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#### THE PORT.

The June number of the Journal of Commerce will be read with particular interest by all interested in Saint John. In addition to a colored cover depicting our harbor, there is a special article dealing with the port and an editorial on the same subject.

The last is accompanied by a map which unfortunately does not include Partridge Island, so giving an unduly open appearance to the channel. It deals with the advantages Saint John enjoys as well as the disadvantages under which she labors. The article says in part:

It would appear that there are two important adjustments which require to be made if the Port of Saint John is to compete successfully with the other Atlantic Ports to the south of it for Trans-Atlantic business.

First, the Canadian Pacific Railway should give the Canadian National Railway running rights over their tracks into West Saint John, and these two roads should work together with a view to concentrating the overseas traffic on this side of the Port. In this way much duplication of facilities would be avoided and a very considerable unnecessary expense saved. To create safe berths for ocean-going vessels in the vicinity of Courtenay Bay, much blasting of the bottom will have to be done. Moreover, the annual expenditure for dredging the channel to these berths will be very heavy since it lies directly in the path of the southwest gale.

Secondly, this west half of Saint John Harbor should be taken over by the Government and made a free port. At the present time vessels calling for a cargo of Canadian grain or other produce may enter the Port of Portland, Maine, and take their cargo from the wharves of the Canadian National Railway without having to pay the "side end top" wharfage exacted by the Port of Saint John. If the Canadian Government finds it necessary to maintain a free port in a foreign country for the shipment of Canadian goods, why should it not create the same facilities for the shipment of Canadian goods from a Canadian port?

Substantially I will agree with this, though few will admit that the expense of blasting and dredging of Courtenay Bay would be incommensurate with the construction of such a port as we intend Saint John shall be. Again Partridge Island and the breakers appear to have been overlooked. Furthermore, the nationalizing of the West Side only would be but making two bits of a cherry, insofar as the available space for wharves on the West Side will soon be taken up and it is as well to have construction in advance of needs rather than behind.

That the port be made "free" of top and side wharfage dues is one of the contentions of His Worship Mayor White. And as the final query—echo answers, "Why Not?"

#### JONAH AND THE WHALE.

At a recent meeting of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association, held in Toronto, Miss Constance Maynard said that of all the fish stories in the world that of Jonah and the whale was the most unfortunate, because the question of its credibility was linked up with the acceptance or rejection of the literal interpretation of the Scriptures.

It has been pointed out that biologists have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the sceptical that the structures of the throat and stomach of the whale would not permit of the deglutition of an adult human body entire, nor if that were possible, could the subject of so dreadful a repast survive the early stages of the meal.

At the meeting referred to, Dr. Arthur L. Brown, described as a noted surgeon of Vancouver, was able to support the literalness of the narrative contained in the first chapter of Jonah by citing a modern instance of a man surviving the ordeal of enlarging the waist measurement of a whale for a considerable period.

Dr. Brown proceeded to describe an actual incident of a similar feat. "The incident occurred in 1895," said the doctor.

"It was an English whaling vessel, the Star of the East, which was sailing in southern seas. It sighted two big sperm whales. One of them was harpooned and was towed. In its dying struggles, it upset one of the whaler's boats, containing half a dozen men. One of these men could not be found and was given up as drowned."

"The Star of the East," Dr. Brown said, "got the whale. It took one and a half days to cut him up. When, at last, they reached the stomach, they found the man. James Bartley, rolled up in a ball. He was alive, but the two or three days was a raving maniac."

"Bartley, afterwards in his testimony, said it was like being in a most uncomfortable. He declared he found no trouble in breathing. It was the terrible nervous shock, and the fear of what would be his fate, that caused him temporarily to lose his mind."

"So," Dr. Brown went on, "there's nothing very miraculous about Jonah's being in the fish's stomach for three days. In any case, the Bible doesn't say it was a whale that swallowed him. The Bible says it was a large fish. Whether Mariner Bartley's story is authentic or merely a 'whale' of a fish story must be left to the reader to decide."

#### Just Fun

HE—"Have you got a date?"

FLORIDA MISS (indignantly)—"No! What do you think I am, a California fruit store?"

We often wonder as we roam Down life's beaten track How an armored knight in days of old Contrived to scratch his back.

TWO thousand years ago, Aescop said: "I there's anything good in a man it's bound to come out on an ocean voyage."

HE WHO laughs at his own jokes usually laughs alone unless he is telling the joke to a group of faithful employees.

"AW, JUDGE," whines the Chicagoan, "that was my first murder in a week."

THE Charleston dance is being prohibited often enough to become popular.

"I SAW your girl this afternoon." "Did you see her new gold tooth?" "No, she had her mouth closed."

"Then it wasn't my girl."

ANOTHER kind of fool is the one who doesn't know it isn't smart to say unkind things.

MANY people who went to school would have a hard time proving it.

The lady moon has silver hair, She's quite aloft and brightly too, But she can be superlative fair: That's if she takes a shine to you.

THERE are people who are always giving special rates—Special high rates.

"RABBIT, does you love me?" "MANDY, you is one woman I don't like none other no better than."

WOMEN used to say they had nothing to wear, but it was a joke. Now it is almost the truth.

#### Other Views

##### MINERS AND MINE OWNERS.

London Daily Telegraph.

The basic requirement is that working costs must be brought down. Profits have gone, if we take the mines of the country as a whole. It is said that the miners alone are asked to make a sacrifice in order to keep the pits open. That is, in a sense, true, but only because the sacrifices of others have been made.

##### INFLATED DEBATES.

Le Devoir.

It is intolerable that the common should employ three-quarters of their time in listening to speeches which have no new matter in them. Some party or group leaders have talked with intelligence and have said new and interesting things; but seventy-five per cent. of the remaining members have talked hither to for the sake of their voters only, rambling on about purely local matters, or hushing up old party quarrels which practically everybody would much rather never hear mentioned. This is why, at the end of May, Parliament is barely more advanced than it was at the beginning of January.

##### A STUDY IN CONTRASTS.

Halifax Herald.

Lloyd George will fall fighting; Lord Asquith is an old man, and tired. He was great in times that called for his own style of statesmanship; but he was one of the "bottle intellectuals" who could not stand the crushing weight of war conditions. Lloyd George threw on what overwhelmed the chief under whom he had served for a decade. All the dynamic Welshman asked was a blank cheque—and a free hand. Asquith, Grey, Simon, those who are arrayed against him, were hesitating and waiting and seeing while Lloyd George was acting ten years ago. As the string days of the war recede into the past we are liable to forget these things; liable to forget who failed—and who organized victory.

Close Friday 10 p.m.  
Sat. 1 p.m.

My Town Can't Be Too Good

("With" Chaffee in The Literary Digest.)

My Town can't be too good for me, Nor I too big or good for it; Though small in size My Town may I'd have it big in "Push" and "Grit."

My Town must meet emergencies With dauntless courage, vim and "Pep"; Though progress is not bought with ease, My Town must not get "out of step."

My Town must tackle every task—Go forward always—never back down. No foreign suns though I may lack, I'd think with pride of this, My Town.

My Town, of course, is good enough, No matter how my fortunes swell, Nor yet how fortune may reuff. My Town's defamers I would quell.

—And yet, down deep within my heart I know My Town improved could be; To help improve I'll do my part—My Town can't be too good for me!

"No Interest in Politics."

(Edmonton Journal.)

We always have with us those who say that they take no interest in politics. This remark will be heard frequently during the impending election campaign. The answer which Rev. Hugh Price-Hughes gave to all such many years ago is still worth quoting. When a man makes this confession, he is saying that he has been all his life enjoying his political privileges and grossly neglecting his political duties, which is scarcely to his credit. As a matter of fact, he declared, "politics, correctly understood, is simply the science of life—the doctrine of the way in which I am to do my duty to my neighbor, which is an essential part of true religion."

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#### Dutch Sarcasm



England: "I never expected this from you, Germany, who are all most engaged to Mr. League of Nations."

—De Notenkraker, Amsterdam.

#### POEMS I LOVE

"An Epitaph on a Husbandman," by Charles G. D. Roberts.

THIS Canadian poet, now living in England, abandoned poetry some years ago, and devoted himself to poetic prose. He is a cousin of Bliss Carman. He has written many beautiful nature stories; but some of the poems he wrote in his youth seem to me still the best product of his prolific pen.

This elegy has the very odor and tang of the earth in it.

He who would start and rise Before the crowing cocks— No more he lifts his eyes, Whoever knicks.

He who before the stars Would call the cattle home— They wait about the bars For him to come.

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#### The Very Idea!

By Hal Cockburn

I GUESS a dad's a sort of pest at morning, when he's gettin' dressed. With heaps of trouble he seems blest—"I'm shy a button my vest!"

By little things he's oft delayed and, as result, a fuss is made. He always needs the good wife's aid—"The collar on my shirt is frayed."

He has a tough time getting by, while dressing he will puff and sigh. And ere he's through you'll hear him cry, "Hey, mom, come help me tie my tie!"

Then, when he's set, to his down town, you'll find him seaching all around. No wonder pop gets mother's goat. "Say, where the heck's my hat and coat?"

A cat will always give a lick and a promise not to cry over spilt milk.

At least you gotta give spinach credit for giving kids something to object to eating.

When a girl explains she can't stand in the sun, on account of the dress she's wearing, it's a pretty thin excuse.

FABLES IN FACT.

THE TYPEWRITER MAN HAD A HABIT OF CALLING UP HIS CUSTOMERS JUST TO BE SURE HIS MACHINES WERE RUNNING ALL RIGHT. PERIOD HE PHONED A CERTAIN OFFICE AND SAID: "COMMA QUOTATION MARK DOES YOUR TYPEWRITER NEED REPAIRING? QUESTION MARK QUOTATION MARK AND THE OFFICE BOY TOLD HIM HE GUESSED SO. COMMA CAUSE SHE'D JUST LEFT FOR THE DENTIST'S OFFICE PERIOD."

DINNER STORIES

ON FIRST night's sentry duty in the late war a colored doughboy called:

"Halt! Who goes there?" "Officer of the day."

The officer advanced a few steps, when again he was halted, whereupon he exclaimed: "This is the second time you've halted me! What do you intend to do?"

"Nevah you-all mind what Ah'm gwine ter do. Ma orders is, 'Say halt three times an' then shoot!'"

THE applicant for the situation as cook was insolent-looking and untidy.

"Don't engage her," whispered Dunn to his wife. "I don't like the look of her."

"But," remonstrated his wife, "just consider the reputation for cooking she bears."

"That doesn't matter," said Dunn, testily. "We don't want any she bears cooked. We don't like them."

OUR ideals are often a personal matter, and after all, it is just as well to be humble about our achievements. A certain woman was brought before a magistrate.

"It appears to be your record, Mary Moselle," said the magistrate, "that you have been convicted of stealing thirty-five times."

"I guess, your honor," replied Mary, "that is right. No woman is perfect."

Of all the large cats, the jaguar seems the most muscular. His short, powerful legs support a body which is thick and almost clumsy in appearance. But this yellow-orange coat, marked with spots and rosettes of black and rich brown, is one of the most beautiful borne by an animal.

Travelers tell us that his spotted skin helps to make him inconspicuous on the sun-flecked forest floor.

The jaguar, though somewhat dreaded by the people of the jungle, rarely attacks man, though his great strength makes him a powerful opponent. He easily overcomes any of the animals of his region.

The peccary lives in constant terror of the great cat, and is a favorite food. Dogs are relished, and are sometimes snatched up from camps before the eyes of their masters, and doubtless even to their relief, for had the dog been lacking, the man would have served just as well.

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