

The St. John Standard

H. V. MACKINNON, Publisher
52 Prince William St., St. John, N. B., Canada
REPRESENTATIVES:
Chicago, Henry DeClorques
New York, Louis Klobah
Portland, Frank Calder
London, Eng., Freeman & Co.

THE HARBOR QUESTION

The whole question of turning over the harbor to the Government seems to hinge on the word "IF".

IF the Government will undertake to recognize St. John as a national port for the use and benefit of the Dominion as a whole as Halifax is;

To at once spend such an amount of money upon it as will bring it up-to-date and equip it with modern facilities, adequate to deal with an increasing national trade;

To defray the cost of all improvements out of the national exchequer without expecting the revenue to take care of the interest, thus treating it as a national work;

Not to raise the tolls or do any other act that will place the port at a disadvantage as regards other ports;

Then by all means let the city sell the harbor and all belonging to it to the Government without delay.

But IF the Government: Will only take over the harbor on the terms laid down in the 1919 Act;

Will only spend such a sum of money in improvements as the revenue is sufficient to pay interest on;

Will only patch up the property sufficient to "carry on" with.

Will expect the harbor revenue to take care of all outgoings, increasing the tolls if necessary, to swell it;

Will not regard the harbor as a national property indispensable to all parts of the Dominion alike;

Then the less the city has to do with Harbor Commission as proposed by the present Act the better.

For years and years the City of St. John has at its own cost maintained this port for the benefit of Canada as a whole. It has not been a money-making proposition, on the contrary the revenue derived from its business has always been less than its absolutely necessary outgoings. It is of no financial benefit to the city to maintain a public harbor for the use and enjoyment of the millions of people in Upper and Western Canada. But it is a valuable property, and before the city parts with it, it wants to be assured that the best possible use is going to be made of it, and that it will be equipped in such a way as to redound to the city's credit. The plea that is offered in some quarters that no Government would spend two millions on a property and then neglect it, avails nothing so long as the revenue derived takes care of the interest on the outlay. The Act as drawn leaves ready too much to chance.

A POLICY OF NATIONAL SUICIDE

Those short-sighted farmers who are enamored at the prospect of a few dollars they will be able to save on what they may purchase under Free Trade had better seriously consider what they are bound to lose on their sales should that suicidal policy ever go into effect. It is estimated that 85% of all that the Eastern farmers raise is sold for cash at good prices in our towns and cities, the most of the surplus going to the United States. The United States market is now "banged, barred and bolted" in our faces. Not a single thing that the Canadian farmer raises is exempt from a heavy, indeed, a prohibitive customs tax under the new tariff. Where are our farmers to dispose of their surplus? Abroad? That remains to be seen. Europe, on account of the ruinous state of exchange, will buy as little as possible. Europe, indeed, seems to be self-sufficient and people abroad are working the land as never before. According to the International Bureau of Agriculture at Rome, there are sufficient stocks of grain on hand at present in Europe to carry the European peoples till the next harvest (which promises to be good) is reaped, and leave 2 1/2 millions quarters of a surplus. Surely, under these circumstances, common sense and self-interest should cause our wild Free Traders to pause in their mad career. Free Trade, or a near approach to Free Trade, would destroy our towns and cities, and, of course, at one blow, destroy the farmer's principal market. The cities would go down, but the farms would go down with them and we should all be involved in a common ruin. Furthermore, Free Trade in food stuffs (the principal plank of the Laurier Liberal party) would result in the United States dumping their surplus stocks of farm produce on Canada to the great detriment of Canadian agriculture. Our markets would be open to them; their would be closed to us. It is time for the farmers to wake up and grasp the

MEIGHEN'S STATESMANSHIP

Messrs. MacKenzie King, Ebrast Lapointe and other opponents of the Government who could see little to be gained by Premier Meighen attending the Imperial Conference and wished to send him the hobbard and distrust by feeling rather sheepish as they read the news that comes from London and Washington. Mr. Meighen, instead of involving Canada in the vortex of European and Asiatic Militarism, has found a way to reduce armaments and clear up the threatening situation in the Far East. He has convinced the British and American Governments alike that a war between the United States and Japan, with its embarrassing consequences to Canada and the Empire, is not inevitable. In Washington he is generally credited with having originated the happy solution of the Far Eastern question with the coming conference of the Great Powers is likely to bring about.

Premier Meighen blazed the way which President Harding has followed in dealing with the vast and intricate question of the safety of the Pacific. At the opening of the Imperial Conference, Mr. Meighen was almost alone in advocating a conference between the British Empire, the United States and Japan to bring about relations and guarantee a permanent peace. He saw in this a way out of the difficulty which confronted the Empire. Naturally, he was anxious to preserve friendship with Japan without arousing distrust in the United States. His proposal was condemned by the Liberal Press of Canada as academic and it will now proceed to praise President Harding instead of Premier Meighen for a statesmanlike solution of the greatest problem presented to the Imperial Conference. The propositions laid down by Mr. Meighen in his opening speech at the Imperial Conference are the propositions now laid down by Premier Lloyd George and enthusiastically acclaimed by the British Parliament.

THE IRISH CONFERENCE

The news that came over the cables last night announcing somewhat of a hitch in the negotiations for a peaceful settlement of affairs in Ireland, will no doubt be received with pleasure by the so-called friends of Ireland in the United States. As a matter of fact a considerable part of what takes the form of sympathy for Ireland in the United States is in reality enemy toward England; that many of those who shout the loudest in the United States for Irish freedom are interested in it only as a means of injuring Britain.

These so-called Irish-Americans do not want to see Ireland obtain a satisfactory measure of self-government within the British Empire. They do not care whether or not that would be to the advantage of Ireland. What they want is an independent Ireland hostile to Britain and that could be used as a strategic place from which to attack Britain. This class of Irish-Americans are viewing with apprehension the conference on the Irish problem.

Before granting any extension of the present Jitney Service His Worship the Mayor and City Council should thoroughly satisfy themselves that such extension is needed. There are already more automobiles running loose about the city than is good for the public safety; and if we are to have any increase in their number, pedestrians would do well to stay at home. If a Jitney service is necessary at all, by far the wisest thing to do would be to permit the ex-street car men to operate it on some regular system and abolish altogether the odds and ends of cars that are at present in use. The ex-street car men are at least experienced hands; the others are only a menace to the public.

The chap in the parable who excused himself from attendance at a feast because he had married a wife, was simply a common or garden piker in comparison with the Rotarian who wrote to excuse himself from attendance at yesterday's luncheon because he was camping up river with eighteen girls!

From the returns to hand down to the time of going to press it looks as though Alberta had gone Farmer. Sufficient farmer candidates have apparently been returned to make them a majority in the House, and it is always possible to corral an independent or two.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

We Devoutly Hope So
The silt of Armageddon in Palestine, where the first battle of which details are known was fought, is to be excavated by a University of Chicago expedition made possible by a gift of \$60,000 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Will the last battle be as far in the future as that one was in the past?—Springfield Republican.

Volcanoes Make No Difference.
Just now Stromboli is having a peculiarly frightful fit. The people have fled to the sea, begging for boats to take them away. The Italian Government will see to it that they are rescued. But when the eruption is over the will doubtless return and resume their routine activities. Men must live. And they must live where the earth is productive. As long as volcanic material makes a fertile soil men will huddle confidingly up to the very feet of the great destroyers. The albatross is more powerful than the fear of sudden death.—Chicago Tribune.

The Abuse of Slang.
We are forever employing words that spoil our language. There is a world of difference between the woolly jargon which conveys no precise image to the mind and a careful choice of epithets which are lively, exact, and full of meaning. There is a middle way between the pedantic and the common, flabby, inaccurate expressions which are allowed to usurp the office of reasonable speech. Slang is the vulgar, descriptive and altogether right. Jargon is none of these things, and should be ruthlessly deleted from our vocabulary. Let us say what we mean and mean what we say.—Egyptian Mail.

Practical Jokes and Crime.
The idiot who drives a woman into hysterics by a lying story or sets a child shrieking by experiments on its fears, or resorts to the practical ploy of schoolboy who comes at last to feel together right. Jargon is none of these things, and should be ruthlessly deleted from our vocabulary. Let us say what we mean and mean what we say.—Egyptian Mail.

EXPLODED A BOMB
Buenos Aires, July 18.—A powerful bomb was exploded in front of the Capitol Building this morning. A policeman was seriously wounded, but only small material damage was caused. The outrage here is credited to communist agitators.

A BIT OF VERSE

A CAMP SONG.
(Edward W. Barnard.)
My hermit tent pitched by a purring bay
Peers whitely through the trees as I
The citadel of my domain by day
A stately beacon in the piny dark
Its long reflections in the water clear
My flying skiff with many a ripple
And none would think the thunder
Began in little ripples of laughter here!
The stream that so few miles from my retreat
Through mossy race its turbid torrent
Is the same limpid stream to whose slow beat
Is played the liquid music of my oars.

Undone by crash of looms and whirr of wheels
I seek and find in woody solitude
Nepenthes never-falling-rest that steals
The sting from memories of fuss and feud
Long past the hour when bells and sirens make
A very Bedlam of the dreaming town
I sleep as though my boughs were finest down—
On, on, and on, till hunger cries
A prayer, a plunge, a perch to catch and broil,
A smoke that drives all lethargy
A thought upon the uselessness of toil,
And I am ready for another day.

The days are much too full for loneliness.
They come and go on fleetest of all wings!
I ask myself, "Can this be I that sing?"
So happy am I, and while it is true
I miss the presence of a shining one
When twilight, treading softly as a nun,
Sits out the sun and then the welkin
Not even in the silences that grow
At last as sharp as ruthless scimitars,
Am I quite lonely, for do I not know
That Constance, too, is looking at my stars?

THE LAUGH LINE

I lean't planting or even hoeing green beans that tries men's souls and likewise their backs. It's picking the cussed things.

Every mother thinks there is no baby like her own and every other mother is glad of it.

Prevaricators.
"I am so sorry I was not at home the other afternoon when you called on me."
And, my dear, I was just as sorry not to find you in."

Mistake Somewhere.
George—Did you ever hear a rabbit bark?
Thelma—Nonsense! Rabbits don't bark?
George—That's funny; it says here in my book that rabbits eat cabbage and bark.

All Explained.
Officer in charge of rifle range—"Don't you know any better than to point an empty gun at me?"
Raw Rookie—"But it isn't empty, sir; it's loaded."—The Mirror.

Benny's Note Book
BY LEE PAPE
THE PARK AVE. NEWS.
Weather. Better Improvements.
Wearier. While practicing walking on his hands last Saturday, Skinny Martin bumped into some strange lady and she was so insulted by having his "cheek" stuck in her face that she gave him 25 cents without even waiting to be apologized to.

Enter! Ed Wernick Thinking About Leaving Home! Enter! Ed Wernick is talking about leaving home for good on account of his mother taking some lady into the bath room to show her the waterproof wall paper while Ed was taking a bath.

A Short Life and a Polite One.
Heer today and gone tomorrow
Life is short but sweet,
So up with joy and down with sorrow,
And give old ladies your seat.

Siasley. Miss Loreta Mincir is going to take 25 more singing lessons for a birthday present. We should others had to suffer just because she has a birthday?

Packs You Awt to Know. Ivory is made out of elephants' tusks, but elephants can't make it themselves, proving man's superiority over the beasts.
Lost and Found. Nothing.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

July 18.
Dear Sir,—Just a few lines if you will be good enough to spare me a few lines in your valuable paper regarding changing the name of the city streets. As there seems to be no movement on foot to erect a monument to our fallen comrades, would it not be just as well to name the streets after a Canadian Battle, just to remind the citizens of St. John, or some of them, that there was once a war on. Hoping to see an article on these few lines in your paper, I am, yours very truly,
A CONSTANT READER AND ONE OF THE BOYS.

What is Home For?
Man (to angry spouse)—Don't quarrel with me on the street. What have we got a home for

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer

Secure a Pair of These Women's Dainty White Oxfords
Price \$3.50
and be comfortable during the hot weather.
They are made of nice fine cloth, have close trimmed soles, and covered military shape heels.
A good shoe at a medium price.
Foot Fitters McROBBIE 50 King Street ST. JOHN, N. B.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
BRONCHITIS, RHEUMATISM, GOUT, DIABETES, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL THE PAINFUL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.
GALVANIZED IRON AND COPPERWORK
for buildings.
Gravel Roofing
Repairs a specialty.
J. E. WILSON, LTD.
17 Sydney Street, City
Phone M. 356

Cash Talks
Here's a Chance to Save Money on
Refuse Spruce Lumber
We have 50,000 feet of Refuse Spruce Boards, dressed one side, which we offer at
Bargain Price
Phone M. 3000
Murray & Gregory, Ltd.

HARBOR SALMON
Shad, Mackerel, Halibut, Smelt
SMITH'S FISH MARKET
25 Sydney St.
Phone M. 1704.

NEW ADDRESS,
87 UNION ST.
TWO ENTIRE FLOORS OF ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING
One of the Finest in the City.
No Summer Vacation.
Students may enter at any time.
Send for Rate Card.
S. KERR,
Principal.

Paul F. Blanchet
Chartered Accountant
TELEPHONE CONNECTION
St. John and Rothesay

Improve YOUR BAKING with REGAL FLOUR
made by Canada's Most Modern and Best Equipped Mills.
C. H. PETERS' SONS, LTD.
Agents
ST. JOHN, N. B.

GOOD TOOLS
Our tools are welcome companions to careful and experienced workmen. Particularly when a man has a job requiring very careful attention, does he appreciate dependable tools that give real service.
Careful workmen are steady customers at this store, because they have proven by experience that our tools meet all requirements expected of them. You'll get a lot of tool satisfaction by selecting here.
Phone M 2540 McAVITY'S 11-17 King St.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST VALUE IN POWER TRANSMISSION—USE ENGLISH OAK TANNED LEATHER BELTING
MANUFACTURED BY D. K. McLAREN, Limited
Main 1121, 90 Germain Street, St. John, N. B. Box 702.

Nothing is saved and much damage is likely to be done if you wait for leaks to appear in your worn-out gravel roof before renewing.
ARCOTOP will make it into a new roof at little cost. Any one can apply it.
Haley Bros., Limited -:- Sole Agents

STEAM COAL
Good Clean Run of Mine or Slack for Steam Purposes.
CONSUMERS COAL CO., LTD.
Phone 1913. 68 Prince William Street

PAGE & JONES
SHIP BROKERS AND STEAMSHIP AGENTS
MOBILE, ALA., U. S. A.
Cable Address—"Page Jones, Mobile." All Leading Codes Used.

COOL OFF By Using An Electric Fan.
THE WEBB ELECTRIC CO.
91 Germain St.
S. C. Webb, Manager.

Save Your Eyes
INVESTING IN GOOD SIGHT
The satisfaction that comes with the use of our glasses is due to the scientific glass acquired through many years of testing eyes and making and fitting glasses, plus extreme, personal care given to every detail that enters into superior service.
Patronizing Sharpe's is more than purchasing glasses. It is investing in good sight.
L. L. SHARPE & SON,
Jewelers and Optometrists
21 King St. 189 Union St.

HELPING YOU TO REPAIR
Merchantable Hemlock Boards, planed one side, \$31.00 per M.
Clear Spruce Clapboards in long lengths, 2-16" thick, \$62.50 per M. sup. ft.
Small lot 3 x 3 Refuse \$20.00 per M.
2nd Clear Shingles, \$4.50 per M.
Heavy Crown Mics Roofing, \$2.35 a roll
Asphalt Shingles, Red Crystal Surface, \$8.50 a square
Hexagon Slab Shingles, Red and Green Crystal, \$9.50 a square
3-8 Cedar Sheathing, 2-8 to 7-8, \$23.00 per M.
Plastic Roof Cement, good for old roofs, valleys and connections, 20c per lb.
Hewed Spruce Sills, \$33.00 and up
Clear Birch Sheathing, 3-8 to 4-0, \$65.00 per M.
No. 1 Birch Flooring, in good lengths (not clear) but good enough for any kitchen floor, store or school house, \$39.00 per M.
Dry Lath, Sawed Sills, Matched Spruce, Staging Lumber. Phone Main 1833

The Christie Wood-working Co., Ltd.
BRASS WORK
We have tools and machinery for engraving Brass Plates of any size or shape, in Plain or Decorative designs.
You do not have to send to Montreal or Toronto.
ANT DEPARTMENT
FLEWELLING PRESS
3 Water Street, St. John.

Painless Extraction Only 25c
Boston Dental Parlors
Head Office Branch Office
527 Main St. 85 Charlotte St.
Phone 683 Phone 38
DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.
Open 9 a. m. Until 9 p. m.

CUTICURA HEALS RASH ON CHILD
On Body and Face. Red and Itchy. Spred For Hours, Lasted a Year.
"A rash started all over my little girl's body, and she had sores on her face. It started in a pimple that was full of water, and it got red and itchy. She cried for hours. This trouble lasted a year.
"Then I started with a five sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I bought more, and I used four cakes of soap, and three boxes of Ointment which healed her. (Signed) Mrs. Dora Langly, 1033 Centre St., Verdun, Que., August 11, 1916.
The Cuticura Toilet Trio Consisting of Soap, Ointment and Tablets is an indispensable adjunct of the daily toilet in maintaining skin purity and skin health.
Sole U.S. Distributors, 25 and 26, Gold Street, New York City.
Largest Dispensary, 111, St. Paul St., Montreal.
Cuticura Soap always with Cuticura.

Linton And Saab Get Newman Brook Work
Engineer Expresses Belief That Contractors Will Lose Money.
The tender for the concrete arch over Newman Brook was awarded at the committee meeting of the Common Council yesterday morning to Linton and Saab, the lowest tenderers, the claim of Miss Wilkins for damage to her house was thrown out, and a release of liability for payment for water installation was ordered issued to the Misses Parks.
Before the Council got down to business the Mayor said he had been informed that members of the Water and Sewerage and Public Works departments staffs had taken part in the parade on Friday night and asked that he be furnished with a list of those so doing, and called attention to request that no parade be held. Commissioner Frink promised to try and furnish the information asked for. Commissioner Jones reported that the superintendent of water department reported that the damage complained of by Miss Wilkins to her house at the corner of Marsh street and Haymarket Square was not due to any defect in the city water pipes and moved that she be informed that the city would repair the sidewalk, but could not pay the bill she had rendered for \$191.
On motion of Commissioner Jones the Misses Helen and Louise Parks were granted a release on two lots for which they were liable for the interest charges on the cost of installing water service to Cedar Grove Crescent.
On motion of Commissioner Jones the contract for the concrete arch over the Newman Brook was awarded to Linton and Saab, the lowest tenderers at \$14.90 per cubic yard. In his report the city engineer expressed the belief that the contractors would lose money on the work. Commissioner Jones reported that the superintendent of the police department were working on the latter case.

Have You Seen the Veteran-Made Furniture
at the Memorial Work Shops?
Dainty, but substantially hand made. Dressers, Bureaus, Medicine Cabinets, Linen Chests, made and finished by our returned soldier boys, at the
Memorial Work Shops
Water Street, Nearly Opposite Customs House

Every
The Christie Wood-working Co., Ltd.