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WILL BENEFIT CANADA

Sixty representatives of business men and manufacturers, in Great Britain, representing a capitalization of \$250,000,000, will visit Canada in June and July, and will be in St. John about June 14th.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of this visit, either from the local or national standpoint. The great desire of the business men of this city and province, and of Canada as a whole, has been to interest British capital in the development of our resources. The potential wealth is here, and it only awaits the investment of capital to be put into circulation.

It is true that an enormous amount of British capital has been invested in Canada, and that this field is regarded with growing favor; but there are great opportunities for the development of manufacturing industries which have not yet been brought clearly enough to the attention of manufacturers and business men in Great Britain. These sixty men who are to visit us this summer will prove the most effective advertisement the country could secure, for they are practical business men who will appreciate the situation and take note of the business opportunities. First hand knowledge is the best, and this Canadian tour will convince the representatives of great British houses that the claims put forward on behalf of Canada have not been empty talk.

So far as St. John is concerned, the visit could not be more opportune. The great harbor works here have been begun, building operations will be fairly active, railroad building and the development of the natural gas wells and oil shales in Albert county, and the coal fields in Queens and iron mines in Gloucester, will be under way, and there will be something definite in the master of industrial progress for their inspection. Every effort should be put forth to make their visit a pleasant one, and at the same time enable them to possess themselves of the fullest information.

The Financial News of London, which conducted the negotiations and made the arrangements for this tour, has rendered Canada and the Empire a distinct service.

THE BAY OF FUNDY

Collier's Weekly says: "The marine insurance rates to Halifax are about thirty per cent higher than the rates to Boston—a longer voyage and more perilous since the vessel making for that harbor is compelled to pass by the mouth of the Bay of Fundy and by Cape Sable—most dangerous localities."

Since when did the mouth of the Bay of Fundy become a dangerous locality? Does Collier's not know that steamships from Liverpool, London, Manchester, Glasgow, Irish ports, Antwerp, Australia and South Africa pass in perfect safety up and down the Bay of Fundy to and from St. John each winter when navigation on the St. Lawrence is closed? And many of these vessels are compelled to skirt the coast of western Nova Scotia because they are compelled to call at Halifax. There is no port on the Atlantic coast east of approach than St. John, especially when vessels come direct. The editor of Collier's has evidently been misinformed about the Bay of Fundy, and does not know any more than the law allows about the safety of the port of St. John and the extent of its ocean trade in the stormiest season of the year.

CO-OPERATION OF FARMERS

The Canadian Commission of Conservation, following the investigation carried out to obtain information about farms and crops and farming conditions, is now urging the formation of neighborhood improvement associations to conduct an illustration farm in each locality. This farm, it is explained, would be owned and managed by an individual farmer in the locality. Farmers learn from their successful neighbors, and the more they get together and co-operate to do something definite for themselves and others, the more all of them will profit by the effort. The aims and objects of these proposed neighborhood associations is thus stated in a bulletin sent out by the Commission of Conservation:—

Section I.—To co-operate with the committee on lands and the experts of the Commission of Conservation in the investigation of various rural problems; to promote the general advancement of rural industries in the neighborhood; and to encourage the use of such means and methods as will improve the quality and quantity of the products of the farm while maintaining or increasing the fertility of the soil, more particularly through the use of an illustration farm in the neighborhood.

Section II.—To discuss ways and means whereby farming may be made more satisfactory by improving the surroundings and conveniences of the dwellings; by stimulating interest in the performance of farm operations in the most workmanlike and enjoyable way and by fostering a love for the study of nature.

Section III.—To consider and adopt means for the improvement of the social life of the community by having the people meet frequently to discuss questions that concern the whole community, and by encouraging co-operation and united action in directing and utilizing the local forces and agencies for these purposes.

The only officers would be a president, vice-presidents, and a secretary-treasurer, who would constitute the executive committee.

mittee, while any farmer might be a member, paying a fee of twenty-five cents per year. Meetings would be held from time to time on the illustration farm or elsewhere, and the field expert of the Commission of Conservation would give assistance.

This is a proposal which should commend itself to farmers in every locality. Co-operation is in the air. The farmer who has no disposition to study and profit by the experience of others will not make a success of the business. Moreover, there are many ways in which the social life of a community can only be successfully improved by joint action on the part of the people. From every standpoint, co-operation, for educative and practical purposes is very desirable. This suggestion of local illustration farms takes the knowledge to the farmer's door, and is therefore the more valuable.

The weather in Paris is said to be very hot. Lucky people, those Parisians.

Another provincial bridge has collapsed. Yet the Flemming government would have us believe the bridges are all in fine condition.

The flavor of anticipated favors will pervade the enthusiasm at the Flemming banquet. Those who hope for or expect most will most applaud.

The ready-made-farm scheme of Mr. Flemming appears to have been lost in the woods. Norton Griffiths' twenty farmers are still waiting for news of it.

Mr. Browne of New York thinks Mr. Borden will build a large Canadian navy, and quotes Mr. McBride to that effect. He forgets about Mr. Bourassa and the Nationalists.

The opponents of the commission plan of government, after a period of recuperation, have opened their long range batteries on the commissioners, from behind the ramparts of the Globe office.

Sir Henry Pellatt wonders that so many immigrants go west when they might prosper in New Brunswick. One of the chief reasons for this state of affairs is the Flemming government. Given a government with a bold and comprehensive policy of development, the immigrants would hear about New Brunswick—and would come here to locate.

Nobody will object if Mr. Flemming has an enjoyable time tonight. It may be his last banquet in St. John as premier for some years to come. But he ought to explain why his government has violated so many pledges, increased the debt and produced a deficit without improving the public services in proportion to the enormously increased expenditure.

President Taft says that as far as the United States is concerned reciprocity is dead. If he or any American statesman expected from reciprocity such results as Canadian Tories profess to believe they did, they would not so quickly abandon it. The farmers in New Brunswick have to accept \$3.50 per ton less for their hay than they would have received under reciprocity. Time vindicates the position of the Liberal party on this trade question.

The Globe, referring to the labors of those who seek to lessen the ravages of tuberculosis, says:—"An anti-tuberculosis society formed here some time ago, with considerable flourish of newspaper admiration and applause, does not seem to have been sufficiently effective. At least there is apparently room for a great deal more work than has yet been accomplished." No doubt the Globe will exert its influence with the municipal council, and hasten the accomplishment of the work.

Readers in eastern Canada are perhaps not as familiar with the literary work of Agnes Deans Cameron, who has just died, as those of the west; but she had made a name for herself, and was recognized as a Canadian descriptive writer of much ability and promise. Her death, while yet in the very prime of life, is a loss to Canadian literature. Miss Cameron in 1908 made a 10,000 mile journey from Chicago to the Arctic Ocean and back again, going by one route and returning by another, and in leading magazines and on the lecture platform she has done much to make the world more familiar with the west and north of her beloved Canada. Her written works include The New North and The Outer Trail, published respectively in 1909 and 1910. The Toronto Globe once said of her that whether as writer, story teller, or platform speaker she excelled. She was known and welcomed in England and the United States as well as in Canadian centres of learning and culture, and the news of her death will be heard with widespread sorrow and regret.

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IK INKERMAR.

The winds shall swell her snow-white sails no more,
As proudly through the waves she swiftly flies;
Her idle voyaging on the sea is o'er,
And there abandoned on the beach she lies.

While loud the ebbing tide complains along the shore—
"The Oriana sweeps the rolling deep no more."

How oft beside that broken wheel, when morn
Was at the breaking point, you watched the foam
Flung from her prow like snow, as swiftly borne
By tide and storm she plowed her course for home.

Safe riding out the gale when other sails were torn
And other barks at anchor tossed like things forlorn.

Now starward pointing, while we drift at night,
I dream, her waving mast across the sea
Invites the sleeping breeze to aid her flight,
To flick with foam the water on her lee.

And still the drooping sail till, bounding through the night,
The startled wild fowl watch her pass, a streak of white.

But gales shall swell her snow-white sails no more,
At rest her bulk upon the shingle lies;
Her drooping spar the freshening breeze before
Shall ne'er again o'er billows fall and rise.

For loud the moaning tide complains along the shore—
"The Oriana sweeps the rolling deep no more."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHAT DID PA MEAN?
"Pop, do you see that fashionably dressed lady going along there?"
"I certainly do, my son."
"She's my Sunday school teacher."
"Your Sunday school teacher?"
"Yes, pop."
"Well, she certainly does look good to me!"

TOOK LOTS OF IT.
"Do you have any trouble exercising?" asked the doctor.
"Yes, of course I do. I walk from my automobile to the elevator every morning and from the elevator to my automobile every evening."—Pittsburg Post.

HIS DREAM WAS OVER.
Son—Oh, father, I should like a Turkish bath.
Father—Ah, my son, when I was young like you, I, too, was romantic.—London Opinion.

NO TROUBLE OF THAT KIND.
"Do you have any trouble keeping boys on the farm?"
"No," replied Farmer Contostol.
"They'd rather sit around the house and keep warm than hitch up an' drive to town."—Washington Star.

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HIS OCCUPATION.
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Farmer—Bentover—Still colorin' a meerschaum pipe.

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THE LOG DRIVES

Frederick Glenner—Word received this afternoon from Van Buren states that A. W. Brown, of the St. John River Lumber Company, has been in communication with seven islands today and says that Morrison's drive is within one mile of the island, the Noble drive within two miles and Kilburn's drive is within six miles of the island. The drives are coming down quite rapidly and have about forty-five miles farther to go before they get in with the corporation drive.

Word has been received from Island Falls to the effect that the recent rise of the water in the river at that point has greatly benefited the drives on the main river. The Morrison, Kilburn, Chionard and Noble's drives were together in the main river on May 11 at Three-Mile Rapids, nine miles above Seven Islands, with a fine pitch of water.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.
The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seamen's Institute was held last evening. There was a large attendance and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The meeting re-elected Mrs. Edgar Archibald, president. The officers were elected as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Bennett; second vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Seymour; third vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Graham; secretary, Mrs. M. Watts; treasurer, Mrs. Mary McKelvie. The members of the executive include besides the officers, Mrs. C. E. Harding, Mrs. R. M. Smith, Mrs. Colby Smith, Mrs. Thomas Walker and Mrs. McShelley.

The organization of the staff for the field work in connection with topographical survey of the city and vicinity to be carried out under the geographical department of the dominion will be undertaken immediately by A. C. T. Sheppard and J. S. Falconer who arrived from Ottawa yesterday. They will have a staff of eight or ten men. S. C. McLean has been marking out points from which the surveys will be made.

The United States government light-house tender Hibiscus, Captain Sterling, arrived in port yesterday afternoon to take away an American buoy brought in by one of the Canadian government steamers.

Frederick Barker, a native of Woodstock, N. B., is being urged to become a candidate for the presidency of the International Typographical Union. He is at present living in Spokane, where he is president of the local union.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Albert Norris, Upper Loch Lomond, on May 8, when Miss Mary Grace Neil was united in marriage to Steven Norris. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Wetmore.

An effort will be made to have the new cantilever bridge at the reversing falls ready for use by the end of 1913, according to an announcement made yesterday by A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer.

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