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PORT PROSPECTS.

The welcome announcement is made by Mr. J. J. Scully, General Manager of the Eastern Lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, that his company expects to handle more traffic through Saint John this winter than for many seasons past. More facilities mean more business, and Mr. Scully's statement that the extension of the grain conveyor system on the west side, small as it is, will result in four extra steamers a month coming to Saint John this winter, should serve to impress upon all citizens, and particularly upon the men who are to be our next federal representatives, how necessary it is to press for the additional harbor equipment which will make it possible to handle expeditiously all the traffic available. The C. P. R. is so great a factor in Saint John's traffic, and has been for so long a time, Mr. Scully's favorable pronouncement with respect to the coming winter's business is most welcome.

The campaign for adequate equipment of the port must go steadily forward, and along with it there must be a more direct contact with the organizations and individuals controlling export and import shipments. Accumulating evidence of the necessity for this is shown by Mr. Belding's inquiries in the course of his mission in the other provinces, for while he finds sentiment unanimously in favor of utilizing Canadian ports, there are still handicaps to be removed and lack of facilities, involving necessarily lack of tonnage, is one of them.

The Board of Trade, which is conducting many inquiries in connection with port matters, has taken the right course in deciding not to rest content with the valuable but still inadequate reduction made in the matter of marine insurance rates. The Board proposes to continue its efforts to have Saint John placed on a parity with other ports which enjoy no greater safety of approach—in some cases not so great—as our own. The Board is by no means confining its work to port matters. It is actively engaged in investigating immigration possibilities and is devoting some attention also to additional industries, to a better development of the mineral wealth of the province, to the development of the fisheries, and to the prospects for making tobacco a profitable and extensive New Brunswick crop. These are promising lines of advance, and the Board is giving no little energy and organizing ability to the work.

NEARING HOME.

Great Britain is preparing to extend a wonderful welcome to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who will soon be home after his South American tour. The attention of the whole Empire has been fixed upon the Prince during his travels, and in every part of it news of his tact and popularity has been received with gratification. There can be no doubt that his tour has improved relations between the British Empire and the South American republics. He is an ambassador of good will without a mission in the world to-day.

His Royal Highness, when he rests after the present trip, can look back to six years of remarkable activity, for in that time he has visited six continents. He began with a visit to Canada in the year following the armistice, and in 1920 he occupied most of the spring and summer in a tour of Australia, New Zealand, the South Seas, and the West Indies. In 1921 and 1922 he went to the Orient, touring extensively in India, China and Japan. After that he made unofficial trips to the United States and to Canada, and this year, after a visit to South America, where he made a splendid impression, he moved on to South America.

His knowledge of the British Empire and the world through personal touch is wonderfully thorough. He has a high appreciation of the duties and responsibilities pertaining to his exalted station, and through education, travel, and contact with world statesmen he is better equipped than perhaps any Prince in the history of the race.

He has well earned the mighty welcome that is awaiting him, and the Dominions will join heartily in the congratulations to be showered upon him.

The British Prime Minister, speaking at the annual convention of the Unionist party at Brighton Thursday, said that, after all, ninety per cent. of the workers of the country are employed, but the gravest fact about the other ten per cent. is that they belong to certain definite industries of importance which are largely localized. He said the Communists, as had been expected, had concentrated upon Great Britain, but they had failed in the United States and in Germany, and they will fail in Britain and in France. The convention developed some hickling and some other signs of party discontent, and the London Times remarks that "Mr. Baldwin is not a good stage manager. Perhaps he

despises the arts of stage management, but to win and retain support in a democracy, modest publicity is really indispensable." Mr. Baldwin made a passing reference to the demands put forward in some quarters for his resignation, saying that there are a great many disgruntled people knocking about the country, but that the condition of other parties is quite as bad in this respect as that of the Unionist party. "When the party wants to change its leader I will step down, but not till then," he said.

Canada carries some strange issues to the Privy Council. Recently the Supreme Court of Canada decided that one Cecil R. Smith, of Windsor, was not subject to income tax because of profits made from bootlegging. The Department of Finance is going to ask the Privy Council to decide that income from illicit sources may be taxed.

Russia having returned to vodka, the Manitoba Free Press explains lucidly that vodka is whiskey gone Bolshevik.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

The Forked Twig

To the Editor of The Times-Star: Sir,—I saw in your paper last night, in the column of Odds and Ends, a little paragraph on The Forked Twig. My mother has found a good many wells with the so-called twig, but it need not always be taken from a pear tree, as a piece from a hazel tree will do the same.

I have seen blisters on the palms of my mother's hands, caused by tight grip on a stick and it would turn in spite of her and point directly underneath if water is there.

(MRS.) ROBERT R. COX.
125 Victoria street,
Saint John, Oct. 10, 1925.

450-Gallon Shortage.
Prisoners at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., were recently served a short cake that contained 450 gallons of strawberries. The berries were grown on the prison farm and it took a squad of prisoners three days to pick them.

Fortune in Deposit Box.
Miss Ida M. King, of Saint Paul, Minn., when she died, left a deposit box that contained \$70,000 in currency, \$600 in gold and some jewelry valued at several thousands. She had refused persistently for years to entrust her fortune to banking institutions.

Spain's Woman Warrior Honored.
Spain's most celebrated woman warrior of recent years is the Baroness de Alcala, who was a commissioned officer with the Spanish army in Morocco, wore the uniform and was twice wounded. She has been decorated by the king and queen for her valor on the field as a nurse. She is also an artist.

Petroleum Known 4,000 Years.
Although little or no use was made of it for centuries, petroleum was known to the ancients. Scientists have figured that it was known at least 4,000 years ago. It is only within the last century, however, that its use was developed, and many advances in mechanics and chemistry are laid directly or indirectly to petroleum.

Savant Never Drank Water.
Camille Flammarion, the great French astronomer, who died recently, is reported to have said that he never had tasted water. He explained in an interview before his death that he regarded water as suitable for external uses only. He drank wine, and said his grandfather who did likewise lived to be close to 90 years of age.

Bears Seize Golf Ball.
While playing golf at Jasper, Alberta, F. E. Clarke had the thrilling experience of seeing a bear come ambling across the fairway just as he drove. The ball fell near the animal, which immediately gave chase like a playful pup. At the same time another grizzly came romping out of the nearby woods and between them they made shreds of the ball. The golf course is in the National park near Jasper and was recently opened by Earl Haig.

Water and Dampness Differ.
Water and dampness have an entirely different effect upon woods and other materials. In Berns, Switzerland, there is a long wooden foot-bridge that was erected in the thirteenth century. The original timbers, standing in water, are not painted and never have been painted, but they are as sound as a nut. This is because the air of the Alps mountains that surrounds the bridge is dry, practically free from dampness. A bridge of like construction, standing in warm, low, humid, damp climate, probably would not last for 25 years without paint.

A Severe Indictment.
A New York clergyman, who attended the universal Christian conference in Sweden, has written an article in which he says that the saddest day of China was when the western civilization touched her. He declares that this same western civilization has carried "greed, bustle, guns and all the other nonsense that characterizes our civilization" to a nation that "possessed the finest qualities any nation can compare." The indictment is a severe one. The influence of western civilization has not been wholly for evil, but certainly it has not been an unalloyed blessing. And probably China had reached a stage of decay.

In Lighter Vein

Smile.
A smile is quite a funny thing. It wrinkles up your face, and when it's gone you never find it's secret hiding place. But far more wonderful it is to see what smiles can do. You smile at one, he smiles at you. And so one smile makes two.

He smiles at someone since you smiled. And then that one smiles back. And that one smiles until, in truth, you fall in keeping track. Now, since a smile can do great good, by cheering hearts of care, let's smile and smile and not forget. That smiles go everywhere.

An optimist, opines Tom Bell, is a man who is happy when he is miserable and a pessimist is one who is miserable when he's happy.

There never was an article placed on the market that someone else couldn't make it worse and sell it for less.

A MAN'S LIFE.
School tablets.
Aspirin tablets.
Stone tablets.

"Gosh, I didn't realize that Jones was so tight before."
"The other day he told me that he had lost some money through investments and, come to find out, he'd tried a gum slot machine that didn't work."

The woman who doesn't begin to use rope until she is 40 years old is making up for lost time.

The Indian head-hunters of Ecuador have a way of shrinking skulls to one-third of their natural size. Couldn't we detain English lecturers to South America?

A young lady in Ontario has solved the problem of how to be happy though married. She has married Charles Happy. Now she'll always be happy.

If you don't think some old side-walk crusher is wide-awake, just watch him when a pretty flapper goes by.

HE SHOULD BE.
A Saskatchewan editor is in hiding since he published the following tribute to a local society woman. "She has always had many friends."

Cows are going in for bobbing. One lay down with her tail across the track and a C. P. R. train came along and cut it off.

SCHOOL SCIENCE.
The teacher was giving a class a lecture on "gravity."
"Now, children," she said, "it is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth."
"But, please, teacher," enquired one small child, "how did we stick on before that law was passed?"

Some call it Heart's Desire, and some call it Home, and some call it Port of Dreams, when far away they roam.

"It's the little things that count," commented the burglar, as he passed by the silversmith and poured the contents of the jewel box into his pocket.

A LITTLE HEAVY THOUGHT WILL DO MORE TO CURE MISTAKES THAN LAMENTATIONS.

Mr. Jones purchased a fine Holstein cow, of which all the family were proud.

One day a visitor said to Mary, the three-year-old member of the household: "I suppose you have all the nice creamy milk you can drink now?"
"Yes," replied Marjorie, "since we've got our old steam cow."

In these days of plentiful cosmetics almost any Rose may blush unseen.

As a general thing enough is too much.

Ho, hum; what installment is due to-day?

SUNSHINE SPELLETS
By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Woe to those who never think about the milk their babies drink.

The devil grows the poppy but the planter gets the profit.

He walks long who lives far, and he lives long who walks far.

Said old Doctor Pew, "It's my observation, 'That health conservation is practiced by few.'"

A cistern demolished in winter will breed no mosquitoes in summer.

And another puzzle is the insane desire on the part of man to beat the fast express.

Another reason for immunizing against scarlet fever is that the disease often leaves, as a sequel, kidneys that are seriously and permanently damaged.

The destruction of rats and the abolition of rat harbors prevent bubonic plague, the scourge that once decimated the population of London.

The diet of those who have high blood pressure should consist entirely of milk, fruits and vegetables. No meat—little bread.

In the long run, rat proofed stables cost less than plague epidemics.

Now there was the case of McGundy—Was cross as a bear on a Monday; He came to the store, And Geel he was sore—He'd eaten too much on a Sunday.

Since cold baths increase blood pressure, those who have high blood pressure should not take them.

"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," but it takes about twenty years to make the trip.

If it wasn't for the word "illness," we wouldn't know how to designate the results that follow over eating and lack of exercise.

Where malaria is prevalent, all

The Oyster Season Opens



"We'll open one we have in mind—John's waiting to begin it—And perhaps besides the meat we'll find, A precious pearl within it."

—From the News of the World.

The Best of Advice

—BY CLARK KINNAIRD.

WHO is there who has not at some time selfishly held himself to be all-sufficient, and half-consciously, half-knowingly, excused his attitude to both himself and to others?

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Ibsen opined that if you deprive the average man of his life-life you deprive him also of his happiness.

Man is on the dissecting table constantly, in Ibsen's works. These are some of the surgeon's notes:

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Freedom of City Was Once Useful Gift

A FEW weeks ago Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was made a "freeman" of Bewdley, and became a "burghess" of that place. For the presentation of "the freedom of the city," whether to resident or stranger, makes the recipient an honorary burgher. But if strangers, these honorary burghesses can not vote for the municipality or be "on" the Town Council. Women as well as men can be made honorary burghesses, of course.

A burgher proper is a person of full age who has occupied a house or other building, and has resided for one year in the locality, and has paid poor and other rates, and consequently has been enrolled in the Burghers Roll.

In olden days it was an important and useful thing to be a freeman. The privilege was acquired by birth or apprenticeship, or by gift or purchase.

The eldest son of a freeman was born a freeman. An apprentice obtained the privilege by serving a seven-year apprenticeship to a freeman. An act of Parliament, however, eventually abolished the right of purchase.

In the Middle Ages there were "free" cities as well as freemen, and many of these became so powerful that they could, and often did, defy the barons and other great feudal lords, protecting the common people against the local tyrants, and even sometimes resisting injustice on the part of the sovereign.

Kings were glad to have such "free" cities as London and York on their side, for they could furnish both money and fighting men.

In Northern Europe several of these big "free" cities combined to protect their trading interests, and their union became so wide-spread and powerful with its own armies and fleets, that not only nobles, but kings and emperors were glad to be friendly, in order to receive support in their quarrels with nobles of foreign nations.

Even today the "free city" of Danzig, on the Baltic, is a self-governing republic, and is a member of the League of Nations.

Nowadays, though, all cities are generally and practically free, possessing few privileges beyond those of any other city. To be made a "freeman" of a city is only a traditional honor—a compliment. Still, the retention of this replacing custom is useful in that it recalls the fight for freedom throughout several centuries by our ancestors, who secured for us many of the rights and privileges we now enjoy.

FEAR, HOPE AND DISAPPOINTMENT. In these three words is written the life of man.

It seemed to Ibsen that the impulse which man brings to his work is, a greater or lesser degree, born with him; yet, even if circumstances alone be his compelling force, the final result in all cases will be the same.

In the first case he follows his own inclination, and, therefore, always has sufficient reward for his labors; in the second, he works under compulsion, but this very compulsion is a boon, as through it he is enabled to ameliorate his status and acquire greater possibilities of well-being and enjoyment.

A local real estate man tells this one. He was taking dinner with a doctor's family one evening when the phone rang. The doctor answered. Turning to his wife, he called in alarm: "Quick, get me my satchel. A man in a dying voice says he cannot live without me."

"What?" said the wife, who picked up the receiver. "That call is for Edith."

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Inventors Must Think In Entirely New Roles

ALTHOUGH there is another side to the picture, the surest way to wealth is to think out and patent some simple invention, such as the "screw" bottle stopper. If it is novel, and will save time, money, labor, or worry, the inventor will usually get his reward. The adequacy of the latter depends on whether he can exploit his own invention or has to sell it to others.

Excluding those who reinvent the already-invented, many misapply their faculties by treading a path, if it can be put that way, that is already well worn. The patent pipe is an example. Yet all the while certain inventions are being demanded.

A fortune awaits the man or woman—women are far more prolific in inventions than men—who can invent something from flooding, and thus writing too thickly, just before their ink supply is exhausted. The trouble is caused by the increased air pressure in the barrel.

Great improvements have been made, but there remains to be invented a stove that will throw all its heat into the room, and lose none up the chimney.

Yet another invention that would bring a fortune to the man who could think it out is a method which, without adding to the cost of production, would so blind and stitch the ordinary magazine that it could be opened out flat like a book. A device, however excellent, would be without commercial value if it were too expensive to apply.

As you know, the lengths of railway metals do not meet. Space has to be allowed for expansion of the steel. The "clank-clank" of trains is due to the wheels bumping over these openings. The railway companies would scramble for an invention that would abolish the clanking or do away with the necessity of leaving the openings.

It is obviously better to supply what is being asked for than to invent something for which a demand may have to be created.

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