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GOOD NEWS FOR ST. JOHN

In an interview published in this issue of the Times-Star, Hon. Dr. Pugsley makes important statements relative to a number of questions that are of public concern at the present time in this city and the province at large. The minister brushes aside the flimsy pretences of the Standard that the Grand Trunk Pacific will make Providence its winter port, and quotes the emphatic statement of President Hays that St. John and Halifax will be the winter ports of the great railway. Dr. Pugsley was unable to state that arrangements had been made for the construction of a dry dock at St. John, for the reason that plans and specifications had not yet been submitted by any company. We have, however, the fact that St. John has been selected by one, if not two companies, and the construction of the dock here is practically assured. The minister also regards the outlook favorable for the establishment of a shipbuilding plant here, since it would be the natural complement of a dry dock and ship-repairing plant.

The minister, from a recent conversation with Mr. Durant, is led to believe that the sugar refinery project will be carried out without delay, as the necessary transfers in connection with the site have just been completed. With regard to the proposed transfer of west side lots to the C. P. R., Dr. Pugsley expresses the hope that there will be no more delay, and that the railway company will be placed in a position to proceed with the extension of their yards and other facilities. The new city council should deal promptly with this matter.

Noting the fact that the new wharf now nearing completion on the west side will accommodate two more steamships, the minister intimates that additional wharves will be built below the elevator wharf as the demands of trade from year to year require it. It is expected that one will be begun next year.

Dr. Pugsley deals at some length with the question of the St. John Valley Railway, and makes it clear that the federal government will do all in its power to ensure the early construction of a line from St. John to Grand Falls, to connect there with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and to be operated by the I. C. R. It only remains for the provincial government to do its part.

The statements made by Dr. Pugsley in this interview will give great satisfaction to the people. They confirm the belief that St. John has entered upon an era of expansion and will within the next years enjoy great industrial and commercial development.

The Standard seeks in this morning's issue to discredit the minister, and make the people believe that he never does anything but make promises which are never fulfilled. Unfortunately for the Standard a wharf built by the federal government is nearing completion on the west side; the dredges are working on the site of more wharves; money is available if it should be deemed desirable to begin dredging at Courtney Bay, where borings are being made to determine the nature of the bottom of that whole cove; the Grand Trunk Pacific has purchased the site for its terminals; a dry dock company, in which great steamship and shipbuilding concerns are interested has selected St. John as one of the sites for an immense plant; the federal subsidy for the St. John Valley Railway has been renewed, and there are many other substantial evidences that performance follows upon the promises of the minister of public works. Since he became minister, St. John has assumed a new importance, as a national port, and its interests are not neglected but guarded and advanced at every point. He advances the country.

TWO CONSERVATIVE VIEWS
The Toronto Mail and Empire continues its lamentations. Its latest jeremiad is inspired by the gift to Mr. Fielding. It had expected a righteous people to rise up and denounce this awful inquiry, and regards the public apathy as the sad evidence of a decline in public morals. Proceeding it says:—

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REV. MR. JOHNSON AND WHAT HE SAID IN ST. JOHN

(Victoria Colonist)

Rev. W. H. Johnson, of Vancouver, ought to have a few things said to him. He has lately been in St. John and he has been advising people to keep away from the west, at least that part of the west which is known as Vancouver, without the explanatory word "Island." He in passing takes a little fling at Victoria also, and comes to the statement, "it seems to me that the future for them is not particularly bright with promise." He expects both towns to suffer from a serious setback.

He belittles Vancouver in various ways, and bears false witness against his neighbor when he says that "two-thirds of the business men are engaged in real estate enterprises." He adds that people coming in from the Klamath with money here things going, but he fears the "boom will not continue, so the business men go to concede that lumbering has done much for both cities, but says that the market for coal is limited, which will be news to the colliery owners.

He admits that there are considerable possibilities for farming, but is unable to see how we can hope to self produce in China and Japan, a bright observation surely, seeing that we cannot begin to keep pace with the demands of the home market. Some sections of the province he says are especially planted to fruit, but the united area of them is not large, as

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