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EQUIPPING THE PORTS
Hon. Mr. Sifton, speaking before the Canadian Club, Toronto, a few days ago, made some remarks concerning the equipment of Canadian ports and the perfection of a national system of transportation, which are of interest here at a time when the future of our own harbor is the subject of much thought. He said in part:

"Remember, Canada is and must be in the future, an exporting country. It is upon our facilities for export that the remuneration of our producers will depend. The St. Lawrence route should be as perfect as science can make it.
"I have said to my colleagues before, and am prepared to say so again, that the people of Canada were justified in spending any amount of money to provide safe routes for the transportation of goods for export. There was no use of building up an export trade unless a safe route for ocean transportation was provided. Much has been spent, but much remained to be done. The parliament, people and the press should assert their belief in the necessity of an improved route, and make it plain that the Minister who neglected his duty in this regard would meet with their condemnation.
"Then, too, there is the equipment of the ports of Halifax, St. John and Montreal, and to some extent Toronto, and Port William and Port Arthur.
He advocated the establishment of a complete system of consular commercial agents under the guidance of a trade agent. Canada now had a few good trade agents, but the consular manner in which the problem had been attacked would not do. Every available avenue of trade should be opened up.
As Mr. Sifton left the cabinet only recently and still enjoys the confidence of his former colleagues—or most of them—it may be inferred that he would not have used the words quoted, in reference to the equipment of ports, unless the matter had been discussed favorably by the government.
A delegation is about to go to Ottawa to ask that the government do certain dredging work. The mission of this delegation is said to be broader than would appear from this statement alone. Dredging implies wharf-building, but we do not yet know who is to pay for the wharf or wharves it is proposed to construct, or whether the construction is to be part of some definite plan of harbor development. The government may well ask where St. John stands, whether it is prepared to turn over, all or some, of its harbor property to the government, and on what conditions; whether, on the other hand, it favors a harbor commission. The delegates who are going to Ottawa cannot speak for the city in these matters, since they have neither the requisite knowledge nor authority. The Common Council has no harbor policy; there is none. The delegates, if they get some. They may learn whether, or not Mr. Sifton, in his Toronto speech, foreshadowed the government's policy with respect to St. John and Halifax, and when, if ever, it is proposed to begin work. So far as St. John is concerned, as Sir Thomas Shaughnessy pointed out recently, the future of the port is imperilled by inaction and doubt.

RUSSIA'S LAST THROW
As Rojensky's passes Singapore, Russia makes her last throw of the dice, and a desperate one it is. It has been shown that while Japan holds the sea, Russia cannot keep the field in Manchuria. The earlier victories of Admiral Togo made possible the victorious campaign on land. Now, if St. Petersburg advises are reliable, Rojensky, who is already in the danger zone, will push on to meet the Japanese fleet in a final battle for naval supremacy. The Russian Admiral has more ships, and even more first-class battleships, than Japan can send to meet him, yet naval experts regard the odds as heavily against the Russians.
Admiral Togo's fleet, at the beginning of the war, was numerically inferior, yet he closed the seas of the enemy's ships, and all but the three cruisers sent shut in at Vladivostok, were sunk or captured. Admiral Togo will again face a numerically superior combination of ships, but his own are faster and in better condition, and more important still, are manned by veterans whose courage and cunning have been proved.
As it stands today the Russians seem to be hunting for Togo. But one expects that the Japanese Nelson will strike first, and unexpectedly. The slow and unwieldy Russian fleet is an inviting target for attack by destroyers or swift cruisers,

and it will be strange if its number is not materially lessened by these agencies before Togo risks his four remaining battleships in inflicting the final blow. The man who lured Makarov off of Port Arthur and over the mines prepared for him, is confidently expected to dispose of the remaining sea power of the Russians, and thus remove for all time the menace to communication between Japan and her armies in Manchuria. The voyage of Rojensky, begun in disgrace, may soon be marked by some of the most tragic and exciting incidents of a great war.
The future of Japan depends upon Admiral Togo. If he succeeds Russia will have lost what at best is a gambler's throw for victory; her flag will be banished from the Pacific, her dream of Asiatic dominion will be dispelled beyond recall.

USELESS TROUBLE
Considerable comment has been elicited by an editorial in the Toronto Globe of last Saturday, in which the leading Liberal newspaper laments the new and troublesome developments in connection with the Autonomy Bill, and earnestly reaffirms its conclusion that the Government borrowed a dangerous amount of trouble by attempting in the first place to deal with a question which should have been left entirely in the hands of the new provinces. The Globe, which asserts that the trouble is by no means over, says in part:

"The situation at Ottawa is to the last degree critical. To deny its criticalness is to misunderstand its character. To regard it as a passing incident, which will be forgotten within nine days of the vote, is to misjudge the quality and the temper of the convictions and prejudices on both sides of the controversy. The warring and irreconcilable elements in the situation, and the peril of the outcome, create a very real and a very serious crisis. But what brought about this crisis? Frankly, it had its origin in the seemingly incurable tendency of the Federal Parliament to encroach on the sphere of the Provincial Legislatures. That tendency persists from one administration to another. This question of education is the more dangerous because education has been the storm-centre of the worst and most hurtful controversies of the past."

The attempt of the Government to deal with the matter has, the Globe points out, created intense confusion and humiliation. The Sharrett incident has "added to the acuteness of the crisis."
"The intrusion of Mr. Sharrett, and the raising of the school question in connection with the enlargement of Manitoba, is only an aggravation of the trouble, and adds to the acuteness of the crisis. The intelligent people of Canada have no share in the abuse of the Federal Legislature, but neither he nor any other ecclesiastic, nor any deputation or committee of any Church, Protestant or Catholic, can with impunity hold conferences with politicians, and negotiate for the settlement of political problems because of their ecclesiastical standing or their supposed control of a corporate vote."
The Globe believes there is no way out of the crisis that is free from danger and loss to both political parties and to the highest interests of the country. It is pointed out that whatever the Government may now do, the people of the new provinces will settle the school question for themselves.
"The Dominion Parliament has trouble enough of its own without borrowing from the Provincial arena. In the last analysis the question must be faced by the Provinces, and it will never be settled except at the feet of the Provincial Legislatures. Why, then, should Parliament deceive itself, and continue to vex the country over a question which Parliament cannot solve?"
The question is unanswerable. For all that, one may believe the intense feeling raised by the school controversy will subside sooner than the Globe now believes. This is going to be a very busy and business-like country during the next decade or two, and while the politicians will recall these days for their own purposes we may hope that the growing, bustling population will not be greatly moved by their reminiscences.

THE MISPEC
The citizens of St. John, in the bill regarding the extension of the water system, make the simple request that the door be closed against another Spruce Lake campaign. The bill is short and simple. It does not propose to rob any riparian owner of his rights.
By very slight alteration this measure could be made the ally of lawyers who do not care to see remunerative damage suits slip through their fingers. The bill deals with a local situation of little interest outside St. John. The people here are naturally deeply concerned about it, feeling, as they do, that its failure to pass would lead to delay and perhaps to an immense expenditure in addition to that already undertaken in connection with the Loch Lomond project.
It is clearly within the power of the government to safeguard St. John's interests in this matter, and liberal treatment of the bill will be expected.

NOTE AND COMMENT.
Mr. Sifton's successor goes back to Edmonton for reelection early next month. There will be little doubt about the result.
"The best evidence of the value of the Halifax Board of Trade as at present constituted is the ease with which new people can be interested," says the Maritime Merchant. "Not long since one member of the Rooms and Membership Committee handed in twenty-four applications, saying that he found no difficulty in getting new

members, because people now recognize that the Board is a 'live' organization and is working along the right lines to forward the city's interests. The membership now numbers about 440."

Fredericton is becoming the lobbyist's paradise. What sort of influence do these genial visitors radiate? The citizens should get the secret even if they have to pay for it. It would be worth the money.
Work on the Loch Lomond extension may be begun by May 15, in which case it should be completed before Christmas. We now seem to be fairly on the trail of that reduced insurance rate and that plentiful supply of water in all sections of the city.
The city bill in reference to the Loch Lomond extension has still to be dealt with at Fredericton. If the lawyers and the prospective claimants are as influential as the Street Railway Company, St. John will be up against another Spruce Lake job. The Telegraph hopes the Legislature will recognize the fairness of this bill and pass it without substantial alteration. This journal even believes that the failure of this bill would raise an outcry here which would not be easily stifled by any political party, no matter what its power may be at present.
It is not easy to understand how the Fredericton Gleaner arrives at the conclusion that anyone here believes every bill sent to Fredericton should be passed simply because it is from St. John. Down here we are beginning to fear that some people in Fredericton believe every measure originating here should be killed or amended simply because it comes from St. John. As a matter of fact civic legislation should have been better protected at Fredericton by the St. John Mayor and aldermen, and no excuse should have been afforded for the contention that the House had not as much information on some points as it might justly desire.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE DISCUSS BONUS TO FLOUR MILLS
Fredericton, April 7.—In the agricultural committee this morning the question of the bonus to flour mills was fully discussed. Deputy Peters stated that the department had already acted upon the suggestion of the committee and incorporated in the bonus taken from mills getting government wheat that they shall be operated for at least ten years. The question of toll was discussed, and the opinion expressed that the department should exercise some supervision in that respect. Also that the department should receive from the millers a return showing the number of bushels of grain, the per centage of chaff and toll seed and the output of flour.
Deputy Peters stated that about 100,000 barrels of flour are produced in New Brunswick each year.
Commissioner of Agriculture Farris stated it was not the intention of the department to make an importation of honest or cattle this year. The department is urging the agricultural societies to put their government grant into purchasing pure bred stock and during the last three years \$37,000 had been spent by the societies in this way. Private parties are also importing horses and stock, an importation of horses and two of stock having been made last year. There is also an auction sale of pure bred cattle at the Amherst winter fair patronized by the New Brunswick farmers.
Deputy Superintendent Mitchell addressed the committee upon this work and defended himself against criticisms made in the house this session. He commended highly the cold storage plant at Sussex, and thought it should receive a government bonus. He also spoke of the creamery in St. John city operated by W. H. Bell and thought that enterprise worthy of a government grant for which he has applied. Dairy Superintendent Tilley spoke along the same lines, as also did Mr. Daigle.

CANADIAN BOAT SONG
(From the Gazette).
Lately to me, as when ye heard our father sing
Along the sea the song of other shores—
List to me, and then in chorus gather:
All your deep voices, as ye pull your oars:
Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand;
But we are exiles from our fathers' land.
From the lone shieling of the misty island
Mountains divide us, and the waste of sea;
Yet still the blood is strong, and the heart is true,
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides.
Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand;
But we are exiles from our fathers' land.
We ne'er shall tread the fancy-haunted vale
Where 'twixt the dark hills creeps the small clear stream
In arms around the patriarch banner rally,
Nor see the moon on rosy turrets gleam.
Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand;
But we are exiles from our fathers' land.
When the bold kindred, in the time long vanished,
Conquered the soil and fortified the keep,
No seer foretold the children would be banished,
That a degenerate lord might boast his sheep.
Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand;
But we are exiles from our fathers' land.
Come foreign rage, let discord burst in slaughter;
O'er the floor of clansmen true, and stern claymores—
The heart that would have given their blood like water,
Beat heavily beyond the Atlantic roar.
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H. A. L.

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OBITUARY.
Thomas Godwin.
The death of Thomas Godwin occurred on Saturday at his residence, 1204 Brunswick street. Mr. Godwin, who was in his eighty-fifth year, was a native of England and had been a resident of this country for many years. He was at one time a steward on one of the river boats and in that capacity was well known to the traveling public. He is survived by his wife and three sons, all resident in the city.

Francis Roden.
The death of Francis Roden occurred at an early hour on Saturday morning at his residence, 163 Paradise Row. The deceased was a builder and contractor and many of the finest residences in the city were built by him. For many years he was an earnest worker in St. David's church. A man of genial and kindly disposition, he was highly respected and beloved by all who knew him. He leaves, besides a sorrowing wife, six daughters and one son—Mrs. Robt. Strain, Mrs. J. F. Vanwart, Mrs. G. H. Worden, Mrs. W. J. Fraser, Mrs. Alex. Corbet and Mrs. A. D. Malcolm, and Frank R. Roden, with T. McAvity & Sons.

Rev. J. B. Green.
Rev. J. B. Green, pastor of the Unitarian church at Newburg (N.Y.), died Thursday. He was pastor of the Unitarian church here for some time. He was 70 years old.

Mrs. C. A. Robertson, Hampton.
On Saturday evening last Agnes, widow of Charles A. Robertson, died suddenly at her home in Hampton Village, of paralysis of the brain. She was aged 81 years. Deceased had been walking around out of doors in the forenoon of Saturday but was taken suddenly ill and died before 7 o'clock that night. Mrs. Robertson was known widely, was respected and will be much missed. Three sons, one daughter and one brother survive. Her funeral will be tomorrow from the residence of her son, Charles A. Robertson, interment at Tusville.

L. H. Upham, Parrsboro.
At Parrsboro (N.S.), the death of L. H. Upham, the town clerk, occurred Sunday. Mr. Upham, who had been ailing for some time, was formerly well known in St. John and left this city about sixteen years ago. He married the daughter of the late John F. Gohard, of St. John, and was the father of a family of four children, a daughter at Parrsboro, and one son, Aubrey, of St. John.

David W. McLeod.
David W. McLeod, of 643 Main street, died at his residence Saturday, after about six years' illness. He was within six months of being 70 years of age, and is survived by his wife and seven children. The sons are James, William, Richard, Norman and Malcolm, and the daughters are Jennie, residing at home, and Mrs. Charles Sweet, of this city. With the exception of William, whose home is in Hampton, all the sons live here.

Mrs. Hugh Morris.
After a long and painful illness, borne with exemplary patience, Sylvia, beloved wife of Hugh Morris, 29 Barker street, died at her home Sunday, aged thirty-six years. She was a native of Dalhousie and had been married thirteen years. She was taken with the sickness which ended in her death last September, and she was nursed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Besides her husband, two sons survive. They are Harold, Kenneth, Vincent, John, Charles and Willie, all at home.

Mrs. Edward Trueman.
Sackville, April 7.—The death of Mrs. Trueman, widow of Edward Trueman, occurred at the home of her son, Clarence Trueman, Amherst, yesterday, at the age of 75. Mrs. Trueman formerly lived in Sackville, and news of her death will be heard with regret. Deceased was a Miss Bent, of Port Lawrence, before marriage. The children who survive are two sons—Clarence, of Amherst, Dr. E. of California, and one daughter, Amelia, wife of Hubert Harrington, of Sydney (Ct.). Her remains will be brought to Sackville tomorrow and interred in the rural cemetery.

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Col. W. S. Morris was buried at Prince Edward Island, April 7. He was the son of the late Thomas Morris, of Fredericton, and leaves a widow and two children, grown up; also three brothers—George, Gilbert and William, and a sister, Mrs. Barrill, who resides in this city.

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John McLeod.
Port Elgin, N. B., April 5.—John McLeod, who has been seriously ill for the past three months, died at his home here at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, April 2, at the advanced age of 75.
Mr. McLeod was the oldest resident of Port Elgin, having arrived here from P. E. Island in 1852, when this town contained but twelve houses. He was the son of William McLeod, who with his wife, were passengers from the Scotch Highlands in 1833 on the historical ship "Polly," which brought such a number of the original settlers to the "Garden of the Gulf."
Mr. McLeod was twice married, and was blessed with a large family: Mariner, of San Francisco, traveler; William, of the firm of McLeod & Spence, here; Clarence, of McLeod Bros., Amherst; James, of Amherst, traveler for the Amherst Boot & Shoe Company; Alice, wife of Frank Rawforth, Upper Cape (N.B.); Vassie (deceased), wife of Colin Matheson, here; Floyd, of Lord & McLeod, Wolsey (Ass.); Arthur, of Montreal, traveler for W. R. Brook & Co.; Myrtle, wife of Fred Magee, of Port Elgin, and Grace, wife of Malcolm and William McLeod, and two sisters, all well-known residents of P. E. Island.

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LOVE MATCH GIVES POOR GIRL RICHES
Courtship of Miss Bennett, Telephone Operator, by Millionaire Whitney of Montreal, a Story of Romance as Told by Her Chum.

New York, April 7.—Miss Anna Bennett, telephone girl at the Grand Union Hotel, is proudly exhibiting a check for \$100,000 which she has just received from E. R. Whitney, of Montreal, her fiancé, with instructions to be generous with the money in the purchase of her trousseau. She has also been promised a \$9,000 automobile and a diamond emerald as additional wedding presents. Mr. Whitney is 70 years old, she is 22.
As Miss Bennett is a Roman Catholic and Mr. Whitney is a Protestant, a dispensation for their marriage will be obtained from the Pope, and it will then take place in St. Cecilia's church, North Henry street, Brooklyn.
Mr. Whitney said today:

"My friends are all congratulating me about my engagement to Miss Bennett, and it is very nice of them to do so. I am not saying that she will, I have said she will. I am not saying anything more. I am not telling anybody when we are to be married or any of our plans.
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Hon. A. P. Stoneman.
Yarmouth, N. S., April 10.—Hon. Augustus F. Stoneman, member of the legislative council, died this morning, aged 73 years. Deceased went to Halifax to attend the session which has just closed, but did not return on account of failing health. He had been ailing for a year or two and his death was not unexpected. The deceased gentleman was the senior member of the well-known firm of A. F. Stoneman & Co., and was engaged in the West India business. He was a member of Yarmouth's first town council and later was elected Mayor by acclamation. When the late William Lay was appointed to the legislative council, Mr. Stoneman was nominated by the Liberal party to the vacant seat in the assembly and was elected by acclamation, and at the general election which followed was again returned without a contest. After the death of Mr. Lay, he was appointed to the upper chamber, being succeeded in the assembly by Mr. Sanderson. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of the late Captain Ebenezer Richan, and three sons—Arthur, Charles and William. The funeral will take place on Wednesday.

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HAVE BEAR CAPTURED READY FOR ROOSEVELT
Will Turn Him Loose in a Corral and Let "Teddy" and Dogs Try Their Luck.

Newcastle, Colo., April 10.—The big pack train and camp outfit for President Roosevelt's Colorado hunting party received hurry-up orders to move today and guides "Jake" Borah and John Goff headed the procession of nearly 100 horses and sixty ranch, twenty miles south of Newcastle, where camp will be pitched.
Citizens of Newcastle are planning a novel reception to the president next Saturday morning, which will be subject to his approval. A large brown bear was recently captured and is now at the home of Frank Hilliard, where he has killed at least a dozen dogs and injured several men who ventured too near him. Goff and Borah will put their pack of hounds in a corral and the bear will be given an hour's start for the hills. Then the packs will be set on the trail and president Roosevelt, Dr. Lambert, Philip B. Stewart and the guides will follow in hot pursuit.

STRIKING ITALIANS TERRORIZE OTHER WORKMEN
Lancaster, Pa., April 10.—One hundred Italian employed on the new line of railroad which the Penna Railroad Company is building through the Southern end of this county, struck for higher wages today. Headed by a man carrying a red flag, they marched along the four miles of work east of Quarryville and compelled the other men to quit. They attacked two gangs of Austrians who attempted to continue at work and beat several of them severely. Teams were taken from teams who resisted, while engineers who refused to do as ordered were dragged from their engine cabs. All operations were suspended later in the day. Everything is quiet tonight, but trouble is feared in the morning.

Up-to-Date I. C. R. Engine.
Moncton, April 7.—The I. C. R. received yesterday the first one of a consignment of twelve new locomotives from the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston (Ont.) of the Pacific type and a great improvement over the ordinary express locomotives now in use on the I. C. R. It is fitted with the Pile electric apparatus, the first ever used on the I. C. R. The number of the new engine is 313, and it was taken out on a trial trip this morning. It is much larger than any locomotive ever before used on the I. C. R.

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