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OUR INTEREST AT STAKE

Keen disappointment will be felt in St. John at the failure of the delegation to Ottawa to secure a promise that the Guelph agreement would not be renewed. The Standard in its report says: "Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, will give his attention to the question of the Guelph agreement on his return, and it is likely that before its renewal it will be under the consideration of the cabinet."

It is true the delegation were assured that Halifax would not be named as the exclusive port in the renewal of the Atlantic mail contract, and that the selection of a port would be left to the steamship companies. On the face of this announcement it appears to be satisfactory, but so far as St. John is concerned it must be considered in connection with the Guelph agreement. If the government decided to renew that agreement, and give Halifax an unfair advantage over St. John, it will be taking away with one hand what it gives with the other.

The fight of St. John for its rights has only begun. If the Guelph agreement is renewed incalculable injury will be done to this port. The falling off in trade last winter has created an unfavorable impression abroad, where efforts have been made to interest capitalists in the development of this city, and where figures showing the growth of trade prior to the past winter have been used as a very strong argument to back up the statements made concerning the bright future of St. John. If the Guelph agreement is renewed the port cannot hope for the increase in traffic which on its merits it should receive, and there will be no need of further agitation to secure terminal facilities for business which "by the grace of the I. C. R." is to go on to Halifax.

The visit of the delegation to Ottawa has had one good result. It has shown the citizens that they must carry on a vigorous campaign or run the risk of having the interests of the port sacrificed. It is a significant fact that Mr. Borden did not meet the delegation from St. John. It is also significant that they do not appear to have received from Hon. Mr. Hazen any assurance that they could rely upon him to oppose a renewal of the Guelph agreement, and if his opposition were futile would tender his resignation as a member of the government. The citizens of St. John must fight their own battle, and the city council and board of trade should at once hold a conference to decide upon the next step to be taken in a determined struggle to prevent a renewal of the Guelph agreement.

CONCERNING PLAYGROUNDS.

"Playgrounds, One of Canada's Great Needs," is the title of a striking illustrated booklet just issued by Mr. J. J. Kelso, Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario. In a very striking way the need of greater provision for play and wholesome recreation is set forth, and it is pointed out that there is not a city or town which is at present doing anything like its full duty in this respect. St. John people will be especially interested in what is said about playground progress in Toronto. A Playgrounds Association was organized in 1908, and Mayor Hecken declared in his inaugural address last January that, "the position of Toronto with respect to the encouragement of outdoor recreation is second to no city of like size in America."

"During the past four years," he said, "we have expended the sum of \$1,472,978 in the purchase of park lands and playgrounds, increasing our holdings in that period from 1546 acres to 1845 acres, and today these lands are valued at \$18,000,000." Mr. Hecken pointed out that there is still pressing need of more park lands in some sections, and that these would be provided. Of what the city had done in regard to playgrounds the mayor said: "We have now established thirty-two baseball diamonds, thirty-five football fields, sixty-five tennis courts, six bowling greens, three lacrosse fields and two quelling grounds, and this winter we are operating thirty-four skating rinks, thirty-one hockey rinks, and five toboggan slides. The annual outlay upon these classes of sports totals \$31,000. In 1909 we expended \$1,184 upon supervised playground maintenance, and last year nearly \$18,000. It is proposed during the present year to establish seven additional supervised playgrounds in various parks, which will give a total of fourteen play centres distributed throughout the city."

There is inspiration in these figures for the friends of playgrounds in St. John. We quote a striking paragraph from Mr. Kelso's booklet. "Put your money into a movement that crowds sunshine and happiness into the lives of boys and girls. A playground once secured can never be diverted from its original purpose. There should be a play specialist appointed in

every large city, to put intelligence and enthusiasm into the movement for helping young people to secure proper outdoor enjoyment."

Hon. Robert Rogers will introduce a bill increasing the subsidy for dry docks to 4 per cent. It is now 3 1/2 per cent. Is the St. John dry dock to be increased in dimensions as requested by the city council and board of trade?

In the by-election in Great Grimshy yesterday the Unionist candidate was elected by 420 votes less than the Unionist candidate secured in that constituency in the last election. Evidently the cause is not gaining strength in Great Grimshy.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., in a letter to the Globe informs that journal that no proposal was made to him or by him in any way to hush up the matter of the Dugal charges, and he adds that those who made the charges have been patiently waiting for five weeks for an opportunity to prove them.

Mr. Hasen entertained the St. John delegation at lunch. So far as the record goes he does not appear to have given them any assurance that he would fight tooth and nail against a renewal of the Guelph agreement. How would it do to hold a public meeting in St. John to discuss this question and invite Mr. Hasen to attend?

Whatever tends to bring any group of citizens of Eastern and Western Canada into closer acquaintance and sympathy is good for Canada. The formation of national organizations of one kind and another is a desirable movement. The organization of a Canadian Bar Association, for which Mr. Aikens, K. C., M. P., so ably pleaded last evening, and which local members of the bar unanimously endorsed, is therefore entirely commendable.

From a discussion in the municipal council yesterday it would seem that funds designated for one purpose had in past years been drawn upon for other purposes. This is not a good method of financing, although the county secretary expresses the view that it is common in the various counties of the province. As a matter of sound finance there should be cash on hand whenever the books show a credit balance on any particular account, and each fund should be administered by itself.

The municipal council yesterday acceded to the request for a bond issue of \$80,000 to cover the cost of the tuberculosis hospital, so that it might be made a most substantial building with accommodations for fifty-four patients. The architect says that if a start is made now the building should be ready for occupancy by January next. It may be hoped that there will be no further delay in this matter, and that the situation will be completed within the time mentioned.

After several years of effort St. John has a Children's Aid Society, and the municipal council has placed at its disposal the sum of \$1,500 to enable it to begin its work. There seemed to be some doubt whether the council would be able to provide the money at the present time, and the grant was made subject to the provision that if the amount be not available at once the matter will be brought up again at the July meeting. It may be hoped that the delay will be unnecessary.

In the British parliament yesterday Mr. Asquith said that the only way to carry out an agreed settlement of Home Rule was to pass the original measure and follow it immediately with an amending bill. The Unionists appear to have come to the conclusion that they cannot prevent the passage of the original measure, and the next fight will probably be over the amending bill. Mr. Redmond expressed the hope that a satisfactory settlement would be made, but he held himself free to deal with any amending bill which was not accepted by the Unionists as a satisfactory settlement.

At the annual meeting of the United States Steel Corporation it was stated that more than 30,000 employees of the subsidiary companies are holders of stock in the corporation, and therefore partners in the concern. Six mill employees, bearing proxies from other workmen, attended the annual meeting and told of the material advantages they had derived from the co-operative system—the better working conditions, the higher wages and the welfare work propagated by the company. Where the spirit of co-operation exists between employer and employe there is material advantage to both.

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Alex. born today—Professor A. T. DeLaur, University of Toronto, born in Manila, Ont., 1864. Lieut.-Col. John Bruce, Toronto, born in Beaverton, 1880.

LIGHTER VEIN. A farmer was going through an art institution where a number of models of ancient Greek sculpture were exhibited. He noticed that on one hung a placard saying "Hinds off." "What'n thunder do they have to tell me every time that the hinds is off?" he exclaimed. "Do they reckon we can't see it? Ah! why don't they never say nothing 'bout the arms and legs bein' off too?"

There is a Baltimore divine who can administer a rebuke delicately, but, on occasion, he sees it that the point is plain. Once a wealthy member of his congregation, who is very close to the minister, spoke of his intention to go abroad. "I have never been on the ocean," said he to the clergyman, "and I would like to learn of something that will prevent me from becoming seasick." "You might swallow a dime," said the divine. "You'll never give that up."

"O, yes, Martha sings in the choir and she has about the best voice of any one in it," boasted Martha's aunt, who may not have known much about music, but who certainly knew all about choir. "Isn't that boasting just a little?" gently inquired her husband. "No, it ain't. I've noticed Martha's aunt. I know she's the best singer in the lot because no one else in the choir will speak to her!"—Lippincott's.

The class had seemed exceptionally bright and intelligent that afternoon and in consequence there was a look of smug satisfaction on the teacher's face. "Now, James," she asked, "do you really understand the meaning of 'extinct'?" "Yes'm," replied James. "Then name one bird that is now extinct." "James hesitated a moment, then—'Chipper,' he exclaimed. "'Chipper' inquired the teacher, 'And what kind of bird is that?' 'My pet pigeon,' came the reply. 'The cat caught him this morning!'"

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