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THE EXHIBITION
Whenever St. John goes without an exhibition for a year or two, the value of the big show is made clear by the extent to which it is missed.

THE UNWRITTEN LAW
Civilized society hesitates to permit human beings to be chloroformed to death when they are hopelessly ill and suffering intensely, not that it believes any good purpose is served by prolonging life in such cases, but because it is not yet prepared to delegate to one or several persons the power of life and death.

OUT OF WORK
Mr. L. G. Chiozza Money, M.P., writing in the London Leader in May last, quoted from the March Bulletin of the New York State Labor Department the surprising fact that in New York the number of unemployed in 1907 was 1,000,000.

NEW YORK TRADE UNIONS.
A—Number of members simultaneously out of work on the last day of March, 1908. 138,131
Percentage of membership, ditto. 35.7

JOHN BULL'S DINNER
Year by year Great Britain buys more and more of its food supply from the other parts of the Empire. The day is not far away when John Bull, if his navy still refuses to keep the trade routes open, will be able to get his dinner without drawing upon anyone outside the

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It will thus be seen how, in the matter of food products, the British Empire is gradually advancing towards self-sufficiency. As to the future, a Canadian authority says that while the British deputy minister's estimates may be rather high, it seems probable that if our present rate of increase of production is maintained, before the close of the second decade of the twentieth century the Dominion will be able to supply the people of Great Britain and Ireland with all the breadstuffs they will need.

CARELESSNESS AND THE COST
Whether or not Americans and Canadians care less about life and property than do the English, the Germans and the French, it is a fact that life and property are much safer across the Atlantic than they are on this continent.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.
Canadians hear more about railroad building in the West than in the East, but ultimately the East will share in the benefits arising from the great activity of the railroad builders.

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outstanding amount to something like \$50,000,000. Most of the bonds and debenture stock are guaranteed either by the Dominion or Manitoba government. The Wall Street Journal says: "With successful backing, it is manifestly plain that the promoters are well protected in pushing the extensions along."

These railroad builders at present are devoting most of their energies toward gridironing the wheat country. When they have made themselves secure in the traffic-producing areas they will think more and more about the Atlantic port-lands, the "spout" which will empty the "hopper," as Sir William Van Horn expressed it. They will need terminal facilities in the East, and as St. John is the most convenient port they should seek an outlet here.

Another matter for comment is the equally discredit contrast between American and European in the matter of fire and fire losses. Thirty trans-Atlantic cities in the United States have a yearly average of 98 fires to 100,000 inhabitants. In the United States the proportion of fires is 405 to the hundred thousand. In these European cities the annual fire loss per inhabitant is 41 cents. In American cities it is \$3.10.

Although General Kuropatkin writes clearly of the Bezobrazoff company as a provocative agency of mischief-mongering power, there is a restraint when he comes to passing on generalities to details which is suggestive of specifications held in reserve. An editorial note by another hand more than intimates that the czar was a stockholder in a little less "high were many others only."

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STRIKE LEADERS FOUND GUILTY
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DEAF MUTES HAVE A PLEASANT DAY
Outing on the River and Sports in Lancaster.
The delegates to the Maritime Deaf Mutes Association meeting spent an enjoyable day Tuesday on the river and with the sports on the grounds of the Lancaster school, in the afternoon.

EXACT DATE OF ELECTIONS IS YET UNCERTAIN
Polling Day Likely November 3 if Voters' Lists Can Be Printed.
Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The exact date of general elections depends somewhat on the facility with which the revising judges in Northern Ontario and Manitoba complete their work, and the capacity of the printing bureau to turn out the voters lists.

BORDEN AND CROSBY THE CONSERVATIVE TICKET IN HALIFAX
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 28.—The adjourned Liberal-Conservative convention for Halifax met this afternoon. At a meeting last week Mayor A. B. Crosby, who was nominated as the colleague of R. L. Borden, and who took a week to consider significant his acceptance of the nomination.

SUMMER WILL RUN IN WESTMORLAND
Moncton, N. B., Aug. 28.—A meeting of the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association for Westmorland was held here this afternoon, when F. W. Sumner formally accepted the nomination tendered him by the convention at Sackville in June last. He expressed his determination to shortly enter actively upon a canvass of the county and give time and attention to the campaign.

Kings County Probate Court.
Hampton, Kings county, Aug. 26.—In the probate court today the will of the late James M. Campbell, of Upham, farmer, deceased, was proved by F. M. Sprout, one of the witnesses to the signature, and letters testamentary were issued to his executor, Beverly L. R. Campbell and Robert Lackie. The value of the estate is \$850 real, and \$150 personal property.

The Chief Theatrical Cities
(Music and Drama.)
A Paris journalist has devoted his energies toward perfecting statistics to show where the theatre is most popular. His figures show that—which is no surprise—the land of unbounded possibilities comes first. In New York, the American metropolis, the theatres have a seating capacity of 123,355. Then comes London, with 120,960, and Paris takes third place, with 85,331.