargain driven:
His heart in me keeps him and me in one,
My heart in his his thoughts and senses guide;
He loves my heart, for once it was his own,
I cherish his, because in me it bides.
His heart his love would receive'd from my sight;
My heart was wounded from his love's light;
For as from me, on him his hurt did light,
So still he thought in me his heart did smart;
Both equal hurt, in this change sought our bliss,
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.
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Other Views

BRITISH POLICY

(The Times.)

The attitude of the British government is altogether friendly. It has a somewhat difficult double duty to perform. It must protect from molestation and annoyances, like arbitrary search, bona fide British merchants and shippers, in the West Indies as elsewhere; but it must make it plain that it does not connive at the British flag being used as a cheap and easy shelter for persons of any nationality or of none, who are enriching themselves by evading the laws of a friendly country. For many reasons the policy of responding obligingly and even generously to these American requests is as wise for the future as it is agreeable in the present. To have met all reasonable expectations of the United States in the past is the strongest ground for that to refuse extravagant demands in the future, and there are signs that in the future campaign for intensified enforcements such claims may be made.

FAMILY LIFE IN CHINA

Victoria de Bunsen, in 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. It has been pointed out that the demand for state relief and even of organized charity on a large scale, sickness and old-age insurance and so on, need never arise at all in China. For the family system supplies these needs of family responsibility, at least in no way incongruous way. It is the slowly evolving social consciousness of the people. No doubt such a sense is sanctioned by Confucianism, but it is brought into strong relief by Christianity, which teaches a common brotherhood over and above the ties of family relationships, and which can modify even the deep reactions of ancestry to it. There were people, a few hours ago, gloating over the promise of a new life age that was made in a street, and was taken to a police station. The officers tried in every way to learn his name. Finally one of them said, "Tell me, what name does your mother call your father?" "Why," said the child, innocently, "she doesn't call him any names; she likes him."

THEY were playing happily together. Then they got to boasting. Said one: "My papa is a numismaticist. You should see his collection of coins." Not to be outdone, his playmate came right back: "That's nothing, my mama is a lepidopterist. She has such a beautiful collection that they wanted it at the police station."

AN OLD actor was wont to claim that he had worked with Booth and Barrett. When questioned about his parts he would always answer, "I did hoofs," and then add, "The drama has gone to pot."

"Why so?" some of the younger generation would indignantly inquire. "Why one day the hoofs were nowadays," was the sad reply.

Just Fun

HEZ WATKINS, of Pine Stump, says he hates to see winter come as late year the sap in his wooden leg froze up and caused the leg to bust, and he reckons as how it might happen again.

FAIRY TALE

ONCE upon a time a man bought a soft collar, and when he wore it, it looked just as it did in the advertisement.

ALL the world's a camera—look pleasant, please.

WE READ of a young couple who were looking for an honest man who was not a con man, and who was not a con man.

ONE of the hard things about farming is resisting the temptation to quit and go fishing with the worms you dig up.

"WHAT'S the best thing to use on your face after shaving?" asks an advertiser in a contest announcement. Those spending in court paster as an answer will not be considered eligible for first prize.

THE only reason Diogenes said he was looking for an honest man was so no one would suspect he stole the lantern.

"S MRS. BLANK an active member of your sewing circle?" "Mercy, no! She never has a word to say—just sits there and sews."

RECOVERING the body—buying a new suit of clothes.

CUSTOMER (at corner grocery store): "Quickly, please, give me a large mouse trap. I want to catch the man who stole my suit of clothes."

CONTEMPT is a feeling you have for people who are not like you.

"SITTING on top of the world," may be very well in song, but it would be a cold seat if the top of the world is at the north pole.

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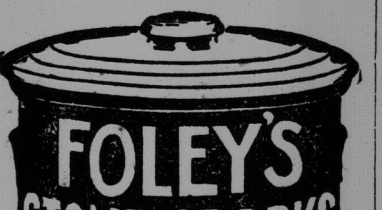
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