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SOME QUESTIONS

St. John, N. B., July 24, 1912.

Editor Times:

Sir,—While the Evening Times may be sincere in its attempts to "boost" St. John, it is apparent to all that its efforts are chiefly benefiting a few speculators in real estate. There has been a sharp rise in rents, and exorbitant prices are being paid for old, obsolete dwellings. The majority are in receipt of a fixed or stationary wage, but it is only the thoughtful ones who realize that a fixed wage is in reality a diminishing salary when we look at the ever increasing cost of the necessities and luxuries of life.

This is a vital question beside which the politics which the daily paper serves up to its readers pales into insignificance Thus a stationary income under present conditions means a diminishing income, and the end is not yet.

Will the Times say this is a sign of "unbounded prosperity," or an incentive to increase of population? What is the Times doing to "boost" wages in St. John, and when does it propose to tackle the housing question?

Yours truly,
M. GOUDIE.

The city of St. John is at present passing through an experience which is common to all communities during a period of growth and expansion. The Times will certainly continue to favor a growth in population, the addition of greater commercial facilities and the addition of new industries. The aggregate working population of the city is earning much more money this year than last, because there is a greater demand for labor. Still more will be earned in the aggregate next year, and we trust for many years to come.

It is quite true that this does not help the man who has steady work and a fixed wage or salary. If the cost of living, including rent, increases, and his salary does not, he actually suffers, whatever may be the cause of the increase. To the extent that he may be injuriously affected by increased cost of living he has a grievance—but must progress therefore stop?

The Times does not believe that the only persons benefiting by the forward movement are a few speculators in real estate. Mechanics and laborers are getting more steady work and therefore a larger income. Merchants are getting more business, and more people are employed in business pursuits.

The assertion that there has been a sharp rise in rents ought to be qualified. A careful and general comparison will show that the increase has been less than our correspondent's statement would indicate. But the only way to bring rents down, without providing new tenements at moderate rental, would be to bring about a period of stagnation which would drive a lot of people away and leave empty houses. One of the problems pressing for solution is this very one of healthy tenements at reasonable rates, and it is worthy of the attention of investors. As the city grows it must expand to the east, west and north, and workingmen's homes and homes for clerks and others having small incomes must be provided.

But there is one matter to which our correspondent does not refer, and it is one that has much to do with rents and the cost of living. It is the question of taxation. If the city had a more equitable system of taxation, with exemption in whole or in part for improvements, the conditions would be much more favorable for the man of small means.

Looking to the greatest good for the citizens as a whole, it is desirable that St. John should grow, and with that growth a rise in the value of property is inevitable. The questions of wages and of housing cannot be satisfactorily settled by fixing an arbitrary price on real estate. The question of wages is one that must be settled between employers and employed, and the housing problem is today clamoring for solution in every city. There is still no satisfactory solution. In London a few years ago they cleaned up a section of the East End and moved the people to model tenements in the suburbs. Ere long the model tenements began to take on some of the characteristics of the East End. The tenants had taken the slum spirit with them. Of course we should have no such spirit and no such conditions in this new country, but we are getting there; and the attention of the well-to-do class cannot too soon be directed to the conditions and to the fact that they can, if they will, assist in providing a remedy.

The very best remedy for the evil of excessive rents is of course ownership. To give persons of small income a chance to own cottages of their own, by easy terms of payment, would not only help them but give them an incentive such as the man living in a dingy rented flat never knows. These questions to which our correspondent calls attention cannot be settled offhand, or they would have been settled in other cities long ago. But it is well worth while to consider and discuss them.

NAVAL CONFERENCE

There is to be another conference between the Canadian ministers and the imperial defence committee. Premier Asquith made the announcement yesterday, and added that he hoped some satisfactory agreement would be reached. Hon. Mr. Hazen yesterday made, in an interview, some references to the possibility of converting merchant ships into auxiliary cruisers in time of war, and added that this plan had been under consideration. The London Daily Mail goes back to the Dreadnought story and gives currency again to the rumor that Mr. Borden will offer $30,000,000 to build three Dreadnoughts for the British navy. All this, of course, is mere speculation. Mr. Winston Churchill informed parliament that no announcement of Mr. Borden's policy would be made until after he and his colleagues had returned to Canada. Mr. Borden is in no hurry. He has delayed action of any sort for ten months.

Premier Asquith's speech yesterday was of a reassuring nature, although he was emphatic in support of the enlarged naval programme. He spoke in the most kindly manner of the present relations between Britain and Germany, and further declared that he knew of no present occasion for quarrelling with any country in any part of the world. He added, however, that the increased naval expenditure was a necessary insurance. Of this insurance, it is obvious, the oversea states must pay a portion of the cost, and so far as Canada is concerned it is now up to Mr. Borden.

FIGHTING THE PLAGUE

At the recent meeting of the municipal council of Westmorland county a committee appointed to consider the best methods of combating tuberculosis submitted its report. The following recommendations were contained in it:—(1) Educational work; (2) Segregation, when possible, of all advanced cases to prevent infection; (3) Compulsory notification and registration of al cases; (4) Free bactereological examination of sputum, and other necessary medical or scientific tests for the disease; (5) Compulsory disinfection of rooms or apartments vacated by consumptives.

In the course of the report the committees made these observations:—

"We provide hospitals for our insane, make provision for our blind, our deaf and dumb, support our paupers, but the unfortunate consumptive has had little or no attention. Most of our hospitals are closing their doors against him, hotels and boarding houses will have none of him, and he is wanted nowhere,—he is the source of danger; and we are confronted with the question, What will we do with him? Segregation in the advanced stages appears to be the best solution of the difficulty, and for that purpose we recommend that assistance be given to establish or keep up sanatoria, where such cases may be dealt with."

The report was unanimously adopted, and we may expect that the county of Westmorland will provide a sanitarium for advanced cases. What is St. John doing?

In the Virginia mountains it is good politics to shoot an opponent. Virginia is apparently not a big game region.

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If the reactionaries get into power again in Turkey the troubles of that country will probably be increaed rather than lessened.

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It is unfortunate that Mr. Speaker Sproule is not in Paris, to act as interpreter for such of the Canadian ministerial party as are not sure of their French.

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The transfer of control of the Rockwood Park playground area to the city is another important step toward the realization of plans for a great athletic field for the boys and girls of St. John.

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Another Vancouver bank has been robbed in broad daylight by hold-up men. There is probably a considerable demand for pocket arsenals in Vancouver, but despite occasional thrillers the life of the average citizen is doubtless as safe as in an eastern town.

FOX RANCHING AS A BUSINESS

A prospectus of the Silver Fox Ranching Co., of Alberton, P. E. Island, announces that it was incorporated in November, 1911, for the purpose of taking over and developing on a large scale the fox ranching business formerly carried on by Dr. Rogers of Boston, and F. L. Rogers of Alberton, P. E. I. The authorized capital was placed at $250,000 common and $100,000 of 8 per cent. cumulative preferred stock, of which it is intended to issue altogether $190,000 of common and $30,000 preferred. This capital, it is announced will enable the company to take up all its available options, in addition to the animals owned by the original interests; to acquire its property, build its equipment and provide for its expense account till the young animals of 1913 are sold.

The equipment, which consists of an outside enclosure 250x430 feet with pens to accommodate 28 pairs of foxes, is now approaching completion.

SEATS OF THE MIGHTY

Fredericton Herlad:—Commodore Stewart, M. P. P., of Chatham, while in the city today called upon Sergeant-at-Arms Rutter and selected his seat in the legislature. He chose the first seat on the second row to the left of the speaker. Nearly all the new members of the house have already selected their seats. The members for Madawaska have been assigned the two seats on the opposition front row, occupied last session by Messr. Copp and Sweeney.

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Till twilight dims the West
And I stand darkly against the night sky.

I am a worker, I, the plow.
I feed the peoples.
Eagerly wait on me
High-born and low-born, pale children of want;
Kingdoms may rise and wane,
War claim her tithe of slain,
Hands are outstretched to me.
Master of men am I, seeming a slave,
I feed the peoples, I, the plow.

I prove God's words true—
Toiling that earth may give.
Fruit men shall gather with songs in the sun.
Where sleeps the hidden grain
Corn-fields shall wave again;
Showing that while men live
Nor seed nor harvest-time ever will cease.
I prove God's words true, I, the plow.

—V. F. Boyson, in Everybody's Mazazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

TOO MANY PRELIMINARIES.

"Can't you get any work?" asked a woman of the tramp who had applied at the back door for food.

"Yes, ma'am," he replied. "I was offered a steady job by the man who lives down the road in that big white house."

"That's Mr. Oatseed. What was the work?"

"He wanted me to get up at 4 in the morning, milk 17 cows, feed, water and rub down four horses, clean the stables, and then chop wood until it was time to begin the day's work."

"What did he want to pay?"

"I dunno, ma'am. I didn't stop to ask."

OFTEN THE CASE.

"Where do all the people who have automobiles get the money that is necessary to afford them?"

"Many of them don't."

UNNOTICED.

"Did you kiss the bride?"

"Yes."

"And congratulate the mother and father upon the happy event?"

"Yes, indeed. I had a nice little chat with both of them."

"And I presume you met all the out of town relatives?"

"I think I did. In fact I'm almost sure I did. Some of them seemed to be very entertaining people."

"And I suppose, of course, that you gave the groom your best wishes?"

"The groom? No I didn't. Now you speak of it, I don't remember seeing him there at all."

MORE BUSINESSLIKE.

The drug store clerk—Gee whiz! I have kept that woman waiting for half an hour. I forgot all about her prescription. Shall I let her have the medicine at half-price as compensation?"

The Proprietor—Certainly not. Charge her double in order to make her think you had a lot of trouble in mixing it up.

THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING.

Racing across the lawn in the dusk, so as to save time and catching your foot in one of those cute little croquet arches.

Jumping out quickly in your pajamas to get the morning paper and being discovered by the lady next door, who is sweeping her porch.

Dropping 12 eggs in a crowded street car when there is nothing else at home for supper.

Carrying home a large bottle of bluing, wrapped up, and having everybody eye it suspiciously and draw their own conclusions.

Having a second cousin drop into town to stay a spell when you had forgotten that you had a second cousin in the world.

Getting a package of feminine apparel from the laundry when you are anxiously awaiting your own shirt so you can go to the theatre.

GRAND MANAN CABLE

Courier: — Considerable dissatisfaction prevails on Grand Manan because of the fact that the cable between the island and the mainland has been out of commission for some time. The delay in restoring the cable appears to have been unavoidable for the reason that the cable steamer has been in dry dock at Halifax undergoing repairs and the repairs are not yet completed. It is expected that the ship will be ready about September 1st, and that then the work on the Grand Manan cable will be undertaken at once.

LADIES' COLLEGE STAFF

Sackville Tribune:—The vacancy in the Ladies' College staff caused by the resignation of Miss Nellie A. Clark, has been filled by the appointment of Miss Helene Rhein, an English lady who has received her musical training in Munich, Germany, and comes very highly recommended. The College Faculty is now complete.

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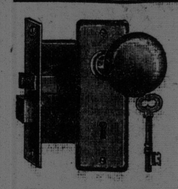

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BORDER MEN IN CHURCH

A Milltown letter in the St. Croix Courier says:—

"Rev. James Woods, formerly of this town, but now stationed in the province of Quebec, celebrated mass and preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation on Sunday in St. Stephen's church. Rev. Father Woods was ordained to the priesthood in 1892 and conducted his first services in his home town on Sunday, December 11, of the above year.

"Milltown and St. Stephen have both produced missionaries who today are shedding lustre upon the church in whose service they are laboring. We might mention Rev. William Hannigan, Rev. Father Lochary and Rev. Martin Maloney, all doing honor as worthy sons of the border towns. Last, but not least, His Lordship Bishop Casey, who in his early days pursued his studies in old St. Patrick's hall, also in his home town, St. Stephen, has, by his ability, his close application to duty, won for himself the honor of being bishop of the diocese of St. John, where he received his first holy communion.

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MORNING LOCALS

R. S. Barker, private secretary to Hon. Josiah Wood, lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, arrived in the city last night from Fredericton, en route to Point du Chenee to meet the steamer Earl Grey which has on board His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and party. Mr. Barker will escort the Governor-General and party to Moncton, after which they will return to Point du Chene to embark for the trip to Prince Edward Island.

The new river steamer Oennee made her maiden voyage on the river yesterday afternoon, starting from Indiantown at 4 o'clock. The boat is in command of Captain Charles Taylor formerly of the Victoria, who is one of the owners. The service is for suburban business. She will leave at 4 o'clock for Hampstead and thence to Wickham taking in the smaller landings on the way. The return will be made at 6 in the morning, making the same landings.

A. H. Hanington, K.C., said yesterday that while the New Brunswick Lime and Cement Co. had as its promoters practically the same men identified with the Partington Pulp Co. the new concern will have an independent existence and much outside capital will be taken in. It is the intention to manufacture lime, cement and tiles.

The Sunday school picnic of the Charlotte street, West Side, Baptist church was held at Westfield beach yesterday. Trains left a 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. returning 8 o'clock.

Thomas McConkey, steamboat inspector for the Marine Department, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the government steamer Stanley before she departs for Hudson Bay. Mr. McConkey's headquarters are at Halifax.

The high winds of the past few days has resulted in a scarcity of fish. When the steamer Westport arrived yesterday the group of fish merchants who get their usual supply from here, were disappointed as not a fish was to be had. The fresh fish market for today is limited as a result and the only fish to be had are salmon and finan haddie. The high winds in the bay made fishing impossible.

A. J. Stephens' gardener at the Rockwood Park gardens, and Mrs. Stephens left last night for Winnipeg for a three weeks' vacation With the exception of a two weeks' vacation, it is the first Mr. Stephens has had since he took charge of the park gardens nine years ago.

While Walter S. Potts was sitting on the veranda of his home in Cranston Ave. last evening, a fine bull moose made its appearance, after walking leisurely about it made off for the woods off the Sandy Point road.

E. C. Scammell, secretary of the naval and military immigration league, has written the provincial superintendent of immigration that he will soon visit here and that he would like to meet as many old pensioners that have settled in New Brunswick as possible. The league are working out a scheme for settling old soldiers, retired on pension, in Canada.

The steamer "Victoria" made the trip to this city from Fredericton in seven hours, making a record, this being about two hours better than the usual time. She did even better on the trip to the capital, doing it in six hours.

The 62nd Regiment Band gave a very enjoyable band concert in King Square last night. The concert gave a great deal of pleasure to the large crowd present.

Rev. J. L. Dawson, the new pastor of Centenary church, arrived from Sussex last night with his family. He will occupy the pulpit in Centenary at both services on Sunday.

The Chatham World says that J. McNeeley is removing from Chatham and intends locating in St. John. Mr. McNeeley was formerly a resident of the West Side.

An alarm from box 53 yesterday afternoon brought out the firemen for a slight fire in a tenement at 51 Exmouth street owned by William McQuade. The damage was slight.

At the meeting of the machinists' union last night Mr. Taylor, of Moncton, representing the Eastern Labor News, addressed the meeting, outlining a proposal to publish a St. John edition.

William M. Crosby, of 273 Main street, North End, left for Bangor Wednesday evening as the result of a telegram to the effect that his son William had been seriously injured in an automobile accident. His son is well known here, having been employed with Harry Bissett, the barber. He was twenty years of age.

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