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A COMING OPPORTUNITY.

Edmonton is instituting a strong movement for the purpose of securing new industries. The board of trade of this bustling little town has put forward the suggestion that a qualified man be sent through the western states for the purpose of soliciting manufacturers to establish plants in his home city. He will be, of course, a person familiar with the conditions to be found at Edmonton, and able to explain the city's advantages in the most convincing manner. A fund of \$2,500 is being provided to defray expenses, and the intention is to seek just now only such industries as would naturally prosper in the Canadian North West, such as the manufacture of woollens, tanned hides, meat canning plants, cotton mills, and boot factories.

Next week St. John will welcome representatives of the principal industries, and of the leading commercial houses of the Maritime Provinces. The opportunity which will offer by the presence of such an assembly as the board of trade should be fully realized, and it will be the duty of every citizen of St. John to impress upon them the advantages which are to be enjoyed here. As a city St. John has never indicated its belief in advertising—it has remained in the same old rut and allowed other towns, smaller and less attractive, to step ahead. People efforts have from time to time been made towards inducing manufacturers to locate here, but no material result has ever been achieved. We have been very modest in setting forth our claims as an industrial centre, and consequently have rather fallen out of the race. Next week there will be a chance to impress upon a large number of successful business men the fact that in St. John can be found such conditions as should tend to the success of any reasonable undertaking, and we should make these visitors understand it. The opportunity will be a valuable one.

ADVICE TO LABOR UNIONS.

Mr. Alphonse Verville struck the right note in his address last evening to the laboring men of St. John. His interesting talk was based on the text "organize, affiliate with the Canadian Congress and look to legislation to settle all grievances." By following such advice no labor union can go very far astray; by disregarding it and adopting widely different policies much loss both of money and influence will be caused.

Mr. Verville's position is the one which should be adopted by all labor unions of Canada, but unfortunately many of these bodies have thought it best to ally themselves with the American Federation, a foreign organization and one which must under existing conditions, profit greatly from its Canadian branches without giving any adequate return. For years hundreds of working men in St. John, thousands in Canada have been sending monthly contributions to enrich the treasuries of the United States labor bodies and in this way have been paying for the conduct of a great many disputes in which they are not the least concerned and which certainly do not profit them anything. Their wages instead of being used to provide funds for their own unions have paid campaign expenses of people in whom they have no interest, whose affairs are altogether foreign and who should be left to get along without Canadian assistance. Surely the workmen and women of Canada are strong enough to attend to their own affairs. It cannot be that as citizens of the British Empire they believe that foreign intervention is necessary in matters of local concern only. There is no more reason why St. John labor unions should contribute to the funds of the United States federation, than there would be in the Canadian government sending annual donations towards the support of the American navy. If Canadians cannot conduct their own affairs without foreign support, their contentions are not worthy of consideration.

Unionism is the greatest lever labor men ever exercised. This fact is appreciated everywhere and new bodies are continually being organized. It is right and proper that such should be the case, for disagreements can be far more easily settled when the opposing parties are able to treat directly through their acknowledged leaders.

Mr. Verville's advice that disputes should be left to legislation, or arbitration, did not meet with unanimous approval, but among labor men as in all other bodies there are some who would rather fight than eat, who believe in assault rather than persuasion, and unwisely believe in the belief that by peaceable settlement their side must

suffer. There are bound to be serious disagreements between capital and labor, breaks which even the most competent arbitrator cannot prevent, but this is no reason why arbitration should not be tried, and Canadian legislators certainly exercise due regard for the interests of the workmen as well as of the capitalists.

WOULD FATE BE KIND?

Would Fate be kind and give our childhood back,
All the long years which we have left behind,
And bid us walk again the self-same track,
Which we have followed, ignorant and blind—
Should we be glad the same old path to find,
With every sorrow, every loss and lack,
And every burden for the heart and mind—
Would Fate be kind and give our childhood back?

Would Grief's wild storms, Disaster's thunder-crack,
Be recompensed by all Life's joys combined?
Would we toil on beneath Care's heavy pack,
All the long years which we have left behind?
Fair fruits were bitter, underneath the rind,
In bluest skies the tempest gathered black;
Would we rejoice, should Fate her skein unwind,
And bid us walk again the self-same track?

Why change the dates in Time's grim almanac?
Safe with the past let them remain entwined,
Nor carve the path in Life's cramped sodic
Which we have followed, ignorant and blind.

We should not be more happy or resigned,
Nor suffer less from scourge, and knout, and rack,
Briers and thorns with nettles interwined,
If she should send us on the self-same track,
Would Fate be kind?

PRESENCE EXPLAINED.
"My face is my fortune, sir," she said, "How long have you been brooked?" queried the rude man.

Follow editorial No. 2—
"How long do you intend to be gone on your vacation?" "Two weeks' salary and a loan of \$20."

PERHAPS.
"Do you believe in the Darwin theory of evolution?" She—"Yes—and after the monkey became a man it was given the power of speech in order that he might again make a monkey of himself."

FORCE OF HABIT.
"You're rather a young man to be left in charge of a drug store," said the fussy old gentleman. "Have you any diploma?" "Why—no, sir," replied the drug clerk, "but we have a preparation of our own that's just as good."

ATTACHED TO THEM.
Holax—"So you are making a play for the hand of Miss Gotrox, eh? What does your father think of your suit?" Tomix—"I don't know. But judging from my experience last night his dog seems to like my trousers."

WHAT HE MEANT.
"Excuse me, old man," said Ardupp, addressing an old acquaintance who was talking to a friend, "but can I see you apart for a moment?" "You mean alone, don't you?" rejoined the other, as he winked at his friend. "That's it," answered Ardupp, "I want to see you about a loan of \$5 for a few days."

CORRECTED.
Mary had a little man,
He took her out to dine,
But Mary had no little lamb,
Said she: "No lamb for mine!"
She ordered all from soup to nuts,
And finished up with wine.

ALWAYS THERE.
Mary had a dainty foot,
The nicest little thing,
And everywhere that Mary went,
That foot went also.

USES ALL OF THEM.
Bill—I see that there are 27 distinct muscles in the human body, or which 23 are in the head and face.
Jill—And when a man is taking of a wet bathing suit it is believed that he uses all of 'em.

THE LOCALITY.
"Are you in pain, my little man?" the kind old gentleman asked.
"No," answered the boy. "The pain's in me."

Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.

TORQUAY'S SEAWEED.
Torquay is famous for a rare tropical seaweed, the so-called "peacock's tail."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Canada Electric Stock Sold in England—Oxbow, Sask., Was Badly Scorched—Premier Laurier on a Fishing Trip—The Valleyfield Strike.

OXBOW, Sask., Aug. 16.—Yesterday a very serious fire devastated the business section of this town. The fire originated in year of the Christmas block and laid in smouldering ruins the premises of Walsh Bros., general merchandise, W. J. Noble, grain contractor, Percy Gleiser, jeweller, M. Gleiser, Palace Hotel, V. Ferron, pool-keeper, H. C. Diney, wireless contractor, R. G. Shaw, barber, T. L. Oston, boot room, Haines and Wylie, hardware merchants, A. Pilber, artist, Lee Ling, Chinese restaurant, J. Noble, grain buyer, W. J. Morrison, bugies, A. Williams, harness, and T. H. Gregson, insurance agent. Several of the buildings of the Palace Hotel had narrow escapes. The damage is roughly estimated at \$175,000, and several of the parties have no insurance.

TORONTO, Aug. 16.—About thirty-five shareholders of the Canadian General Electric Company met today at a special general meeting called for by the directors, and voted unanimously to increase the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000. Mr. Frederick Nicholls, general manager, read a by-law authorizing the capital increase of the Canadian General Electric Company from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000, of which 20,000 shares were to be new 7 per cent preferred stock, as set forth in a printed circular sent some time ago to each shareholder. "I had an offer of \$25,000 net cash without any expense whatever for this new issue from England," said Nicholls. "It is a question what to do. Canadians have been letting their stock go, and the directors wanted power to do it. When the resolution was put, there was no dissent to the proposition which passed unanimously."

Chief Justice Falconbridge has granted the application of the Buffalo mines for an injunction restraining the defendants on the 29th of August, restraining the Western Federation of Miners, Branch No. 146, and Robt. Rosdhouse, Robt. Kearns, A. L. Besty, Jas. McQuinn, Edward Obyrne, James Hewitt and John Hopper, on behalf of themselves and all other members of Branch 146, from interfering and from using violence or intimidation, or from persistently following, or working, or employing about from place to place, or from besetting or watching buildings or persuading them to break their contracts, or encouraging them to continue on strike, or from unlawfully persuading by speech or otherwise would be employees or from using any person or firms doing business with plaintiffs.

VALLEYFIELD, P. Q., Aug. 15.—The prospects of settlement of the cotton mills strike, in which 2,500 workers are involved, are exceedingly remote, today's developments intensifying the situation. A meeting of the strikers was held tonight at which President Paquette of the union, reported that he had gone to Montreal and seen President Ewing of the Cotton Company, but had not secured settlement. In fact he had come back with the ultimatum from the company. This declared that the men had broken the agreement made last May when an increase of ten per cent was granted. In consequence the company gave notice that the mill would reopen for such as desired to work, but that any one returning to work would have to come back at the rate of wages in force prior to the increase granted last May. President Ewing had told him, Paquette said, that the employees did not return to work, the company would close down the mills indefinitely. Paquette was very bitter against Manager Simpson. Seven years ago Simpson had gone to Ottawa to get the militia. Now he went there to get conscription. He went after a while and landed a sprat, a sentiment which was received with laughter. What had the cotton workers of Valleyfield to do with the labor department, or the Acland remark, which brought forth cheers. The sentiment of the strikers tonight is distinctly hollow.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Aug. 15.—The docks of the Dominion Lumber Company at Blind River, and the lumber piled thereon, were destroyed by fire during the early hours of this morning. About three million feet in all were burned, mostly pine, which was owned by several companies. The total loss will be likely to amount to one hundred thousand dollars, but no details can be secured as to the amount of insurance held by the firms interested. A portion of the 800 fire brigade left on a special train, taking an engine to help fight the flames. Rain fell in torrents after the fire was checked, greatly relieving the anxiety of other firms.

MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—There were no developments today in the telegraphers' strike. Both sides profess confidence in a favorable termination. Or-

ganizer Campbell of the Order of Railway Telegraphers is here, but it is stated emphatically that his presence has no connection with the difficulty.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left this afternoon for Charvite Mills for a few days fishing, as the guest of Solicitor General Borden, next and will return to Ottawa next Friday. It is understood that he will go to Toronto for a few days during his exhibition. Before leaving, Sir Wilfrid attended a meeting of the government at which a couple of hundred orders of a routine nature were put through.

The resignation of Judge Clements of Windsor, was accepted. Judge Clements is retiring from the bench to go into private business.

Leave of absence was granted the sheriff of Dawson to come out for the winter.

Pians for the Grand Trunk depot and hotel at Ottawa were considered but final action upon them was not taken.

There was a \$9,000 fire in Janerville, a suburb of Ottawa, this afternoon. It started in the paint shop of Mr. Proux, which was destroyed, together with a dwelling and shed belonging to the same man. The buildings were valued at \$4,500 and were insured for \$300. The fire spread and destroyed a house belonging to Eugene Favard and a house and stable owned by Joseph Desjardins. In the stables was a valuable bull which was burned. The fire was controlled with great difficulty. At one time it looked as if the whole village would be destroyed. The efforts of those who were engaged in saving the property were embarrassed by a gang of looters who made off with articles from the burning houses and those in the vicinity of the fire. A valuable gold watch belonging to Mrs. David Desjardins was among the articles stolen.

MORE IMPORTANT.

"Did I understand you to say," asked a Mr. Chatters, "that your husband had no vocation?" "Worse than that," replied the minister's wife. "I said he had no vocation."

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(Victoria County News.) The building boom still continues. F. W. Olmstead's large new store is being pushed along; the frame is now all up and mostly boarded in. J. F. McCloskey has almost finished the excavating for the concrete foundation under his hardware store which will be the entire length of the building giving him a cellar about a hundred feet long. The P. Bourgeois and G. Potras buildings are completed, Silvia Martin is putting up a large shop on the lot adjoining his dwelling which he will use as a blacksmith and carriage shop. The McCormick Bros. are excavating for the foundation of a large building which they propose to erect on the site of their building that was burned, which will have stores on the lower flat and tenements on the upper. One of the stores, it is expected, will be occupied as postoffice. The Bank of Montreal has their plans ready and will commence the erection of a handsome building to be used as offices on the ground floor and residence for the manager above. Wm. Price has commenced the erection of a large stable to replace the one burned last fall, and will also build a large ell to the rear of his hotel to be used as kitchen and sleeping rooms. Chas. White has purchased the D. J. Horsman property and expects to remodel it somewhat and occupy it in the near future. The R. C. Church is making fair progress, but the contractor is somewhat delayed for want of help which is very scarce. Messrs. Power & Brewer, contractors for the bridge piers, have been very much delayed on account of the high water which has prevented them from commencing the centre piers, but are making good progress on the shore work having two piers on the Michaud rocks completed, one caisson completed and another started for two more piers. The shore abutment on the Grand Falls side is also completed and makes a fine appearance. The bridge will have eight piers and one abutment. The span over the centre of the river channel will be 325 feet long and all the rest 100 feet. The first pier on the Madawaska side will be well back from the river and will be completely buried by the earth filling which will extend all round it and also up river some distance, making a long and heavy filling on that end of the bridge, while on the Grand Falls end there will be a long and very heavy cutting, at the deepest part 49 feet, thus making this a pretty expensive piece of work. The bridge and approaches will likely cost over \$200,000. The company has also in contemplation for next season the lowering of the yard so as to make an easier grade. A much needed improvement is being made at the station house which is being moved back from the track four feet, thus widening the platform by that much.

AN AMERICAN STATESMAN. (New York Sun.) The subjoining questions and answers are from an alleged interview with the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon in Kansas City: "What do you think of Taft's chances for the nomination?" "Don't know a damned thing about them. These are dog days and no one should think of politics, I don't."

"How about the tariff?" "Oh, hell! Nothing doing, I tell you."

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PROVISIONAL. "Are you foud of change?" "Yes, unless I can get it in larger amounts."

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