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#### IN KINGS TOMORROW.

Discussing the by-election in Kings county the Standard denies that the election of Major Brooks would indicate a desire to return to former conditions. It says:—

"There is not a single member of the former government who is in the House and only half a dozen members among those who then supported it."

Let us assume that Major Brooks represents a new party—what is its policy? It has none. Who is its leader? A gentleman who was prominent in Valley Railway affairs when the old government was pursuing a policy the exposure of which brought defeat.

The Standard cannot be of the issue. It is the same old party, with no new policy. If the electors of Kings tomorrow decide against Mr. McKenna and the Foster government they will be reiterating their preference for the old regime and the old methods.

At Sussex last evening Hon. Mr. Veniot, Mr. McKenna and Dr. McAllister made the issue clear. The electors have had the facts placed before them in every section of the county, and the result should not be in doubt. The county has an opportunity to declare its approval of the acts of a progressive government against which not a single charge of dishonesty has been made. The only charges made are that it has been extravagant and wasteful, and even in this the opposition makes general assertions and fails to get down to cases. What would the county have to gain by defeating Mr. McKenna and declaring itself opposed to the government? Mr. Veniot says he could only regard such an outcome as a declaration that the public works department had been spending too much money in Kings county. That would be a natural inference, since there is no charge of dishonesty against him or any other department.

There should be no feeling of over-confidence on the government side tomorrow. Every voter favorable to Mr. McKenna should go to the polls and work for victory. Kings county should fall in line with the rest of the province in support of the administration whose record in regard to public works, education, health, agriculture, hydro electric development, forest protection and honest collection of the revenues deserves universal commendation.

#### AN AMAZING CONDITION.

The consumer pays as much or more for the mere delivery of a commodity to his home than the producer gets for it. This rather startling statement is made on apparently good authority. We quote from Bradstreet's:—

"About nine months ago Chairman Sydney Anderson of the Joint Congressional Commission on Agricultural Inquiry issued a statement to the effect that nearly half of what the consumer pays for goods represents the cost of service in bringing commodities from the producer to the consumer. The precise cost of such service given by him was forty-nine cents out of every dollar. He has returned to the subject in another statement this week in which he says that we have now reached a point where it costs more to distribute and serve than it does to produce. Commodity values, he says, are lost in a mass of service costs, and the time has come for a consideration of the fundamental problem of the economic distribution of the essentials of living."

Before arriving at this conclusion the Commission had the assistance of trade associations in two hundred industries and sent out 15,000 questionnaires to individuals and institutions. While it arrived at the conclusion stated, however, it was unable to point out a remedy, since "no single factor in industry or commerce can be held solely responsible for the spread between producers and consumers." The responsibility, it says, rests upon the entire people. There is not much comfort in this announcement. Surely it is possible to discover some method of getting for the consumer the benefit of cheaper distribution.

The Canadian Senate has approved of a bill which would make it necessary for a member of parliament to attend seventy-five per cent. of the sitting days to draw full indemnity. This is a very moderate measure. Why should the people pay 100 per cent. for seventy-five per cent. efficiency? What private employer or business concern is content to adopt that policy? Surely the gentlemen who are chosen to attend to the country's business can make a better than seventy-five per cent. record. If not the business of the country is bound to suffer.

Monoton Transcript.—Mr. Brooks, the opposition candidate in Kings county only took up thirty-five minutes of the hour allotted to him at the nomination proceedings. Perhaps the reason he had so little to say was that he knew he could not successfully attack the record of the Foster government or defend the record of the old government. In any case he cannot be said to have made a fighting speech, as he doubtless would have done if he had thought he had a fighting chance.

#### THE MARITIME SITUATION.

A tariff which would benefit the manufacturers of Quebec and Ontario would not serve the same purpose to anything like the same extent in the maritime provinces. The reason is that freight rates prevent the manufacturers in these provinces from entering the western provinces on a competitive basis. These provinces must look for overseas trade. Our resources must be developed along lines that will enable us to get markets abroad. Hon. A. K. Maclean put the case very clearly in the budget debate in Ottawa. The Halifax Chronicle report of his speech says:—

"Taking the case of Nova Scotia, he pointed out that the commercial conditions were not very intimate with those of the rest of Canada. It can never find a market in Canada for its surplus products; they are produced for export, and will never develop to their true proportions from purely Canadian trade. The maritime provinces are therefore little interested compared with the rest of Canada in the policy of protection. This must be kept in mind more in the future than it has been in the past. They have grown little in population in the past quarter of a century and are conscious of the fact. Those who will be identified with the public affairs in Canada in the future will have to take cognizance of the fact that the maritime provinces development will depend altogether on international trade. Their traditions are all that way and their destiny points in the same direction. They are willing to bear the commercial disadvantages of the union, but they will insist more and more in the future on more careful consideration by reasons of their commercial isolation."

The Chronicle adds an editorial comment which heartily approves of the remarks of Mr. Maclean. It says:— "Hon. A. K. Maclean put the economic position of Nova Scotia and the other maritime provinces in its proper perspective when he stressed the fact that our future does not depend upon a policy of protection, but upon the development of international trade. That is our manifest destiny by reason of our geographical situation and our traditional outlook upon the sea. The problem of our commercial isolation from the central provinces must be recognized. We cannot develop our industries and make the best of our natural resources excepting through freer commercial intercourse with the world."

In other words these provinces must manifest a greater degree of independence and unite their forces to promote their own interests. There must be a readjustment of views regarding our relations with the rest of Canada, and a fuller recognition by the rest of Canada of the situation and needs of the seaboard provinces. We are at a turning point in regard to the future of these provinces, and must have faith in ourselves and our destiny. Still looking to Ottawa for a square deal, we must look to ourselves for the development of industry and commerce through overseas trade.

Hon. A. K. Maclean says the federal government would be well advised to sell or even give away twenty-seven vessels of the merchant marine which the ministers of railways and canals announced would be laid up to be sold if possible. The C. G. M. made a deficit in operation last year and the prospect for the future is not bright.

Halifax Chronicle.—Appropos of the rout of the Meighen opposition on the budget vote, the story comes from Ottawa that one of Mr. Meighen's closest colleagues, an ex-Minister, recently told a Liberal friend that he had made a mathematical calculation that, at the present rate of progress the tory party could not hope to get back to power before 1945. It looks like it.

The Montreal Transcript says.—The proceedings of the Health Congress at St. John offered abundant justification of the action of the Foster Government in creating a Ministry of Health, the first in any province in Canada.

Once more the Irish situation appears to have cleared somewhat, with a prospect that the Irish Free State may emerge and peace be restored.

#### WORLD-WIDE WAR ON WAR TO BE WAGED ON TWO JULY DAYS

Washington, June 16.—To further its object of "no more war" the National Council for Reduction of Armaments, at a meeting here, decided to spend \$200,000. This is more than eight times the amount spent by it in the last year. It was announced by the council that in the last two weeks it had received \$10,000 in contributions. Some donations were \$1,000.

The council plans to participate in a world-wide demonstration against war on July 29 and 30. It will keep the wires hot on those days with messages to Members of Congress and others, picking up the results of the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments. Throughout the country hundreds of placards bearing the legend, "No More War," will be displayed. A chain of offices will be established to help get the \$250,000.

#### SEA-ROSES.

Where the sea-roses grow down to the sea, And where the white, ripples laugh up to the roses;

Where the gossamer and the heather are nodding together, And the hum of the pluperimal opens and closes;

Where the curlew dips to the kiss of the wave, And the gray-green wings of the plover whirl;

By the languorous motion and swaying of ocean, There I am dreaming or her.

Sweet sea-rose, you were always sweet, Yellow of petal, and greenly glowing In sun-spaces 'mid soft embraces And tender touches of night-winds blowing.

The full ray of the moon on you falls In the quiet of night begun; And lovingly tender, in slanting splendor, The first red shaft of the sun.

Ah, but now you are queen of the flowers, Queen of the queens of the summer weather;

For here where the plover were wheeling above her, Here is your glory we met together, Rose, you were happy, but happier far I as I thrilled with ecstasy, dark eyes drooping—

Plus ça change, plus ça change, you to me. —J. E. Healy, in The Boston Transcript.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

Mistress (to new cook-general)—You must have breakfast ready by seven tomorrow, as your master wants to catch the 7.45 train.

New cook-general—I'm catching it myself—Punch.

#### Power of the Emotions.

Mrs. A. (at the ball)—Isn't that the handsome Morton widow over there? But, mercy me, her hair used to be almost white and now look at it.

Mrs. B.—Yes, she's engaged to marry again and through sheer happiness her hair turned black in a single night.—Houston Post.

#### Vague, But Useful.

"My hat is in the ring!" exclaimed Senator Sorghum.

"What do you mean by that?"

"I don't know exactly what it means. But that phrase is a very valuable one. I have never known an occasion when it wasn't good for a round of applause."—Washington Star.

#### AMMUNITION BLAST ON TRUCK HURTS 2

Case of Percussion Caps Explodes, Blowing a Case of Whiskey to Bits—Causes a Panic in Offices.

New York, June 16.—Two men were injured, one seriously, when a case of explosive blew up on a truck of the Burns Express Company, in front of 404 West Twenty-sixth street. A fire-gallon can of alcohol on the truck caught fire while a case of whiskey was broken to bits. The contents of a wooden box filled with percussion caps were strewn about the bottom of the truck. Firemen extinguished the blaze. Hundreds of employees nearby fled in panic and the streets were soon crowded with mothers from tenements in the neighborhood looking for their children.

The injured men were Edward Miller, twenty-six, of 408 East Twentieth street, a helper on the truck, and Richard McLaughlin, thirty, of 465 West Eighteenth street, a receiving clerk in the building. Miller was severely burned about the legs, face and body. Physicians at Bellevue Hospital where he was taken, said he might lose the sight of both eyes. McLaughlin suffered lacerations of the hands and left side. He went home after being attended by a physician at French Hospital.

McLaughlin was stripped of his trousers by the explosion and two large plate glass windows in the building were shattered. Other windows in the neighborhood were cracked. The fire alarm in the Eaton & Gettinger printing plant, in front of which the explosion occurred, was set off and the 600 employees bolted for the doorways.

The truck was driven by Joseph Belmont, 687 West Forty-ninth street. Delivery of metal had just been made to Eaton & Gettinger. Miller started to rearrange the articles on the truck, when one of the cases fell to the floor of the truck with a bang. There was a flash and an explosion which was heard for several blocks. Miller was thrown headlong into the building.

Besides the cases that exploded there were on the truck sixteen cases of ammunition, a miscellaneous assortment of whiskey, rolls of buckram, cases of revolvers and other materials. James A. Callahan, inspector of combustibles, who investigated, said the box that exploded contained percussion caps, consisting of fulminate of mercury and chlorate.

Captain Archibald McNeill of the West Thirtieth street police station, who went to the scene with reserves, was joined soon by members of the bomb squad and of the Bureau of Combustibles of the fire department. He took Belmont to the West Thirtieth street police station and questioned him. It developed, the police said, that he had no permit to transport ammunition. The case were consigned to Alexander F. Stogers, 409 West Forty-ninth street. Those that did not explode, including a case of 80-80 shells, were seized by the police.

#### \$11,000,000 BRIDGE MAY JOIN COUNTRIES

Gigantic Project Proposed to Canadian Officials by Detroit Engineer.

Windsor, June 16.—A plan to build an \$11,000,000 bridge between Detroit and Walkerville, Ontario, after a letter received by Mayor Wilson of Windsor from Dennis H. O'Meara, a Detroit engineer.

According to the plan, huge office buildings to cost \$400,000,000 would be built at American and Canadian approaches to the bridge, and the piers of the bridge would contain stores. The bridge would be 128 feet wide. No toll would be charged the public.

The Detroit approach to the bridge would be at Joseph Campus avenue, Mr. O'Meara said. Mayor Wilson said he would ask the council finance committee to consider the scheme. Copies of the bridge plans have also been sent to the mayors of Walkerville, Ford, Sandwich and Oshawa.

### LOCAL NEWS

#### GARDENS TOMORROW.

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#### CONFIRMATION PHOTOS.

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#### RESEARCH WORK IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD ROADS

Canadian Convention Urges This Upon Federal and Provincial Governments.

Victoria, B. C., June 16.—(Canadian Press).—The necessity of conducting research work in road building materials and other factors entered into high level of the Canadian Roads Association. Resolutions were passed as follows: Approval of the principle of provincial authority in road building. That selection of routes or roads to be improved be made with the objects of local service, eventual co-ordination of all roads within the province so that the completed system will form a comprehensive whole and that inter-provincial roads may be made a part of such plan. That roads be built economically and of such standard as may best suit traffic which they must bear and that roads when improved shall be maintained.

The principle of federal aid was reaffirmed "because improved roads are a great national asset and a great importance to Canada."

This resolution embodies a clause which reads: The principle of the time limit set forth by the present act respecting federal aid, which may not be exceeded, shall be maintained. An east end firm wrote to the directors, several cities have extended invitations.

#### GENEROUS IN POPLAR RELIEF

London, May 30.—(Associated Press by mail).—A man can derive a large income in Poplar by accepting relief than he can by working, so generous are the contributions of the Poplar Guardians.

Full information as to the means of the guardians in relieving poverty in their borough discloses greater extravagance than had been expected. An east end firm wrote to the guardians: "Our employees who live in Poplar have pointed out that they can get more money by being unemployed than by working for us. As we have no wish to prevent them getting as much as possible, we propose to discontinue them so that they can take advantage of your relief."

The firm did not do exaggerate prevailing conditions is shown by their testimony. A man and wife were granted £2 10s. a week to relieve their poverty when the earnings of four single daughters brought the family income up to £7 5s. a week. So generous were the guardians in disbursing the money of the taxpayers that they granted one deputation from the unemployed a high scale of relief than had been asked for.

In their own defense the guardians state in effect, that they were elected to help the poor people of the borough, and they have no excuse to offer for doing it.

#### WOMAN AGAIN LEADS AT COLUMBIA MEDICAL

Bryn Mawr Graduate Ranks First in Class—Clergyman's Wife Won 1921 Honor.

New York, June 16.—Announcement of the standing of the graduating class at the Medical School of Columbia University by Dean Vetterlin-Darvach showed that a woman has again ranked first, Majorie Frances Murray of 206 Main street, Binghamton, N. Y., heading the list of twelve honor students. Miss Murray is a graduate of Bryn Mawr.

The Columbia medical classes of 1921 and 1922, the first to include women graduates, were each led by a woman. Last year Mrs. Gullie Lindh Mott of 148 East Thirtieth street, the wife of a clergyman, was graduated at the head of the class.

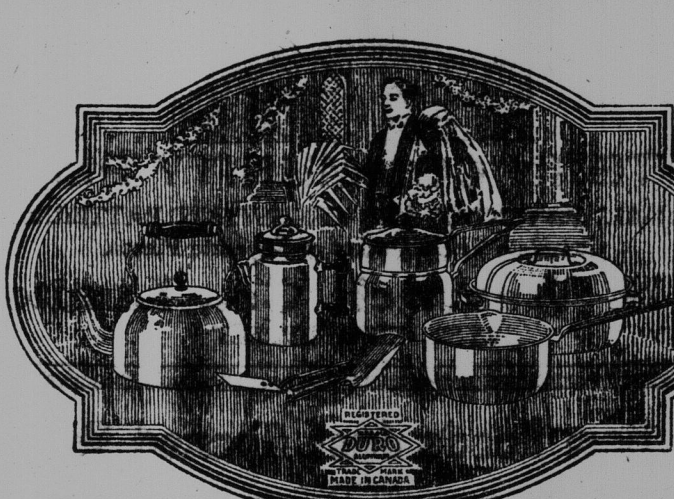
#### AUNT OF SIX KILLED IN AUTO, FALLS DEAD.

Collapses Near Scene of Crossing Tragedy at Absecon, N. J., After the Funeral.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 16.—The grand inquest at Absecon this week claimed its seventh victim, when Mrs. Mary E. Stratton, fifty-six year-old aunt of John H. Stratton, the head of the family of six which was wiped out, fell dead in front of the Absecon Post Office after attending the funeral of her nephew, his wife and four children.

Mrs. Stratton, with her husband, J. and son, Daniel W. Stratton, motored to Atlantic City for the services. Later they accompanied the bodies to the Pleasantville Cemetery. Mrs. Stratton was deeply affected.

On the return trip Mrs. Stratton expressed a desire to see the scene of the tragedy. As she neared the crossing she collapsed to the sidewalk. Her husband carried her into the post office, but by the time a physician arrived she was dead. The physician ascribed her death to a heart attack, due largely to the emotions of the afternoon.



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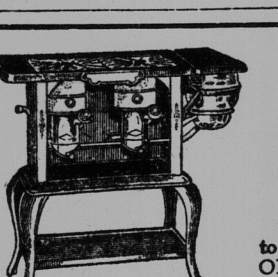
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