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### What's Doing?

THE titled brethren who edit two of our city dailies are now in Canada; and the mission of one of them, according to his own paper, including a looking into the question of "pensions as now arranged by the Canadian Government."

Our friend "Yorick" seems to be quite wrathful over "Doctor" McGrath "taking advantage of a trip to Canada" to look into the pension business. We agree with our friend that it is no business of ours as to what people who "abide in the wigwam slopes" are doing in this matter. We should have brains enough to handle this matter ourselves. Presumably, our gentle reminders regarding the manner in which our returned heroes have been neglected have made it plain to those interested that the country has not been doing the correct thing in regard to the returned soldiers.

So far we have no announcement as to the purport of the visit of the other brother. We do not believe, as has been stated in certain quarters, that he has gone to offer his medical services to the Canadian Militia Department which has sent out a call at the instance of the Imperial Government for another hundred doctors urgently needed at the front. How ever on earth could we grope along without his editorial services? Just now we are approaching a critical period in our political history; and we cannot afford to lose the services of men of broad vision and transcendent ability. We have already made tremendous sacrifices; surely, we shall not be called upon to go further!

"Up-to-date editors" are not easily found in this country at the moment; and we sincerely hope that we are not going to lose our one and only. It behooves the authorities to see to it that such an appalling catastrophe shall not occur.

"There's something doing" is the opinion of the man in the street. Even "Yorick" sniffs something that is being wafted in the zephyrs that blow from the scented fields of the Dominion. It certainly looks ominous these these days. Our beloved Premier is touting the Imperial Federation horn across the water; and its refrain is being taken up in the Canadian Capital. Can it be that we are being bartered away?

#### A SAMPLE

London Daily News.—In a glossary of terms in common use in the British Army a German comic paper says that "Tipperary" is a comparatively unimportant town in Ireland, interesting only for the peculiarity that it is a long way from every other place on the map."

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### What It Means

ONLY those who are familiar with the Labrador fishery can fully appreciate the meaning of the report furnished by Captain Parsons of the Sagona. There is no fish on the middle section of the coast, and none southward, with the exception of Battle Hr. where there seems to be some fish for hook-and-liners.

The bulk of our Labrador fishermen, exclusive of the floaters, come from Conception Bay ports; and the largest aggregation is found between Emily and Horse Harbor. Most of these come from Spaniard's Bay and Bay Roberts. There is quite a colony from Hr. Grace to Grady, and quite a number from Carbonear and Hr. Grace from Seal Islands to Battle Hr. From what we know few of these have secured any quantity of fish.

Captain Parsons informs us that "some of the crews are getting ready to come home." This, we believe, is the most discouraging feature of the report. Of late years the tendency has been to return early; but we have rarely, if ever, known fishermen to return before the end of September, excepting the Straits Crews. The fishermen must be very much discouraged; and we wonder what is going to be the outcome.

The report from the far north is so vague that we can hardly interpret it. It seems that fish is plentiful in some sections around Mugford Tickle; but the number of vessels reported is so small that the big fleet must have gone further down. We wonder what the "Cabot" is subsidized for? This is one of the Crosbie whalers—a sister ship to the "Hump" which is trying to earn a \$23,500 subsidy in Fortune Bay. The "Hump" was also trying to do the northern Labrador service last year; but the service was a disgrace. The scandal is being repeated this year. The Cabot is equipped with a Marconi outfit, and surely we should get some report from her. We wonder when this disgraceful condition of things is going to be remedied. We shall evidently hear little of a satisfactory nature from the big fleet until some of them reach a Marconi station home-ward bound.

Ice is reported from several sections to the northward; but this is not an unusual phenomenon. In the 70's ice was prevalent until late in August even much further south than reported just now; and we have a record that vessels that did not have a quintal of fish on the 23rd of August, brought full loads up the shore.

However, view the situation as we will, the news from Labrador is appalling; and we are, unless something unusual occur, going to have the shortest Labrador fishery on record. This spells disaster to many of the fishermen and also to many suppliers.

### Profiteers Take Notice

THE following item is from a Government organ: "There are several vessels now in port seeking charters of codfish for Europe and Brazil." When vessels are seeking charters it naturally follows that the demand for bottoms is not very brisk. Hence the plea of abnormal scarcity cannot be further advanced by the people who have been getting the large rake-offs of late.

We think it is about time that the Government took a hand in this profiteering business. Governments elsewhere have done so; and both in Great Britain and Canada the excess profits are taken by the Government for public needs. Yet we are tolerating a policy of plunder; and in fact, judging from what we see these days, the Morris Administration is party to it.

We raised a howl last winter when the Portuguese Government held up some cargoes of fish which were being exploited for gain in the Portuguese market; but we tolerate a greater grievance in our very midst. Why is it tolerated? Because the Government is either unwilling or unable to do otherwise. If unwilling, it is a sign of indefinable callousness; if unable, it is an admission that the present party is unfit to direct the affairs of the Colony. Evidence points in this direction; for some of those who are reaping the harvest are members of the Administration.

Has ever such a condition of affairs been witnessed or tolerated in any other section of the British Empire?

The people are being robbed; yet there is none to gainsay the spoliation.

What makes more noise than a pig under a fence?  
Little girl in the next apartment practicing her music lesson.

### The Final Thrusts

CLOSE observers of the war situation are now asking themselves whence will come the final thrusts that will bring Germany to her knees. We have been told by military experts and others that they must come from the western front, that Germany could survive the defection of her Allies, that she would be stronger for falling back to her own frontiers. Others, equally as observant, contend that the sword thrusts that will finish the job will be delivered by the Russians, the Italians, and very probably the expedition from Salonika.

These base their contention on seemingly reasonable grounds; and they argue in this way. Germany has never produced sufficient food or raw material; so she is largely dependent for these supplies on neutral countries. In the event of the defection of Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey, she would be hemmed in on all sides. Roumania neither would or could furnish foodstuffs. Sweden, Holland and Denmark would not be so solicitous over an abandoned nation. Should Austria sue for a separate peace (which is now not unlikely) Germany's dream of a Pan-Teutonic nation would vanish; and she would be fighting a losing battle. She would then be glad to throw up her hands and accept any terms which the Entente Powers may offer rather than continue a war which would only increase her own losses in men, cripple her recuperative powers, expose her territory to invasion and her cities to destruction, and add to the bill of costs which the Allies would in the end infallibly present.

The Kaiser could then gracefully descend from the self-raised pedestal of world domination and say to the people whom he has so long deluded: "We are now one nation against the world in arms; for the cowardly Austrians, the crafty Bulgarians, and the pusillanimous Turks have all deserted us. We are betrayed; and we will surrender at discretion in order to save our people from further destruction by the Allied guns."

"We must smash Austria!" says a keen observer of the situation. She is not only the weakest link in the chain, but her collapse would automatically carry Bulgaria and Turkey with it.

Germany will do her utmost and fight hardest to save Austria; and she is more likely to retire in the west than abandon Austria to her fate. It is fair betting that she will be fighting vigorously for Galicia when she has fallen back to the Meuse. The Western Allies are helping indirectly to smash Austria when they keep the Germans busy in France and Belgium.

The capture of Gorizia is the severest blow which has fallen on Austria since the beginning of the war, and it really opens the gateway to the Hohenzeller kingdom. It would not surprise us any day to hear that Austria has thrown up the sponge. She has suffered dreadfully at the hands of the Russians; and the Italians are now pressing her from the south. The smashing has begun in dead earnest; and may it continue.

### GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

AUGUST 24  
HENRY RUTHEHFORD died at Harbor Grace, 1859.

Floral and horticultural show at Jocelyn's, 1869.

Twenty-five vessels wrecked by gale at Sydney, C.B., 1873.  
William Boyd, merchant, died, 1887.

Charles H. Hutchings married, 1893.

Joseph P. Carty died, 1897.  
R. G. Reid's laborers began opening ground for street railway on Military Road, 1899.

Corner stone St. Patrick's Deanery laid, 1890.

Steamer Orinoco arrived with 150 tourists, 1899.

J. McAuliffe's painting, "Ecce Homo," hung in Catholic Cathedral, 1899.

Corner stone new Masonic Temple laid, 1894.

Tong Toi and Wang Chang opened laundry; first Chinamen in the country, 1895.

Miss Monroe, Scotch vocalist, first appeared in Methodist Hall, 1896.

Renews bazaar opened in Star of the Sea Hall, 1876.

Grand Mechanics' ball at Jocelyn's; during the night the hats of eighteen guests were stolen from the hall, and the victims had to go home bareheaded in the morning, 1870.

## REVEILLE

BY CALCAR

WHERE are the people to turn for some assurance that the country's affairs will be in good hands. Where look with some degree of confidence that something will be done to measure up to what the country is capable of and is sorely in need of. Look around and see where it is some tangible proof of ability and the will to accomplish is to be found.

Like the weary traveller in the desert you may search the horizon for an oasis, some place where your parched soul may drink of hope, but until you turn your eyes from the waste created by Morris, the Bungler, you will find nothing to inspire confidence. Morris has had eight years of rule, surely time enough for him to have "finished his work."

When a statesman has finished his work he does not leave the country in that stage where nothing else is left to be done, even in that particular direction to which he may have directed his genius, for things are never in a sense really finished until they perish from the ken of human sight, and pass forever beyond the control of man.

Nothing can stand still, it is an immutable law of nature that things must be forever in a state of growth or movement forward, and when this advancement forward ceases then a sinking back must take place. There can be no finished work. But as far as individual effort to move things along or to raise a structure is concerned, there can be a finished work, that is finished as far as his endeavours can sustain him. The individual's work is finished in the sense that it is he who is done, the work must go on.

The politician or rather let us say the statesman can only add another stone to the structure laid down by his predecessors, or else lay a solid foundation on which others may raise the superstructure. He cannot finish the work of upbuilding, but a low grade statesman, the pseudo statesman, the politician may destroy the work of those who went before him, he may tear down what others built. Of this latter style of work finishing the Morris regime has furnished a fine example.

A statesman's work is constructive a politician's is destructive. Morris' rule stands so much for all that is destructive that in the field of practical politics there

ought to be some warrant for the coinage of a new word. **Morrisism** might be adopted into our vocabulary to mean all that is inimical in political practice, just as we have **vandalism** for the ferocious conduct of the vandals.

Morrisism has wrought havoc with all that it touched. Nothing that is useful and good seems to thrive in its atmosphere but all that is harmful and hateful thrives with wonderful fecundity and prodigious size.

So fruitful has Morrisism been of acts that threaten the very existence of our country as an independent unit that gaze where you will across the past eight years of Morris rule you behold nothing but destruction. The most valuable thing destroyed is perhaps the eight years of valuable time laid waste that might have been used profitably. A confusion has been created by Morrisism that it will take years still to take the kinks out of.

With all his boasting and boosting Morris has done nothing, not a single thing to earn credit for himself or the land he has so defrauded and left in so bad a shape that now the port, purposely kept to leeward is an inviting refuge. Confederation with Canada as a means of getting out of the mess into which Morris misrule has driven us seems inevitable unless some strong man or men come upon the scene to steer us again into the open sea.

Of a staff of 2,000, 752 clerks of the British railway clearing house have enlisted and 342 have attested under the Derby scheme. In the Post-office 75,000 of a possible 85,000 have enlisted or attested.

## THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

By Our Own Correspondent

### FISH IS THE BEST FOOD

DR. PRINCE, the head of the Fishery Department in Canada—one of the greatest authorities on fish in the scientific world—tells us that "the most digestible and the cheapest of all foods is fish." The famous Professor Gamgee declares: "We may be deprived of starches (producers of energy in foods) and yet live. We may go without fats, but unless we have proteids (nitrogenous compounds which form animal tissue) which are the essential principles of food, we die."

Chittenden, an eminent American authority on foods says: "Cow's milk is composed of 87 per cent. water, 3.3 per cent. proteids, carbo-hydrates 5.0 per cent., fat 4.0 per cent., while salts and mineral matters amount to 0.7 per cent., whereas such fish as cod contains 50 per cent. less water, 300 per cent. more proteids and about the same amount of mineral salts."

Most foods contain oil and fater and carbo-hydrates which are all non-nitrogenous, and these are qualities which encourage corpulence in the human body, but on a fish diet rich in nitrogenous material, the body remains lithe, muscular, healthy and active. Sir

### SOME TONGUE TWISTERS

New York Mail.—Probably no one gives a darn, but the following articles are on the free list in the new revenue bill about which Republicans and Democrats are kicking up so much fuss: Acenaphthene, methylanthracene, methylnaphthalene. And these are dutiable: Amidonsphthol, midophenol, emidosalicyc, acid, an-threquinine, binitronephthalene, binitrochlorbenzol, dianisidin, nitroluenediamine, nitrophenylenediamine, phenylnaphthylamine, not to mention toluidenediamine.

#### Merely Homely.

Shortsighted Officer.—It's all right span you can take off your mask now, the gas has passed.  
Private—Boggin' your pardon sir ain't got no mask on

James Crichton-Browne, the eminent British expert says that fish is the most perfect food because it contains a large quantity of proteids which form tissue, and fat which is one of the main sources of energy.

An additional reason as to why we should use more fish in our dietary is the cheapness of the article, especially in these strenuous times when meats are almost beyond the reach of the average purse. Fish may be bought at about 8 cents per pound, while today, meats range from 20 to 30 cents. Let us use more fish and less Chicago barrelled stuff which is now so eagerly sought. We are wasting tens of thousands on such stuff, whilst we have at our own doors the best and most nutritious of foods "good, honest codfish."

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