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GREEN-EYED JOHNSON

President J. A. Johnson of the Halifax Board of Trade is doing more to create illfeeling between this city and St. John than all the other people of both cities. The Halifax papers which print his libellous statements could be better employed in an interview which the Chronicle printed on Saturday President Johnson said: "The C. P. R. purchasing the D. A. R. means that none of the large passenger boats will go beyond Halifax next winter, which will relieve the nightmare which the officials of that road had every time those boats had to navigate the Bay of Fundy."

This is equivalent to saying that the approach to St. John by way of the Bay of Fundy is dangerous. Yet since the winter port business at St. John began, the C. P. R. steamers and the steamers of other lines have come and gone with greater safety and less fear than they experience in the fog outside of Halifax. There were 114 sailings in the winter port trade of St. John in the season just closed, and the testimony of the steamship men is that the Bay of Fundy is safe and St. John easy of approach. President Johnson has been asleep. He deals in exploded charges and seeks to arouse forgotten prejudices. If he hopes to advance the interests of Halifax by slandering a neighboring port he has less business acumen than should be possessed by the president of a Board of Trade. When in St. John recently he amused St. John people by whining over the proposal to construct a dock here when there is a dock at Halifax. If the President of the Halifax Board of Trade will take a little friendly advice he will drop his references to St. John and the Bay of Fundy and dig up some legitimate reasons for advancing the claims of his own city. Petty jealousy and abuse of neighbors does not add to the dignity of a leading citizen of a city as great as Mr. Johnson believes Halifax to be. St. John dipped down into its pockets to prove that this was a safe winter port, and to build up its trade. It did not abuse its neighbors and pray for some railway corporation to come along to show the way and shoulder the burden.

HALLEY'S COMET

Halley's comet has been this way before. It will doubtless come again. Astronomers knew when and where to look for it, because its course in the heavens has been mapped, and it moves pretty close to schedule time. Within a few months a comet was visible in our heavens, and attracted very little attention. It was a celestial wanderer of an old acquaintance, appearing at long intervals and pursuing an orderly course. For two reasons the people of the earth are not fearful of any disaster to this planet. The first is that they have faith in the Director of the affairs of the universe, and the second is that past experience has shown this celestial visitor to be subject to the reign of law. It is of course conceivable that some body rushing through space might collide with the earth and shatter both to fragments, but there is no reason to expect such an event, or to assume that the universe is merely a chaos of blind force. Halley's comet will come and go, and those astronomers are probably right who say that its passing will have no appreciable effect, even upon the atmosphere of the earth. Persons having paper falling due on Wednesday may as well make the provision usual in such cases.

SOME PLAIN TALK

At the present time much is being said in St. John about the importance of home investment. To "think something, say something and do something for St. John" is the motto pressed upon public attention. This is the new "spirit of the east." There is an article in the last issue of the Maritime Merchant which bears on this point, and which is worthy of universal consideration. Referring to the enormous losses suffered by maritime provinces people in foreign mining and other ventures, it says:

"We have frequently had to deplore the disposition of our people to invest in distant enterprises. Now that the question is to be fore again we wish to ask why

our people as a whole, all over the Maritime Provinces, are so ready to invest in things that they know nothing about, except what they have learned from a clever fiscal agent, and at the same time often look askance at home enterprises, even when they have obviously good chances of success and are promoted by men of integrity and patriotic purpose.

"It seems that there are people who are afraid to invest money at home. They have a strange faith that enables them to trust people of whose integrity and ability they know nothing; and a strange distrust of people whose character they know to be perfectly sound. They just fear—that is all—to invest their money at home. This habit of thought ought to be cured by repeated experience. It ought to be displaced by a willingness to take chances for patriotic reasons.

"There are other people who will not invest in local enterprises because they can't find certain others that have failed. It doesn't occur to them that there are industries which succeed, and that the cause of the failures in the one instance, is just the difference between the men who have conducted the failures and the men who have conducted the successes. Either that, or a hopeful enterprise has been choked off because this senseless fear has prevented people from subscribing the necessary capital.

"The time to have a wholesale repulse is at hand. Let the fearful man forsake his ways and let the man who dwells on failures turn from his habit of thought; and let him return to a normal, healthy-minded, sensible spirit of enterprise. There are lots of possibilities for small industrial enterprises in these provinces that would require but small capital, and yet would pay well and in the aggregate employ a large number of people. No doubt some such investment opportunity will occur here soon. Will the people embrace it? Hitherto their theft has lined the pockets of many a foreign scoundrel. Perhaps they will yet learn to encourage the promoter of home enterprises and put their savings back into the country out of which they have taken them."

Another citizen in today's issue of the Times-Star urges the importance of a King Edward memorial playground for the children of St. John.

If the automobile service on the Millidgeville route will scare off some of the horses seen there on rush days, it should be decorated with the medal of the S. P. C. A.

What the liquor interests most desire is a division in the ranks of their opponents. Any such controversy in St. John would therefore weaken the cause of local option or of total prohibition.

The Standard is wrong. Hon. Dr. Pugh does not stand in the way of a rail road from St. John to Grand Falls, connecting with the Grand Trunk Pacific. He is against a cheap line connecting two points on the C. P. R.

The removal of the body of King Edward from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall tomorrow will be one of the most imposing funeral pageants in the history of London.

The boy who received a gold watch for the daring rescue of a child will cherish the gift, but he has a greater in the possession of a courage and presence of mind which will enable him to meet successfully the difficulties of life.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy confirms the statement that there is likely to be a change of ownership of the Dominion Atlantic. The new owners will be "favorable to the Canadian Pacific." Such a change would mean progress and development.

The comments of the starkest press will cause some uneasiness in London during the stay there of so many crowned heads; but the police arrangements will doubtless be so complete as to prevent any such disturbance on the part of any of these fanatics.

The Toronto Telegram has misgivings. It says: "Hope these pinnacles that are being planned for R. L. Borden in Ontario will turn out better than the pinnacles that were arranged for Mr. Borden in Quebec and didn't come off."

The oil and gas wells in Albert county near Moncton, show greater value with the progress of development work. It is suggested that the gas might be piped to St. John as well as Moncton, and help to solve some industrial problems here. If the deposits are great enough there are vast possibilities associated with their exploitation.

Evidences are not lacking that there is plenty of money in St. John for worthy purposes. In one of the churches yesterday it was stated that recent extensive improvements had all been paid for, the church was out of debt, and had a building fund of \$1,700. In another church it was announced that \$9,500 had been pledged absolutely toward paying off the debt, and another \$2,000 conditionally.

DIDN'T MIND IT.

The Preacher—Doesn't it worry you to have so many patients die on your hands? Young Doctor—No. Just think of the experience I am getting.

"TOUJOUR AMOUR"

(Edmund Clarence Steadman)

Prithce tell me, Dimple-Chin,
At what age doth love begin?
Your blue eyes have nearly seen
Summers three, my fairy queen,
But a miracle of sweets
Softly approaches, sly retreats,
Show the little archer there,
Hidden in your pretty hair,
When didst learn a heart to win?
Prithce tell me, Dimple-Chin!

"Oh," the rosy lips reply,
"I can't tell you if I try."
"Is so long I can't remember,
Ask some younger lass than I."

Tell, O tell me, Grizel-Face
Do your heart and head keep pace?
When does heavy love expire?
When do frosts put out the fire?
Can its embers burn below
All that chill December snow?
Care you still soft hands to press,
Bony heads to smooth and bless?
When does Love give up the chase?
Tell, O tell me, Grizel-Face!

"Ah," the wise old lips reply,
"You may pass and strength may die;
But of Love I can't forego:
Ask some older sage than I."

IN LIGHTER VEIN
NATURAL REPOSITORY.

"There is a draft coming in the window," said his wife.

"Put it in the safe," said the business man, drowsily.—Buffalo Express.

WISDOM.

It's a wise legislator that knows his own constituents, but it's a much wiser constituency that knows its own legislator.—Judge.

THE MAKING OF JOKES.

"This anecdote you have printed is rather old," "But the Congressman I hitched it to is comparatively new," in advising his first term.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

UNHAPPILY SO.

Wareham Long—"You're heard of the milk of human kindness, ain't you?" Goodman Goring—"Yes, but I ain't never seen any but you've been skinned."—Chicago Tribune.

TO CORRESPOND.

Stranger—"What slow time we're making? This is a cross town line, isn't it?" The Other Stranger—"I reckon so. I notice it carries a lot of cross looking passengers."—Chicago Tribune.

AN UNKIND SUGGESTION.

One more question should be added to the usual list of the census enumerators in St. John. Anybody can guess what the question is.—St. John's Republic.

NOT ALONE.

Two young women went to the matinee. They could not get seats together, but were told at the box office that each could have an end seat, centre aisle, in adjoining rows, and most likely somebody who came alone and had a chair next to one of them would obligingly exchange seats.

Near the close of the first act, one of the young women timidly whispered to a heavy, middle-aged man at her side, who had been sitting stiffly and looking straight ahead.

"Are you alone, sir?"

The man buried one side of his face in his programme and breathed:

"Sh! Wife."

THE RULING PASSION.

In a small village in Maine there lives an old soldier who is the subject of the following anecdote, related by the "Youth's Companion."

This old man has for many years received a pension from the government, which, with his small earnings by occasional jobs, has made him comfortable.

One day, while working the house of a neighbor, he slipped at the top of a flight of stairs and fell to the bottom.

The lady of the house heard the noise and hurried to lend the cause.

"My Ambrose," she said, "is that you? Did you fall downstairs?"

"Yes, marm, I did," answered the old man, "and for about a couple of minutes I thought I'd lost my pension."

POLITICIAN WHO
AROUSER "TEDDY'S" IRE

MR. H. F. ROOSEVELT

Gunnar Knudsen, erstwhile premier and now vice president of Norway's parliament, who received a rebuke from Colonel Roosevelt for using his name and quoting him as a partisan in Norwegian politics.

Roosevelt is Knocked

(From the New Haven Courier, Sept. 1st.)

In organizing a Norwegian Amalgam club, Mr. Roosevelt can hardly be congratulated, and it is deplorable that he should stoop into membership a distinguished statesman of that country, a former premier. It is impossible not to believe that the regrettable incident was wholly the result of Mr. Roosevelt's indiscretion and that the apology he forced from the distinguished son of Norway was made out of sheer politeness. Mr. Roosevelt's friends and admirers at home have endured with patience his not infrequent details of statements attributed to him, but it is not easy to do this when he selects as his victim a resident of another country, whose respect for this country was outwitting their respect for the man who is representing them as its representative. Obviously, Mr. Roosevelt has not learned to control his tongue, as for the harm he has done Mr. Knudsen, can only be calculated by the abuse he is receiving from the opposition. Our editors have behaved badly.

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The suit dragged on for the first hundred years, several legal steps being taken, and two more centuries passed and still the suit was unsettled. All during this time the residents of both cities were arrayed against each other, and many conflicts have taken place since the matter was first brought to the eyes of the Mexican courts. The matter was finally laid before the people of the two towns, and after many conferences, a settlement of the case was reached, and the suit in court was formally dismissed. President Diaz had a hand in the settlement, being a native of the town of Yodome.

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MODERN BARBER POLES

The Revolving Pole, Electric or Wind Driven—Steel and Cast Iron

(From the New York Sun)

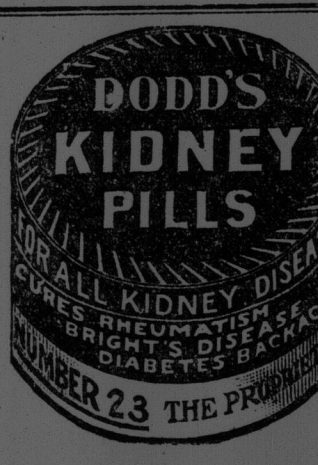
Electricity within recent years has been applied to the barber pole. The electric or revolving barber pole has for a middle section a glass cylinder that is two feet or more in height by about eight inches in diameter, this section being supported on an ornamental base or on a stout brass rod rising from the sidewalk. The glass section of the pole is surmounted by an ornamental cap.

Within the glass section of the pole is another cylinder made of a thin, lightweight, translucent material, upon which are painted the traditional spiral stripes of red, white and blue, the familiar sign of the barber. This inner cylinder is pivoted top and bottom and made to revolve by means of a tiny electric motor attached at the top. Current is carried to this motor on a wire leading from an electric light fixture within the building and up out of sight made the pole's base. Within the inner cylinder of the electric revolving barber pole are two incandescent electric lights by which the pole can be illuminated at night.

The electric barber pole, without a base support, is also made in the form of a bracket pole which can be attached to the front of the building and both these styles of revolving barber poles are also made to be wind-driven. Instead of a motor within it, with wiring connecting it, the wind-driven revolving pole has surmounting its ornamental cap a glazed wind ball in form no unlike a globe-shaped ventilating fan. The wind ball is attached to the pole's inner striped cylinder, and when the breeze turns the ball it turns the inner cylinder.

Formerly all barber poles were made of wood, as still great numbers are; and if a wooden barber pole is made of sound timber and set where the wind will keep dry it will last for many years but if the pole is set where water collects at its foot it will rot there.

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