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## IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE

In the course of an article showing the important part the winter ports of Saint John and Halifax should play in the handling of Canada's wheat traffic, the Toronto Star says:

"While Quebec is Canada's best summer port, Saint John, New Brunswick, is the winter port most readily accessible from the interior. The rail distance by the National system from Quebec to Saint John is 498 miles, or from the Quebec bridge to Saint John on the direct line to Winnipeg, 482 miles. \* \* \* Wheat placed at Quebec in the period of the year most convenient for rail haulage can be forwarded to Saint John by rail in winter to provide return cargoes there as readily as it can now be shipped by Canadian Pacific from Montreal, and with 192 miles less haul than would be required by the National from Montreal."

After considering projects whereby the rail haul to Saint John and Halifax by the C. N. R. could be shortened greatly by a line from Frampton, P. Q., to Woodstock, N. B., the Star argues that the increased use of the Transcontinental should not be delayed because of the fact that a short-cut across Maine may be built at some future day. The total rail distance by the National system direct from Winnipeg to Saint John by way of Quebec is 1,895 miles. The total by the Canadian Pacific from Winnipeg to Saint John by way of Montreal is 1,592 miles, giving the Canadian National an advantage of fifty-nine miles on the through haul from Winnipeg. It follows that the C. N. R., considering the favorable grades on the Transcontinental, can haul wheat to Saint John cheaper than the C. P. R. can do so.

The national folly and injustice involved in sending the traffic to American ports instead of Canada is clearly set forth by the Star.

"It is poor business," it says, "for Canada to grow the wheat and build railroads to carry it, and then allow United States lake vessels and railways to use our wheat to build up their ports and advance their trade, while our railways lack adequate traffic and our ports lack in mechanized cargoes."

That is undoubtedly good Canadian doctrine and sound common sense. If we could not help it, the case would be difficult. But we have the remedy in hand if we will but apply it.

"It," says the Star, "geographical and national conditions were such that the situation could not be helped. But the conditions are in our favor. The only trouble is that we refuse to allow an important link in our National railways to be used for the express purpose for which it was built, by maintaining prohibitive rates against grain that should be carried by it. It is time for a change."

Our stout advocate of Canadian traffic through Canadian railways and Canadian ports recognizes clearly that the increased use of Saint John and Halifax would be of great national benefit in addition to doing justice to the Maritimes. The Star says:

"It is important to Canada that our port cities should get the benefit of our national trade, so far as that is possible under advantageous commercial conditions. Prosperity in Halifax and Saint John means that those cities will add more largely to the national business and pay a larger share of the national taxation than they would or could, lacking a condition of prosperity."

## FOLLOWING UP.

Upon his return from the Winnipeg conference the President of the Maritime Board of Trade, Mr. Angus McLean, of Bathurst, has issued a call for united action in these provinces, following up and giving effect to the good work done at Winnipeg, which so greatly stimulated the movement for Maritime betterment by giving it national support. Mr. McLean announces that a meeting of the Maritime Board will be held very soon to formulate and put into operation plans for the accomplishment of the objects in hand, which are of so much importance to Maritime welfare.

He points out that at the Winnipeg meeting the Maritime case was set forth in resolutions which commanded unanimous endorsement, and which dealt with the following matters chiefly:

## ports and the handling of all our exports and imports through them.

2. The settlement of immigrants on our vacant lands to cultivate them and supply food for our own needs.

3. The improvement of our railroad facilities to handle more traffic, including lower freight rates to reach home and foreign markets.

4. Scientific research respecting our natural resources.

5. Securing more markets for all our products, including fisheries, minerals, farm and forest products, etc.

The cause of Maritime betterment is making rapid advancement. Mr. McLean reminds the public that Maritime problems are now being given the earnest and sympathetic consideration of the people in all parts of Canada. In a greater degree than ever before, and that it therefore behooves us to seize the opportunity now before us.

The justice of our case has been established in the national mind, and by pressing resolutely forward we shall restore prosperity to our agricultural and to our manufacturing industries, increase employment, and keep our people at home by giving them the confidence and contentment which come from larger opportunities and more remunerative activities.

This is a work which will appeal not only to Boards of Trade throughout the Maritimes, but to other organizations, and, in fact, to the people as a whole. We must consolidate the ground gained, and press forward with new spirit, justly encouraged by the results already achieved.

## Odds and Ends

The Orators

(T. P. O'Connor in London Sunday Times.)

Lord Ullswater, for so many years the powerful Speaker of the House of Commons, has been giving a very interesting lecture in Glasgow on the Maritimes which has been observed among prominent figures in the House. He insists that one of the important things in a speaker is to have a fine direct position; he said, "have confidence to his friends and created trepidation among his opponents. Gladstone warned his son Herbert never to get down on the dispatch box. Gladstone knew the value of standing up," but I do not see that Lord Ullswater takes any notice of a common and rather curious mannerism of the great orator that was to scratch his head every now and then with the nail of his thumb. It is true, as Lord Ullswater narrates, that Harcourt often turned his back on his audience and addressed his friends behind him. I have often seen him do this; he did it as a rule when he wanted to make a resounding appeal to party passion; but it looked rather theatrical, and as a rule it failed in its effect, as all excess does in the House of Commons.

I am glad that Lord Ullswater has pronounced against the written manuscript before making a speech. "It had," he said, "its dangers, while the effect was rather wooden." This has been my experience, too. I have known many orators who always wrote out their speeches—I believe at one time even Winston Churchill did so—and the most notable example of this mistake was Joseph Cowen, member for Newcastle, and at one time regarded as one of the great orators of the House of Commons. He used to dictate his speeches (as he did also his articles for his paper, the Newcastle Chronicle), and in his case, as in almost every case, the speech seemed to go above the head of his audience. The proper way of preparation—especially for a speech in the House of Commons—is to take heavy notes, with, of course, the preparation always prepared. To make a proper exit in a peroration is as difficult in the House of Commons as on the stage. Shakespeare, as his students well know, nearly always resolved the problem by giving two rhymed lines. If a speaker does not have his peroration clearly in his mind he is like a man who has a dozen different doors to leave a room, and is confused by his difficulty in making a choice. Which reminds me of the criticism of Lord Balfour on his friend Walter Long, who was given to a dozen perorations. He was asked when would Walter sit down. "He finished half an hour ago," said Lord Balfour, "but I don't know when he will sit down."

"Socialism."

(Toronto Star.)

George Bernard Shaw has been challenged by a critic to say, as a Socialist, whether he believes that he, as a playwright, should be paid the same salary as a programme seller in a theatre. "Certainly," is Mr. Shaw's reply. "What should I have less?"

## Just Fun

SINCE the women have reached the present stage on the way back to the fig leaf, the silkworms ought to find their working hours much shorter.

THE PRINCE OF WALES is an able farmer. He goes to his Canadian ranch after fall crops have been harvested and leaves before it's time to haul fodder.

BOOTLEGGERS these days are not only running hazards, they're selling 'em.

SMOKE and the world smokes with you; swear off and you smoke alone.

SPARE the rod and spoil the hair-brush.

ADMITTING survival, with there be anything left of the woman he continually gives you a piece of her mind?

CLOTHES do not make the man, says a Boston newspaper sagely; but they sometimes break him.

I pleaded with her for an answer, My brain was all in a whirl, But I pleaded in vain for an answer—

For she was the telephone girl.

A KIDNAPER plead as an extenuating circumstance the other day that he had seized the wrong girl. A lot of men who are not kidnappers have come the same thing.

RAGSON TATTERS don't see how Bob Strawfoot, who's been running with that Clipper girl for six years, can still love her as much as ever. There has to be some allowance for depreciation.

HE KNOWS

CLERK: "Yes, sir—a lady's belt. What waist measure?"

He: "Oh, about as long as my left arm."

WOW

BETTY: "They say that Miss Gray plays golf just like a man."

Grace: "Goodness gracious! Say, wouldn't you love to hear her?"

SORRY FOR HIM

SHE: "Why do you wear such a light suit?"

He: "I wore it in a crap game and got faded."

FOOL THEM

CAPTAIN: "What is strategy in war?"

Private: "Well, strategy is when you don't let the enemy discover that you are out of ammunition, but keep on firing."—Answers.

DON'T neglect to keep your shoes polished. You can shine at one end if you can't at the other.

ABOUT FOOD

The orator eats tongue, we hear.

The Sultan, turkey lunch.

The undertaker drinks his beer.

The prize fighter his punch.

The acrobat springs water drink.

The toastmaster eats toast.

Surveyors eat their stakes, we think.

And editors, a roast.

Shoemakers have fillet of sole.

The printer, pi and sweets.

The hungry actor eats his hole.

Philis policemen munch their bats.

A GIRL may love a man from the bottom of her heart—but, there's always room at the top.

## SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Fiction's strange And so's the truth; But stranger still Are the follies of youth.

And a mercenary quack is a merciless quack.

Man wants but little here below—especially below zero.

As a baby, the pacifier was pacified with a pacifier.

Little dabs of powder, Little streaks of paint— Look like what she said.

Sweets make fat but fat things aren't sweet things.

To ascribe the baby's illness to teething is fallacy. We should determine the real cause of his illness.

One should not swear in the presence of ladies nor sneeze in the presence of gentlemen.

Old King Cole Was a gluttonous soul And a gluttonous soul was he; He called for his plate And he called for his bowl— Then he called for his doctors three.

Oil of chenopodium will cure hookworm disease but not the apathy that permits the hookworm environment.

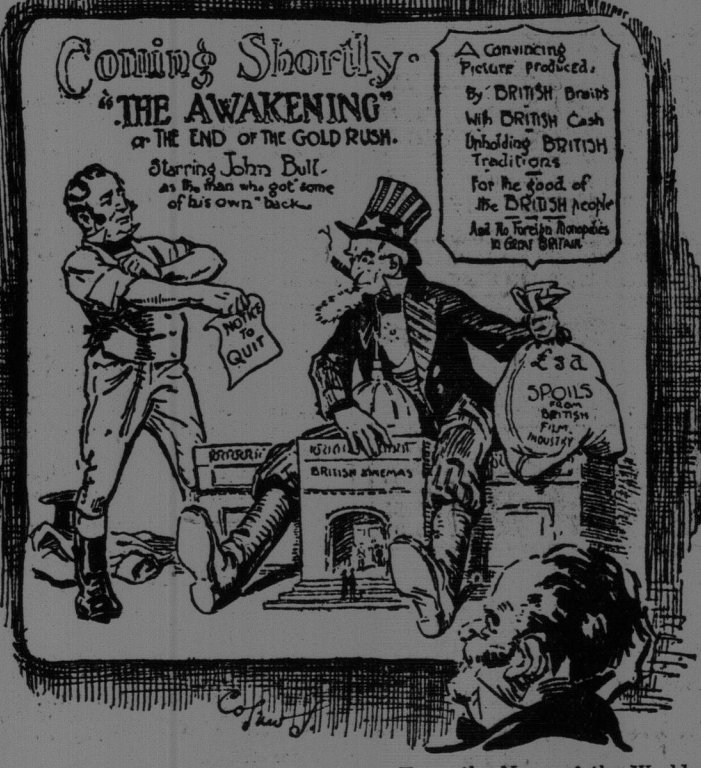
In case of accident, the excitable succeed only in obstructing the efforts of those who keep their heads.

Everything is relative. When the thermometer in his house registers 32 degrees above, the Eskimo thinks it's warm.

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### THE ONLY PLEASURE THAT MATTERS.

THE masses think of pleasure in terms of moving pictures, Jack Dempsey, ice cream soda and the funny papers, but the wise know that the only pleasures of any importance are the pleasures of the MIND.

And the pleasures of the mind turn chiefly on the POWERS of the mind.

This is why Goethe says that every man, whether he occupies a low position in life, or emerges as its victor, testifies to personality as the greatest factor in happiness.

SCHOPENHAUER makes the observation that "An intellectual man in complete solitude has excellent entertainment in his own thoughts and fancies, while no amount of diversity or social pleasures, theatres, excursions and amusements, can ward off boredom from a dullard."

A good, temperate, gentle character can be happy in needy circumstances, while a covetous, envious and malicious man, even if he be the richest in the world, goes miserable.

And to one who has the constant delight of a special individuality, with a high degree of intellect, most of the pleasures which are run after by the ordinary man are simply superfluous; they are even a trouble and a burden.

THE good gentleman who offers to sell you the Secret of Success and Happiness in five volumes at one dollar down and so much a week can only refresh what wise men have been saying for centuries.

The early Greeks taught that the first and most essential element in our life's happiness is what we are—our personality.

A quiet and cheerful temperament, happiness in the enjoyment of a perfectly sound physique, an intellect clear, lively, penetrating and seeing things as they are, a moderate and gentle will, and therefore a good conscience—these are privileges which no rank or wealth can make up for or replace.

## Poems That Live

### SONNET.

AY, thou art for the grave; thy glances shine Too brightly to shine long; another Spring Shall deck her for men's eyes—but not for thine— Sealed in a sleep which knows no waking. The fields for thee have no medicinal leaf, And the vexed ore no mineral power; And they who love thee wait in anxious grief Till the slow plague shall bring the fatal hour. Glide softly to thy rest then; Death should come Gently to one, of gentle mould like thee, As light winds wandering through groves of bloom Detach the delicate blossom from the tree. Close thy sweet eyes, calmly, and without pain; And we will trust in God to see thee yet again.

—William Cullen Bryant.

## Dinner Stories

A SAILOR fell off his ship onto the quay and injured his hand. A week later, when he was getting better, he asked the doctors anxiously: "When this hand of mine gets well shall I be able to play the bango?" "Certainly you will," said the doctor. "Thanks, you're a wonder," said the sailor. "I never could before."

Two telephone girls in different country exchanges were having a chat over the wires on the subject of dress. For four minutes, five minutes, ten minutes, the topic held their attention, and was still unexhausted when an impatient, impatient, impatient masculine voice broke up the conversational meeting.

"Are you there? Hello! Ah, at last! Who is that speaking?"

"What line of thinking you're on!"

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## Who's Who

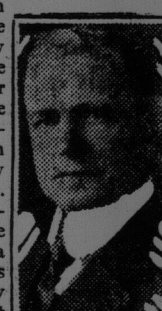
IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

GEORGE H. JONES.

THE new chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company, George H. Jones, of Pelham, New York, is a self-made man. The son of a carpenter, he raised himself to the position of chairman of the company in New Jersey which is the keystone of the far flung interests of the Standard Oil Company. He was born in Carthage, New York, 83 years ago.

Jones got his education from the school books of a playmate, as he was too poor to buy them. He went to business school and from there accepted a position as a stenographer. In addition to working all day he studied law at night.

Becoming connected with the legal department of the Standard Oil in 1907, he has been with that company in the capacity of chief accountant, comptroller of subsidiaries, director in 1917, treasurer in 1919 and vice-president, also director and treasurer since December, 1920. Jones is a member of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, and has two daughters and three grandchildren.



## Other Views

### A FRIENDLY TIP.

San Francisco Chronicle

Always park alongside a new and shiny car. It will back out without scraping you.

### REGRETS.

(Bandon Sun.)

From whatever geographical point of view the King party looks it is unrepresentative of Dominion sentiment. Meantime every Canadian industry, all business men and those who hope for progress to better days regret the indecisive result of the recent elections which has brought such misfortune upon an overburdened populace in a hopeful land.

### BRITAIN HOLDS HER OWN.

(London Evening Standard.)

We are still handicapped by excessive taxation, high freight, and other causes. But, taken as a whole, the current trade figures show that we are holding our own, and rather more than our own. So far from diminishing, our share of the total world's trade has slightly increased from 1913 to 1925, and the proportion still shows a tendency to rise year by year.

### POOR GOVERNMENT.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Although the Conservatives are committed to a stiff protectionist policy, the underlying cause for the defeat of the King government may be ascribed to a general inclination to drift, a tactless disregard for local issues and a senseless suggestion that the Canadian flag be changed, in defiance of the axiom of politics across the border that the Canadians are never so pro-British as just before a general election.

### ON BEING CANADIAN.

(From an article by Sir Robert Falconer in the English Review.)

Those who rejoice in the possession of the name Canadian and are proud of the history of the provinces and of the dominion, believing that what has been done is but an earnest of greater things that may be accomplished if we have local issues and a should endeavor to strengthen the institutions, influences, and sympathies which hold us to Great Britain; for in that attachment alone is the security of our identity and our ideals. Difficult though it is for the rising generation, whose fathers even may never have seen the motherland, to acquire the understanding of her by instinct, much may be done of set purpose and by education. Thus far emotion and fresh memories have been rich. Hereafter that emotion may become the subsoil, on which may be cultivated a reasoned conviction as to the value of our membership in the British commonwealth of nations.

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monwealth of nations. If fruit like that of the past, though more finely flavored, continues to appear, there will be heard few expressions of desire for radical change.

A NATURAL DESIRE. (Toronto Mail and Empire.)

In view of reductions made and others proposed in federal income tax rates in the United States, it is not surprising that Canadian industry should be anxious for a lightening of the burden of dominion direct taxes that hampers it in competition for times have changed.

(Boston Transcript.)

Time was when the expression "as free as air" had real meaning, but that was before the broadcasting stations had so crowded the atmosphere that there was no room for newcomers.

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