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ST. JOHN STAR.

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### TARIFF REFORM CHANCES

Those who follow the course of British politics, even if their attention is confined to the necessarily brief reports which find their way through the cable to Canada, cannot but be surprised at the apparent rapid change in feeling in favor of the Unionists. Six weeks or a month ago the government was generally spoken of as absolutely certain of success. Tariff reform was scarcely classified among the important issues, but as day after day went by and other issues were projected in the campaign, tending to complicate the situation, when the difference between the Lords and the Commons was forced on the people as one of the leading points to be decided by the vote, and when government leaders gave all their energies to the task of overcoming the position adopted by the peers and to carry their budget proposals, other matters of moment found their opportunity. These conditions which have given rise to the demand, such as it is, for tariff reform which force upon the administration the duty of raising money by what have hitherto been regarded as extraordinary methods, these conditions themselves are attracting more and more attention from the people, who fail to see in any of the government proposals a permanent relief from the disability under which Britain has been suffering. The opinion is expressed that the introduction of many lines into the campaign has strengthened the policy of tariff reform, and in some matters it is believed that were there at the head of the Unionists a man of energy, enthusiastically promoting this policy, it might not fall far short of success. Even with Sir Balfour as leader, and in spite of his half-hearted endorsement of Chamberlain's proposals there is a growing sentiment that only in the creation of a tariff can a way be found out of existing difficulties.

It is clear that the Unionists are putting up a tremendous fight. They do not seem to be doing as much blowing about the campaign as their opponents, nor do Canadian correspondents devote to their meetings the attention that is given to those addressed by cabinet Ministers. But in reviewing the situation the London standard points out that Unionist candidates have been selected in all but five constituencies in the kingdom, that the government will still name eighteen representatives whereby Liberal and Labor candidates would not oppose each other has resulted in failure inasmuch as in seventy-six constituencies nominees of both these parties are running. It is natural, perhaps, that in their forecasts, newspapers of every shade of politics should claim success for their own party, but it is noteworthy that even the Liberal press is now conceding the more to the Balfour cause than even the latter claimed for itself six weeks ago.

### THE HARBOR BRIDGE.

Since Mr. F. W. Holt is an engineer and has estimated the cost of a bridge at \$750,000, the Telegraph thinks it is unreasonable to suggest that the cost will eventually reach \$1,500,000. With all respect to Mr. Holt, the Star submits that other engineers, supposedly quite as experienced as he is, have in the past submitted estimates for work in St. John, and never has there been an instance in which contracts were completed within these estimates. On the contrary the city has as a rule been called upon to pay bills running from two to four times the amount of the original calculations. The last big job, the Loch Lomond extension, cost this city \$750,000 in place of the \$250,000 originally named.

If a bridge is to be built, it may be a structure able to carry far more than a traffic greatly in excess of that now offering. Looking to the future St. John will, when the proper time comes, be ready to pay a reasonable price, even a million and a half if necessary, for a satisfactory bridge. In the knowledge that such a work, even if it is not the most profitable investment, will be a necessity. But the proper time has not yet arrived. This city needs other things more than it does a bridge, and unless this structure can be completed without adding to the city's load, it should be left until other and more urgent matters have been given attention.

There is no desire on the part of the people of St. John to reject the bridge proposal, but there is a decided feeling that this subject can rest for a while. And in the meantime those who are so ably promoting it might look into the question of ways and means. The I. C. R., the C. P. R., the Shaw Line, the Street Railway and other corporations will make use of the bridge. It might be well to draft a scheme whereby interest and sinking fund on the whole capital expenditure would be provided in rentals or contributed in tolls from those likely to require the bridge. The amount now appropriated by the city for ferry purposes could be used in maintaining and operating the bridge. Under such a plan, the city's debt in its bearing on

the ordinary taxpayer, would not be materially increased.

But indeed the whole bridge scheme is now too vague and indefinite for any decided opinion to be based on it, and if a plebiscite were taken, electors would be voting purely on sentiment and not on a practical proposition.

## ST. JOHN IS GOING AHEAD.

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### ESTATE OF A. E. CHAPMAN

PROBATED AT \$50,000

Left to His Wife With Numerous Generous Legacies to Moncton Institutions, Payable on Her Death.

DORCHESTER, Jan. 6.—The will of the late Alfred E. Chapman of Moncton was admitted to probate yesterday, letters testamentary being granted to the widow and Percy C. Black of Amherst, a nephew. The real estate is three thousand four hundred dollars; personal estate forty-six thousand dollars. C. A. Stevens, executor. The estate was given to the wife subject to the following generous legacies, payable after her death: Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, five thousand; Mount Allison, five thousand; Central Methodist church, Moncton, one thousand; Moncton Hospital, two thousand five hundred; Y. M. C. U. Moncton, one thousand; W. C. T. U. Moncton, two hundred and fifty; Salvation Army, Moncton, two hundred and fifty.

ST. JOHN TO HAVE RESIDENT STOCK COMPANY.

Beginning Monday evening, January 10th, and continuing indefinitely, the management of the St. John Opera House announce a season of high class comedies and dramas produced by a company of unusual merit, including some of the best known stock players in the province. The opening play, "Leah Kiechlin," was originally produced by Mrs. Pike and enjoyed a great success. The second bill, "The Two Orphans," is perhaps the best known play of the century, having been produced for many years with unvarying success. Among the players are Edith Warren, late leading woman with the Forepaugh Stock Co., Cincinnati; Myra Crowe, one of the cleverest ingenues of the American stage; May Clarke, Frank Oliver, a comedian of unusual ability; Cortland Hopkins, recently character man with Viola Allen; Burton Malloy, a particularly capable juvenile man; Paul Hill, recently with B. F. Keith Stock Co., J. W. Hartman, from the Nether Stock Co., Louisville; Carl Rytthe, from the Columbia Stock Co., Newark, N. J.; and Percy Charters, a rising young Canadian actor. No expense will be spared to give St. John audiences the best that the dramatic market offers, and it is hoped that the old time interest in local theatricals will be aroused to such an extent that "our own stock company" will remain with us well into the summer months.

The opening lecture in the young people's course in the Natural History rooms will be given Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The lectures are profusely illustrated and are free to all children over ten years of age. They will be held every Friday throughout the winter.

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 1910

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Life is very often painted as a hill, of which the upward slope is a journey full of responsibilities and dreams visions and hopefulness, but whose summit, reached at the age of forty or fifty, is supposed to mark the end of all such things.

The first forty or fifty years of life are frequently referred to as a climbing-up, a forging ahead, while the last fifty or forty are agreeably painted as a sort of aimless meandering down.

As for instance:



"John Anderson, my Jo, John, We climb the hill together; And many a canty day, John, We've had w' ane another; Now we maun totter down, John, But hand in hand we'll go; And sleep together at the foot, John Anderson, my Jo."

With all due respect to the Scottish bard and the tenderness of his picture, I think that's a very wrong way of symbolizing existence.

I think the whole of life should be one steady ascent of which not middle age but a rounded out existence should be regarded as the culmination and summit.

"Dear me, won't it be terrible to be forty and have nothing unexpected and new to look forward to." I heard a young girl say the other day, as she slipped her card into a birthday gift for a friend who was just about to reach the fortieth milestone.

He was called to the management of a local exposition; showed some administrative ability that he was appointed chief of the agricultural division of the Columbian exposition; was so successful in that position that his work came to President Cleveland's attention, and he was appointed to the Argentine mission; fulfilled his duties there so well that he was rapidly advanced in the diplomatic field, becoming one of the most trusted men in the service.

Last fall a woman who had always dreamed of a college education, but in her youth had not had the time or the means for it, entered college at the age of 71.

There is no need for anyone to acknowledge a time when the possibilities and dreams and visions of life are past.

Recollect what has happened to other people and have the courage to believe that it is never too late for your dreams to come true, and it won't be.

Ruth Cameron

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The going out of business sale which started yesterday morning called forth a steady stream of buyers all day long. Today and Tomorrow we are rushing Rubber Goods, they being necessary articles of footwear just now.

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### BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

The author of the poem was a young woman, only twenty-two years of age, well educated and the daughter of respectable parents, but who had fallen into disgrace and become an outcast. She died at the Commercial Hospital, Cincinnati, and among her personal effects was found, in manuscript, the verses of "Beautiful Snow." It was published in the National Union the morning after the girl's death.

Oh, the snow! the beautiful snow, Filling the sky and earth below! Over the housetops, over the street, Over the heads of the people you meet, Dancing—

Flirting— Skimming along Beautiful snow! it can do no wrong; Plying to kiss a fair lady's cheek; Clinging to lips in frolicsome freak, Beautiful snow from the heavens above, Pure as an angel, gentle as love.

Oh, the snow! the beautiful snow! How the flakes gather and laugh as they go, Whirling about in the maddening fun; It plays in its gleo with every one. Chasing—

Laughing— Hurrying by, It lights on the face, and it sparkles the eye, And e'en the dogs, with a bark and a bound Snap at the crystals that eddy around. The town is alive, and its heart is aglow, To welcome the coming of beautiful snow!

How the wild crowd goes swaying along, Hailing each other with humor and song! How the gay sleighs like meteors dash by, Bright for a moment, then lost to the Ringing—

Swinging— Dashing they go, Over the crest of the beautiful snow; Snow so pure when it falls from the sky, To be trampled in mud by the crowd rushing by; To be trampled and tracked by thousands of feet, Till it blends with the horrible filth in the street.

Once I was pure as the snow, but I fell; Fell like the snowflakes from heaven—to hell; Fell, to be trampled as filth on the street; Fell, to be scorned, to be spit on and beat. Fleeing—

Cursing— Dreading to die, Selling my soul to whoever would buy; Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread, Hating the living and fearing the dead, Merciful God! have I fallen so low? And yet I was once like this beautiful snow!

Once it was fair as the beautiful snow, White as the ice its crystals, a heart like its glow; Once I was loved for my innocent grace, Flattered and sought for the charm of my face. Father—

Mother— Too wicked for prayer, too weak for my moan To be heard in the crash of the crazy dream, Gone mad at the joy in the snow's coming down— To lie and tell my terrible woe, With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow!

Added by a servant of the Lord, Helpless and foul as the trampled snow, Sinner, despair not! Christ stooped low! To rescue the soul that is lost in sin, And raise it to life and enjoyment again. Greeting—

Bleeding— Dying for thee, The Crucified hung on the accursed tree! His accents of mercy fall soft on thine ear: "There is mercy for thee—He will hear thy weak prayer. . . . 'O God, in the stream that for sinners did flow, Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'"

Slaves—all; God and myself I have lost by may fall! The veriest wretch that goes shivering by Will make a wide sweep lest I wander too high; For of that is on or about me, I know, There is nothing that's pure—but the beautiful snow.

How strange it would be, when the beautiful snow Should fall on a sinner with nowhere to go! How strange it would be, when the snow falls on the ice struck my desperate brain! Fainting—

Freezing— Dying alone— Too wicked for prayer, too weak for my moan To be heard in the crash of the crazy dream, Gone mad at the joy in the snow's coming down— To lie and tell my terrible woe, With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow!

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## A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

### Fashions and Fads

More hat bands, finished with the square bow, are seen as the sole trimming on some of the tailored hats. These may be bought ready to slip on any hat.

Cloth coats, to be worn with a skirt to match, and a dressy chiffon, satin or net blouse, are made very much shorter than they have been for several seasons.

Utility capes are made of cravenette, various, reversibles, serges, rubberized goods, homespun, tweeds, kerseys—in fact, off every fabric used for storm coats.

It seems very likely that the overskirt is to come in again and that it is often to be of figured or braided or otherwise trimmed fabric, worn over plain skirts.

Satin bands are used as a finish of many of the handsome evening scarfs. There is, of course, no lack of spangles, whether in the shape of sequins or bugles.

Skirts of new corsets are long and close, and they are pulled further in the usual way by stocking supporters at the front and sides, and often at the back.

Chiffon gauze velvet and ribbon are now all found with more surface, and sometimes lace carries the rippling water mark. All these are being lavishly used by dressmakers.

The black satin stock is the latest cry in neckwear, but to be extremely smart it must have a turnover or frill at the top; cuffs matching the stock also have frills.

Net of all kinds, from tulle to heavy fish net, is simply the rage of the season, and must be made up over satin, a princess of this fabric excellent to build the outer fabric upon.

### Star Fashions

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### WATCH CANADA IS J. J.

#### HILL'S GOOD ADVICE

He Tells the American People to Trade More Freely With This Country

Mr. James J. Hill has again expressed his appreciation of things Canadian, and in an interview he states that the Dominion is entering an era of great development and prosperity which the great railway magnate claims will be fairly general all over the country.

"Canada," said Mr. Hill, "has one advantage over the United States in a greater stability of thought in Canada. We may see this in the development of the western part of that country. Her people are more concerned with making progress. The Canadians are making great strides. There are a good many things we could learn from them. I do not know of anything that we need set ourselves up to teach them."

"The wisest man cannot foretell the future of Canada, and I do not want to undertake to do it, if they are prosperous and progressive now with their resources yet to be developed in many lines, why should not Canadian wealth and influence increase greatly in another generation? Canada is to be the great wheat country. Certainly I think Canada has a great future from an economic standpoint."

Mr. Hill goes on to discuss the rapid growth in our foreign trade relations, and he strongly urged the American people to spend less money on the Panama Canal, and more in encouraging free trade with the Dominion. He quotes figures to show our importance as a commercial and agricultural factor, and predicts that within a very short time Canada will be a big subject for international recognition.

### VOLUNTARY INCREASE FOR M. C. R. OPERATORS.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Jan. 6.—The Michigan Central Railway telegraph operators received advice from Detroit this morning that a voluntary increase in wages had been granted and the increase was to take effect on December 1, 1909. This covers all telegraph operators on the Canadian division of the Michigan Central, some three hundred men.

### THE TRUTH REVEALED WOMAN.

Speak of a reticent woman and most people picture to themselves a woman who doesn't talk much. But the truly reticent woman—the woman who makes reticence an art—is not at all silent. She talks with what is apparently the greatest candor, so that people go away from her saying, what a frank, genial woman she is. And no one ever suspects, unless he or she is phenomenally clever, that all the genial conversationalist had all sorts of unspoken things in her mind—Exchange.

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