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## LOOKING BETTER.

A welcome and well justified note of encouragement marked the annual meeting of the Board of Trade. President Simms, in his comprehensive annual address, was able to point to many proofs of progress during the last year and to much evidence of still greater betterment to come, not only with respect to the port and the business interests generally, but in regard to the Maritimes and the country at large as well.

It has been a long pull, but Mr. Simms felt justified in saying that we are at last emerging from the time of financial depression. He welcomes, as the public generally welcomes, the creation of a better atmosphere, at once hopeful and sanely constructive, "without which," as he says, "it would not have been possible to bring to you the evidence of greater promise and even already realized progress than it has been the lot of our board to experience for many years. Beginning with the growing hope of better times, our year closes with tangible evidence that at last the back of the long spell of depression is really breaking. Not only our Western crops but our potatoes are bringing unprecedented buying prices to thousands of our population and signs of hopeful awakening are evident in not a few leading industries."

He rightly regards as of signal importance the awakening in the Maritimes, saying:

"But here in the Maritime Provinces, a phenomena of more far-reaching significance than even good crops or recovering industry has been the new spirit of determination which is generating a new hope. This in its turn is arousing a new faith that the fields of Maritime opportunity are really ripe for the harvest for her sons who will dare and do."

The Board of Trade during the last year has greatly broadened the scope of its activities. Man does not live alone. Neither does a city, or a port. Mr. Simms says that possibly the most significant factor in the year's exceptional activities has been the new emphasis on a truth but dimly recognized heretofore, that we cannot even have our own civic interests well unless we are possessed of a broad vision of service, as an indivisible part of our province and of our great Dominion.

Commissioner Scanderv, to whose talents the President paid a strong tribute, as he did, also to the retiring Secretary, Mr. R. E. Armstrong—has been doing much to will do still more, to link up the board and Saint John with interests outside the city whose success is necessarily interlocked with ours. Mr. Scanderv stressed particularly the need for an immense agricultural revival in New Brunswick, and he does not confine himself to theory but points out many promising lines of advance. Our local importations of foodstuffs in themselves proclaim the existence of a rich opportunity. If New Brunswick, as a beginning, can substitute the products of its own farms for those which we are bringing in from outside to the tune of millions of dollars yearly, we shall conquer a very large slice of prosperity.

The Board of Trade meeting affords a pleasing record of things done and of greater things in train. The word is forward.

## IRISH PEACE.

The agreement settling the boundary between Ulster and the Free State was ratified last night by the Dail after four days of stiff debate. The discussion was by no means harmonious, but that was to be expected. But the vote is significant, for the agreement was confirmed by 71 to 29. The Ulster Parliament and the British Parliament had already adopted the settlement, following the action in Dublin. His Majesty King George has given the measure the royal assent.

Sir James Craig, in his speech last evening rejoices over the boundary settlement as something greater than the mere fixing of a frontier. He welcomes the settlement not only for its own sake but because he believes it will lead to the removal of the customs boundary between North and South Ireland, and this alone, in his judgment, would be worth all the poetical theories ever signed. He speaks confidently of the dawning of a new day when Irishmen will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor and enterprise without the handicap arising from political differences, and he says that the minority in Ulster will be treated with the greatest justice and consideration.

President Cosgrave, of the Free State, says that his government has now secured the good-will of Northern Ireland, and that it had done the best it could to settle the disturbing question amicably. But the speech which this question has been settled and the favorable comment which the result has elicited all over the Empire must give cause for general congratulation. Irish peace is established at last.

Breaking the charm of daily life in Chicago a resident of that well advertised centre says: "Our police

## Just Fun

A PERSON asked to classify French heels, said: "I should think they would come under dresses."

"WHERE was you last night until 10 o'clock?" asked Mrs. Ragson Tatters.  
"I don't care who told you. It's a lie," returned Ragson indignantly.

GHOSTS and real friends have at least one thing in common. They are often heard of but seldom seen.

ALCOHOL can be extracted from dough, a scientist has discovered. But a souk has to have lots of dough to get any alcohol these days.

"Is she really married?"  
"Well, if she's not I am in a hell of a fix."  
"How's that?"  
"I'm her husband."

HAINT LIFE HORRIBLE. Life is short and time is fleeting. So I speed this chattering gossamer. Let us scatter words of gloom. As we totter toward the tomb! Though it's bad, it could be worse. Have a drink, and call the hearse!

LADY (to man in booth)—Look here, you've been in there thirty minutes and haven't said a word.  
Man—I've been talking to my wife.

IT IS SAID that boats coast the English channel every thirty minutes. Why, then, should any one want to swim it?

AN INVENTOR has produced a golf ball which speaks when it is lost. At present the golfer does this.

IT was a very formal dinner. The girl of all girls sat by his side. Oysters were served. Wildly he gazed about the room. Should he use his knife or spoon? He did not know. Blushing a deep scarlet, he pulled a revolver out of his pocket and shot himself.

RONDEAU  
From you alone, I may retrieve  
My faltering faith and needed rest  
So that once more I might believe  
From you alone.  
Unfurling days for me have flown  
And shipwrecked on dim shore I grieve,  
With no fair skies to call my own.

A boon I crave before I leave—  
That ten you promised over the phone.  
And so I hope I may receive  
From you a loan.

A GOOD WAY to judge a man is by what he says, but a better way, sometimes, is to judge him by what he doesn't say.

MUCH discomfort is caused by buying shoes to fit the occasion instead of shoes to fit the feet.

MAYBE HE POUTED!  
MISS HENDRICKS said she met Garrison when she went to his office to ask him about insurance. She decided she had kissed him on his lip—Santa Rosa, Calif. Journal.

A DANCE is a place where you go with your girl, pay five dollars for a good floor and the best music in town—and then sit outside all night in a car.

If you like nastiness, you're lowbrow; if you like naughtiness, you're highbrow; if you like virtue, you're just middle class.

WHEN you start to "brighten up" the corner where you are, look around first and see who's there.

THE behavior of unusually smart children indicates that they seldom are smart in the right place.

HERE'S some striking news for today. About 5,000 matches are lighted every second in the United States.

## Dinner Stories

A CLERGYMAN, who was summoned in haste by a woman who had been taken suddenly ill, answered the call, though somewhat puzzled by it, for he knew that she was not of his parish, and was, moreover, known to be a devoted worker in another church. While he was waiting to be shown to the sick-room he felt like talking to the little girl of the house.  
"It is very gratifying to know that your mother thought of me in her illness," said he. "Is your minister out of town?"  
"Oh, no," answered the child, in a matter-of-fact tone. "He's home; only we thought it might be something contagious, and we didn't want to take any risks."

A CONNOISSEUR of painting saw in the window of a second-hand dealer's shop the portrait of an admiral in full uniform. He offered the dealer \$250 for it, but the latter declined to sell under \$375, and, as neither would give way, the picture remained in the shop.

A short time afterward the connoisseur saw the picture hanging in the dining room of a certain house he happened to be visiting. With an exclamation of surprise he waited toward it.

"Hello, what have you got here?" he said.

His host replied that the portrait had just been bequeathed to him, and added: "It is the portrait of one of Nelson's admirals, an ancestor of ours."

"Was he, indeed?" commented the connoisseur. "A month ago he was worth \$125 of becoming one of mine!"

LOCARNO AND LABOR.  
(Le Monde Ouvrier.)

The Locarno decisions which have fixed the frontiers of the German republic of France and Belgium, will also exercise a profound influence on the economic and financial situation of the whole of Europe.  
It may well be that both in France and Belgium there will now arise sentiments favorable to disarmament, which must necessarily have a beneficial effect on the course of the franc, and consequently on the condition of the working classes.

## Voting Under Compulsion



At the last Australian election any voter who did not exercise his franchise was liable to punishment.

—From the News of the World.

## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

REPORTERS IN EVERY Y STICK AND STONE.

"NATURE WILL be reported," Emerson observed.  
All things are engaged in writing their history.  
The planet, the pebble, goes attended by its shadow.

The rolling stone gathers no moss, but it leaves its scratches on the mountain.

The river its channel in the soil; The animal its bones in the stratum; The fern and leaf their epitaph in the coal.

The falling drop makes its sculpture in the sand or the stone. Not a footstep the snow or along the ground, but prints, in characters more or less lasting, a map of its march.

The air is full of sounds; the sky, of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures, and every object covered over with hints which speak to the intelligent.

EMERSON observed.  
AND EVERY ACT of the man inscribes itself in the memory of his fellow and his own manners and face.

—Shakespeare.

## Poems That Live

SIGH NO MORE, LADIES.

Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more; Men were deceivers ever; One foot in sea, and one on shore; To one thing constant never.

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## Other Views

THE PIONEER SPIRIT.

(Victoria Times.)

The history of Canada's development is replete with records of achievement in the great open spaces by men who were city dwellers in their native lands—the men who took a chance. What was taking place 20 years ago is taking place today, with this difference—the men who settle on the land in 1925 do not have to face the kind of loneliness the pioneers faced. Modern invention has changed all that. Get the men who are ready to take a chance and the misfits will be very few.

CANADIAN CAPITAL.

(La Presse.)

In a young country like Canada, the greatest need of all, one that is always felt, in order to further the innumerable developments required to exploit our natural wealth and add to our national production, is capital, the life-blood of prosperity and economic progress. What explanation is there, therefore, that the banks, the receivers of our savings and whose essential function it is to assist progress, initiative, development, Canadian production generally, are so markedly reducing the amount of their loans and advances in Canada, and that, having received great increases in savings deposits, they are proposing to lend them, to let them fructify, outside Canada? A strike of capital in Canada is the surest way of provoking an economic crisis in the country.

SKINNING THE SERVICES.

(London Morning Post.)

Successive ministries have solemnly acknowledged the disastrous effect of oppressive taxation; they have admitted the necessity for thrift, and they have promised to enforce it. The present government was indeed, placed in power to achieve economic reforms, both by suppressing addition and by largely reducing the public expenditure. It is an axiom that ultimately every government stands or falls by its financial record. So far the only saving worth consideration has been made in the fighting services; and in the process both officers and men have been given just cause for complaint. They have been selected for the purpose, according to the Liberal principle, of which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is presumably an exponent, that the votes of fighting men are worth less than the votes of the international pacifists of organized labor.

In Middleborough, England, licensing magistrates recently enacted a "dry" law for women. Previously hotel keepers were prohibited from supplying women with the except with meals, but now they may not serve women such drinks at all. Middleborough is believed to be the only town in England to have such a restriction.

"Aunt Fanny," a California Indian, is 106 years old. She attributes her long life to the fact that she has always eaten her food with a spoon, and she will go to a schoolmaster and prescribe for the child's mind—Lord Gorell.

A parent will not go to a doctor and physician, or a child's body, but he will go to a schoolmaster and prescribe for the child's mind—Lord Gorell.

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