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### ST. JOHN HARBOR.

The despatch from Ottawa which appears on the first page of this issue will inform the citizens of St. John that the appearance now to be a reasonable prospect of getting the harbor of this port under way. That steps would be taken to bring this about has generally been anticipated since the visit of the parliamentarians the other day, and it is satisfactory to find that the representations they promised to make are likely to bear good fruit.

### THE WATER POWERS BILL.

The provisions of the Bill introduced by Premier Foster into the Legislature yesterday dealing with the development of the Water Powers of the Province, will call for earnest consideration; and it is not possible in the short time which has elapsed since its introduction to deal with the bill as carefully as it should be dealt with. It will be conceded that the development of our water powers is a matter of urgent and vital importance; the main question is as to what line this development shall take place along. In one respect at any rate public opinion will agree with Premier Foster. "We cannot afford to experiment." It is much too costly.

The Bill proposes to create a commission of three members, which shall be charged with the duty of ascertaining not only what opportunities there are for developing water powers, but also what opportunities there are to obtain power from coal, oil, gas or peat. It may be that this commission idea is the most convenient method of going to work in view of the fact that the Province is to undertake the work of development, but the success or failure of the scheme will very largely depend upon the personnel of the Commission. It certainly appears to be the intention to clothe them with almost autocratic powers in dealing with any scheme that it is proposed to develop. With the example of the Ontario Commission before them, the New Brunswick Commissioners should be able to avoid many of the mistakes that must necessarily be made in dealing with a new subject, particularly one of such magnitude as that now under consideration.

The progress of the measure through the Legislature will be followed with much interest, and if Premier Foster succeeds in launching a scheme which ultimately develops a utility of such practical value as will naturally be looked for, he will earn the gratitude and commendation of the entire community.

### THE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

The Government of Gustav Bauer, which took office on Thursday, did not last long enough for the members of it to realize where they were, for it went out of office again yesterday, to be replaced by one headed by Hermann Mueller, Foreign Minister. The labor element of the population appears to have forced the issue.

The whole situation in Germany is far from encouraging, and while the reports of strife in that country are not quite as sensational as they were during the first days of the present crisis, no political or military party there seems powerful enough to bring order out of chaos. The Ebert Government, clinging jealously to its doubtful authority is not widely recognized, and although the first leaders of the revolution have been pushed into the background, other rebel chiefs, other factions have sprung up to wave the red flag of Bolshevism in the face of the masses, discouraged by the hard fight to reconstruct the nation's industrial and economic life after the disease of war.

Germany at the present time is a fertile field for the rank seed of discontent sown by the Communists, and it is this party, more than any other, that is keeping alive the flame of civil war and preventing the efforts of the sane leaders to restore law and order. One might think that the German people had had enough of bloodshed, of the useless expense of war, the hardships and the sufferings entailed by military action; but when hotheaded radicals are allowed to spread broadcast their insidious propaganda, when human selfishness and greed stalk unchecked through the land, no nation is safe from disaster, no government holds secure the reins of power.

The civil war now going on in Germany is due to one thing and one thing alone—Radicalism. Perhaps the other nations of the world can glean from the German tragedy a salutary lesson—the lesson of protecting governments, rulers, nations themselves, from the unbridled tongue of the Bolshevik propagandist; and if this shall prove to be the case, then the German civil war is not being staged in vain.

A Montreal scribe laments that the poet of the future must weep not only over the glory that was Greece, and the gladiator that was Rome, but over "the beverage that was British beer." In his opinion "we have legislated ourselves into prohibition, they are drinking themselves into it."

### FUTURE TEACHERS.

While it is earnestly to be hoped that the Report of the Committee on Salaries of Teachers, which was laid before the Legislature a few days ago, will result in this hard-worked and hard-working class of public servants getting a more adequate rate of remuneration than has been the case hitherto, it must not be overlooked that the problem of the teaching staff of the schools is one that cannot alone be met by increased salaries, for the simple reason that women are no longer compelled to teach school for a living, but have before them a wide range of possible occupations.

Undoubtedly many women have hitherto devoted themselves to teaching school, not that they had any love for the work, but because it was the only avenue of employment which seemed to invite their assistance. Today the business colleges and the commercial departments of the high schools are filled with young women eagerly equipping themselves for business professions.

Women are now acting in a closely advisory capacity in the largest industrial institutions. They found their way into the banking institutions during the war, and so far from being displaced at the conclusion of the struggle and on the return of the soldiers, bank managers have been glad to retain their services. Girls in business life who are receiving salaries of a thousand dollars a year are not few in number.

Hence it is not only essential that the salaries of the teachers should be attractive, but the conditions which surround their work must at least have an appeal equal to that of the woman in business. School-teachers are more or less isolated in their profession, while women in business are privileged to enjoy those intangible but valuable associations which are a part with industrial and commercial pursuits.

The "Buy in Canada" slogan has drawn the following response from the American Economist, to some remarks made by the Montreal Herald on the subject:

"While we in this country want to 'sell goods to our Canadian neighbors,' yet we are bound to say that we think 'The Montreal Herald is correct in its position, patriotically and economically. Furthermore, we believe that it would be a mighty good thing if the 'people of this country should adopt the policy as their own. We ought to produce everything possible in this country and not buy abroad what we should make here.'"

Cotton growing sufficient to supply the needs of the industry is the latest, but not too late, question to intrigue the minds of those interested in the trade within the empire movement. An industry as to possibilities reveals the fact that Egypt, the Sudan, Northern Nigeria, Uganda, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and parts of South Africa and Mesopotamia are suitable regions, the irrigation, draining and other developments of which should make them rich in raw material.

Virtual chaos existed in the Navy department of the United States at the time that country entered the war, declares Captain Lanning, assistant chief of the Bureau of Navigation. Those citizens of the Republic who were annoyed at Rear-Admiral Spingarn's disclosures he made were unpleasant to hear, may now be disposed to concede that his motives may, after all, have been honorable and patriotic, and that evidence is forthcoming to back them up.

What Others Say

Women Ministers (London Daily News)  
 The refusal of the Lower House of Convocation to allow women to pray and speak in churches ignores a good deal of history. Even in the days of the Pharaohs some of the most sacred religious offices were held by women. In the early days of the Christian Church women shared both in the ministry and the administration, playing an important part in the progress made by the primitive church. For the first 200 years of the Christian era women were even ordained as priests, and for 800 years they served at the altar and administered communion. It is strange that, today, when the claims of women, and where women do almost all the church and parish work, should deny them admission to the pulpit.

(Chatham World)  
 The curious and bewildered reader will note that the Local Government has paid \$384.40 for rent of the Governor's residence at Redoubt, for the recognition given to the Prince of Wales, spent \$336 in improving the grounds, and \$175.17 for installing electric light and paid \$2000 for the refreshments that were served to the Government's guests, not to mention the hundreds paid for carriages, heating and other decorative articles. Patriotic potatoes are not the only things that should be investigated.

The Laugh Line  
 She Really Meant It.  
 The girl was attempting to dance

with a fat man who couldn't. The fat man was a great bungler and he knew it. He gazed as they hobbled about: "It's awfully kind of you to dance with me—the worst dancer in the room!"  
 Then he trod on her foot for the sixth time, and the girl replied: "Oh, how can you say so? Why, you hardly seem to touch the floor!"  
 Mean Man.  
 Friend—Is her father the kind of man who would pursue you if you eloped?  
 Jack Poore—No, he is the kind of man who'd move, so that you couldn't find him when you came back.

Most girls have a keen sense of humor.  
 Pools occasionally find opportunities, but wise men make them.  
 Theatrical managers and astrologers are always trying to discover new stars.

FRANCHISE  
 BILL NOW IN  
 COMMITTEE

Mr. Meighen Says No Intention to Disfranchise Citizens of Years Standing.

ESTIMATES UP FOR CONSIDERATION

The Indian Land Settlement Bill Also Occupied House's Attention Until Adjournment.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., March 26.—The Bill Telephone Company has made application to Parliament for an increase in its capitalization from thirty to seventy-five million dollars.

Debate on the Franchise Act collapsed today after Mr. Meighen promised an amendment meeting the main objections of its opponents. Admitting that, as it stood, a clause in the bill, based on the Naturalization Act of 1915, would prevent many from voting who voted during the war, while at the same time allowing others to vote who were disfranchised during the war, and that, as pointed out by Mr. Baler on Thursday, a German who came to Canada in 1910, and who was naturalized in, say 1915, would be permitted to vote, while a German who had been in the country for fifty or sixty years, but who had not complied with the provisions of the new naturalization act, would be disfranchised. Mr. Meighen said that the Government never had such a subject in view, and that alterations would be made to remedy the error.

With this explanation and promise, organized opposition to the bill died out, and it was given second reading. Thus, another Government measure that was thought to harbor trouble and provoked political controversy is well on its way to the statute books, and the session materially advanced.

There remains only the Budget; for the "bottom" has been fairly well knocked out of a potential row over the navy by the Government's announcement of Thursday.

Nor is anything of vast moment now expected on the Budget. The Opposition, in fact, has recently shown a significant disposition to haul down its free trade flag. Dr. Boland having followed Mr. Pardee in declining to go ball for a too rapid demolition of the tariff, and a low tariff amendment, even if moved, will, coming from such a quarter, carry little conviction to the House and hardly endanger the Government.

As for the agrarians, they are showing a surprising degree of inactivity. With Mr. Cresser away, through illness, the party is under the House leadership of Dr. Clark, and although the speeches, organized practical efforts, not one of his conspicuous roles. A low tariff amendment may come from this group, but it is not so far as its effect is concerned, than a reaffirmation of the party's policy.

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## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Mr. Perkins gave my sister Gladis a bunch of roses last night, and this afternoon I was talking to Mary Watkins, and I said, I think I know where I can get a rose if I want one. Do you want one?  
 O yes, my, I'd just love to have a rose, said Mary Watkins, and I said, All right, are you coming out tonight? and she said she was, and I said, Well I'll see if I can get one, and she said, O Benny, I think you're perfectly wonderful.

Which maybe I am, and when I went home Gladis was in her room and the roses were in a vase, and I said, G. Gladis, if you gave somebody one of those out of that big bunch you would hardly know the difference, would you?  
 Never mind hitting, there only a dozen there, said Gladis, and I said, Well, what one out of a dozen, she said, O Benny, and Gladis said, O I will give you one and save myself an argument. Which she did being a pretty small one but smelling like a big one, and after supper I went out with it looking for Mary Watkins, and pretty soon who did I see seated but Loretta Minor as a new wife coat looking twice as pretty as anything, saying, Hello, Benny, were you going?

Nowhere special, I said, and she said, Then wait, you're doing with the rose?  
 Nothing special, I said, and she said, Wait a beautiful gorgeous rose, can I smell it once?  
 Sure, I said, and she said, O, it's the most wonderful rose I ever smelt, and that reminds me, I haven't had a rose since my cousins wedding, can I smell it again?

Sure, I said. And she smelt it again, and I said, How would you like to wear it on your new coat? and she said, O Benny, how nice of you, I bet Mary Watkins will be perfectly furious because I've got a rose and she hasn't.

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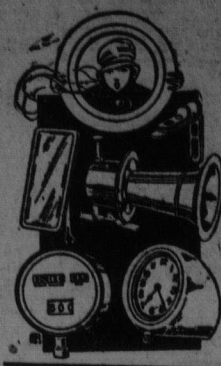
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