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OUR SAILOR PRINCE

TODAY for a spell all too brief Saint John will be honored by the presence of Prince George, the King's youngest son. During his Royal Highness' rapid trip from coast to coast Canada has seized the opportunity once more to express her unalterable devotion to the House of Windsor by tendering welcome to this sailor prince, son of a sailor King of a sailor nation, namesake of England's patron saint. Saint John will be behind in this regard, and the sole regret of the loyalist city is that Prince George's brief sojourn renders impossible welcome of more elaborate scale. But if expression of Saint John's appreciation be limited by circumstances beyond the city's control, the settlement of her citizens will not feel deep and true on that account.

Prince George seems destined to be the sailor Prince of his generation. His Royal Father was intended to have held that unofficial title; indeed he did so until the death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, brought him into the direct line of succession. The present Duke of York was intended to be our sailor prince, but unfortunately for him—and perhaps fortunately for Prince George—his health was declared not sufficiently robust to admit of his pursuing actively the profession wherein he was already trained. Prince George therefore was entered as a cadet. His naval career has been that of any other, because by the King's expressed wish he has not been privileged in any way.

Now Prince George is on his way home from the China Station, and through the route of this route rather than via Singapore, Colombo and Suez, Saint John is privileged to tender its greetings to a lovable personality and, through him, to his sire, our gracious King. To Prince George, Saint John wishes a safe and pleasant voyage, a happy return to his own country, a long, bright and useful life, and to his Royal Father Saint John wishes him to hear our loyal assurance of unswerving and unimpaired devotion and fealty. Welcome and bon voyage to Prince George.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

THE RECORD of accomplishment unequalled in the past history of the Saint John Board of Trade was retold in the report of President L. W. Simms at the annual meeting in the Admiral Beatty last evening. It will be conceded universally that, as was pointed out by Mr. George E. Macdougall in moving the adoption of the report, a great deal of the success of the year's work is due to the fact that Mr. Simms was its President. But Mr. Simms in turn paid a notable tribute to two other men whose work has been of inestimable value. These two are Mr. P. Macdougall and Mr. A. P. Patterson, who were the working arm of the Board, and Mr. A. P. Patterson, whose work in connection with the preparation of the Maritime Commission is aspects all praise. It is, of course, the broader of the Board's activities, for in that lies the seed of growth which will be of the highest value to Saint John as well as to the Maritimes in the years to come.

That was a remarkable retrospect to which President Simms directed attention, and which covers only sixteen months. It should perhaps be necessary to go back a little farther, for the real awakening to brighter prospects took place while the story of the Maritimes was being told to the west of Canada. It was at the Montreal Conference was held, followed by those at Charlottetown and Winnipeg, and the appointment of the Duncan Commission and the reference of the Maritime case in regard to transportation to the Railway Commission. But, beginning with the Montreal Conference and considering what has since transpired, it is not only a heartening but a really amazing record of accomplishment within a comparatively short period. To the Saint John Board of Trade belongs the highest credit that can possibly be given for the work it performed from the beginning of that period to the present time. But for this Board our case would not have been so well presented, and this we know because Sir Andrew Rae Duncan said that no presentation made before the Commission was more clear and comprehensive than that submitted by the Saint John Board of Trade.

But it was not alone in the larger field of its activities that the Board performed great services. Recognizing that the great need of Saint John is an increased number of industries, the Board has been striving to secure them, and President Simms last night expressed confidence that of three which had been sought one will soon be with us, while there is a good prospect of the coming of a second. The Board also had much to do with encouraging the Provincial Government to consider a revision of the mining laws, which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the province. It has labored earnestly to bring about closer co-operation between farmers and business men, and much benefit is certain to accrue from the conference to be held in this city in January. It is unnecessary to review the whole field of the Board's activities. That will be found in a report of the President's address in this issue, which should be thoughtfully read by every citizen. It was significant of the new spirit that actuates the Board that on such a night of storm as last night there should be a perhaps unparalleled attendance of members at the annual meeting. With President Simms still at the helm, and with Mr. P. Macdougall at his right hand, and with such an executive of able men as will surround them, we may look forward to another year of splendid achievement.

Very high tributes were paid last night to Mr. Patterson. They were fully deserved. He has the vision, the knowledge born of experience, a faith in the future of the Maritimes which is shared by all too few of the native born, and an enthusiasm that knows no limitations when there is work of importance to be done.

For more than a century Saint John has had a Board of Trade. Never has it had so able and representative a Board as at the present time. That Board deserves in an ever increasing degree the support of the citizens at large.

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Poems I Love

BY CHAS. HANSON TOWNE

"When I heard the Lord's Astronomer," by Walt Whitman.

WHITMAN, the most thoroughly American of all our poets, a pioneer who paved the way for a new kind of magic, is undeniably great. His free, untrammelled measures are a symbol of his limitless scope. He was in love with Nature, no less than with Democracy; and in this cosmic poem he reveals that passionate desire to understand the mystery of the universe. Note the glorious sweep of his song.

When I heard the Lord's astronomer, where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room, How soon, unaccountable, I became tired and sick, Till, rising and gliding out, I wand'ring off by myself, In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time, Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars. (Copyright, 1926.)

After Dinner Stories

WHEN S. F. Martin, of Maryville, Mo., an amateur operating station SKCS, received a message recently to be relayed through his station he was somewhat disconcerted to note that the address was simply "In the Arctic."

Remembering, however, that the Canadian government steamship Boathouse was at that time in Arctic waters, and knowing also that this ship had a short wave radio outfit on board similar to his own, he immediately put his set into operation in an effort to get in communication with the boat's operator. After a few hours he was successful and passed the message to the Boathouse.

A few days later he was agreeably surprised to get an acknowledgment.

Timely Views On World Topics

SAYS CANADA OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO U. S. BUSINESS

By Sir Henry Thornton, President, Canadian National Railways

WHILE there is still plenty of "white room" for the population of the United States the time is coming when increasing population will lessen opportunity for large numbers of Americans.

Canada is hoping that some of them will turn toward her sparsely settled regions for the establishment of new homes. In my tour of the West, I was gratified to see both the Canadian and American consumers of healthy economic conditions which prevail. The farmers are happy and contented, and the stock raisers are happy and contented. The good crops of the last three or four years. They are able to enjoy many of the luxuries of life, among which I do not count automobiles which have become a necessity. My first message to those Americans who are seeking greater opportunity is "Come to Canada."

The vast undeveloped water power in Canada constitutes one of the chief attractions for American manufacturers. But what has been done in this field of water power development has merely scratched the surface, although it is an indication of what sound American manufacturers think of the possibilities in Canada along this line.

Immigration to Canada in the last year has got back to normal after the interruption caused by the war. The present government, which has a strong majority, has embarked on a definite immigration policy, which is offering every encouragement to immigrants of the preferred type. Cheap labor and a consequent creation of race problems, will be avoided to maintain the high standard of living at present prevailing.

In Vancouver last year there were 2,000 houses built, not as a real estate speculation but for the actual use of the owners. This section is showing a particularly healthy growth along with the shipping tonnage in and out of Vancouver last year was greater by a few thousands than that of San Francisco. The Canadian merchant marine, consisting of 40 vessels, is operated by the Canadian National Railways and during the last year has shown a slight profit. Labor conditions offer no serious problem and trade unions and employers are, in general, working on a friendly basis.

Queer Quirks of Nature

THE PRUNE IS A VISITING PLUM.

By ARTHUR N. PACK. PRUNES that smile at us from the breakfast table; prunes candied and snugly packed in jars; prunes disguised in many forms as desserts—the poor prune, much maligned, continues to be set before us. Where do they all come from?

The prune is a species of plum, and was first imported to this country from France less than a century ago. Now most of those we consume are grown in California, Oregon and Washington. In the Santa Clara Valley of California, San Jose, the principal city, is frequently called Pruneville, since this area produces more for its size than any other region in the world.

The climatic requirements of prunes are peculiar. Abundance of sunshine and warm weather are necessary, and since prunes are particularly sensitive to frost and wind during the blossoming and setting periods, many prune-growers heat their orchards at night at these times with the aid of specially designed oil heaters.

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saying that the message had been delivered to the proper party, a Royal northwest policeman on duty in the far north, who in thanking the amateur operator wished to explain that this message was the second he had received from home in two years.

Gift Suggestions

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The above are a few of the many gifts that are always acceptable.

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night to keep from washing his face in the morning.

EVEN the quiet girl likes a tennis racket.

SINGERS come and go, but the phonograph will scream out their voices forever.

A BRUTE is a man who won't shave when company's coming.

FAIRY STORY: So she took the dress back and ordered it leghemmed.

WIFEY: "Anyhow, a woman's mind is always cleaner than a man's." Hubby: "It ought to be. It changes often."

INDEED, we were not surprised to find young Able putting acid on the goldfish to see if they were plated.

"HOW come you'll in jail again, Hassius?" "Case of mistaken identity?" "Who they mistake you for?" "Didn't mistake me for nobody. Ah, mistook a prohibition agent for a good customer."

Just Fun

BONG: "For Gosh sakes, Jack, what's happened to you? You look like a pounded steak."

Bump: "Oh, nothing much, only my massaw owed me four hundred dollars and I let him take it out in trade."

SWIMMING suits don't seem to be nothing but a couple of armholes haphazardly held together.

SHOW us a husband who beats his wife and we'll show you a wife who's devoted to her husband.

I SEE your husband is back from his fishing trip. Did he bring in a good string?" "No, but he came home with a long yarn."

FRANK says that the laziest man he can imagine is one who sits up all

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