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## ST. JOHN BETRAYED

The Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries and representative of the city of St. John in the parliament of Canada has issued an elaborate illustrated volume of 287 pages, on Canada, Her Natural Resources, Navigation, Principal Seaports, Lines and Transcontinental Railways. It contains the following information relative to the Bay of Fundy:—

"The Bay of Fundy is deep, and anchorage at high water is difficult. Fogs are frequent and prolonged; on this account navigation is difficult, particularly to strange mariners."

The information is added that the port of St. John "is the terminus of several steamship lines in winter." Here is another paragraph, under the heading: "Ice Conditions in Canadian Eastern Waters:—"

"The deep water harbors on the Atlantic coast and Bay of Fundy are open all the year round, but floating ice from the northern waters and from the northern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence sometimes obstructs and entirely blocks navigation until a change of wind takes place."

On the subject of "Harbor Improvements" we read:—

"In the waters within the coast line and harbors, bays and coves in Nova Scotia, dredging has been done during a period of 38 years, in 112 localities. In New Brunswick the same kind of work has been done in the same period, in 111 localities."

If the student of this book is diligent enough to consult the references to St. John which occur in paragraphs scattered in various parts of the book, he will perhaps learn that besides being "difficult" the port of St. John is also "safe"; and besides being sometimes blocked by ice it is also "always accessible." He will also learn something about Partridge Island, the reversing falls, the tide, the wharves and elevators, the early history of the city, the seaports, climate and bathing facilities. If he has time and patience and a yearning for knowledge, he may, by piecing together the various items of information scattered in various parts of the book learn that the port is an Atlantic terminus of the N. & C. P. R., and to be the Atlantic terminus of the G. T. P.; also that "the port is developing at a rapid rate," and that it is "the winter port for several lines on the coast of Canada." The statement is also made in one place that "preparations have already been commenced for a plan of harbor extension to a scale involving the expenditure of over \$7,000,000." The statement is casually made in one place that St. John is one of the chief Atlantic ports of Canada, and a partial list of the winter lines of steamship trading to the port is given.

There is no reference whatever to Courtenay Bay, nor to the strategic position of St. John in relation to the transportation interests of Canada; no hint of the fact that this port is the key to the Atlantic port situation at the present time; no reference to the possibility of the Canadian Northern coming here; no announcement of the fact that the whole aspect of affairs with regard to St. John has changed within the last two years; no mention of the proposed steel-plant or of steel shipbuilding, or the dry dock, or the new wharves at West St. John, or the new C. P. R. elevator, or of the fact that St. John must be when it is the terminus of three transcontinental railways become a great all-the-year-round port for Canadian traffic.

There was a fine opportunity to tell the whole truth about St. John, but it has not been done. Possibly the reader will say the book was issued some time since, but it bears on the first page a fine portrait of Hon. J. D. Hazen, and on another page the date "Ottawa, May 10, 1912." It was issued for the 12th Congress of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses. More than that, a copy of it was presented with the compliments of the Borden government to each member of the great British touring party which was lately in St. John. The announcement is made by the deputy minister of marine and fisheries that "the book has been published for distribution in Canada and other countries," and the introduction says that it was "compiled under instructions from the present minister of marine and fisheries and his deputy, by an officer of the department."

But there are some pictures of St. John in this wonderful book. A view of the reversing falls and the two bridges is the "Intercolonial Railway, Entrance to St. John, N. B." On the opposite page is an ancient view of the harbor from Fort Howe, showing the old Likely timber pond where now the new C. P. R. freight sheds are located. Lest the reader forget this picture it is reproduced quarter size on another page. There is also a view of the Customs House, a New Brunswick moose and some salmon, the bore at Moncton, a third view of the Likely timber pond, which no longer exists, pictures of the Boston steamers Governor Cobb and Gov. Dingy, and the Prince Rupert at Digby pier. It does not appear to be necessary to offer much comment, unless to observe that every little harbor from Quebec through the lakes receives honorable mention, and that the rest of Canada, outside of New Brunswick, fares well at the hands of the compiler of this book. Sydney and Halifax do excellently well, along with North Sydney and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, as a whole puts New Brunswick in the shade, both as to descriptive matter

and illustrations. The Halifax dry dock is not forgotten, nor the statement that "Halifax harbor is one of the finest and safest harbors in the world."

What shall be said of a minister, representing the city of St. John, who issues, with heavy gilt letters on the cover and his own portrait on the first page, for circulation in Canada and other countries, a book that fails to tell the world about the strategic position of St. John, the immense works under construction, to be followed by other works of still greater magnitude, and the splendid future of the port as one of the great national ports of Canada?

It is the old story. A Tory government is in power at Ottawa, and St. John must fight for its own hand. Under the former government it had a friend at court. The Board of Trade should promptly take steps to deny the statement made by Mr. Hazen's publication that navigation is difficult in the Bay of Fundy, and that floating ice sometimes blocks navigation until a change of wind takes place. There is no politics in this. The reputation of the port is at stake; for even though paragraphs in other parts of the book contradict these statements they are as likely to be accepted by the general reader as any of the others. Hon. Mr. Hazen should be called to account.

## CARE FOR THE ORPHANS

A few weeks since a woman died in this city leaving a husband and eight children. The oldest child was fourteen years of age. The family unfortunately were poor and it was impossible for the husband and father to take care of this young family in a home of their own. Seven of the eight children were placed in the Protestant Home, where the father pays their board. That Home is a very excellent institution, and well conducted, and we may, perhaps, be thankful that it exists to be utilized in just such cases as the one under review. But do the citizens of this city of churches feel that they are doing their duty when they fail to make other provision for children such as these, and other children who perhaps have neither father nor mother, or who it may be are the children of drunken or vicious parents, with whom they should not be permitted to remain? The Roman Catholic church has provided at Silver Falls an institution where children of that faith may be cared for, but for the orphans of other denominations in St. John there is only the poor house. It is true there is the Protestant Orphan Asylum and the Wiggins' Male Orphan Asylum, but these together have only a limited accommodation which is always taxed to the utmost, and therefore the Municipal Home must be the refuge in cases such as that to which reference has been made. The fact is not creditable to the city of St. John. The Municipal Home at the present time is forced to do the work of several institutions. If there is an advanced case of tuberculosis, there is no other institution whose doors are open. The friendless old people who are without means or the ability to earn a living find shelter within its walls. Cases which some will perhaps contend should be treated in the general public hospital are sent to the Home instead. The Times is informed that four operations for cancer have been performed on patients in the Alma House in one day.

When will the city have a public hospital large enough to meet all the requirements of such an institution? When will there be a sanatorium for advanced cases of tuberculosis? When will there be ample provision for all Protestant orphan children? These are questions that may fairly be pressed home upon the attention of the citizens. The new St. John needs something besides better streets, better housing and greater evidence of prosperity. It needs those institutions by the presence of which the real character of a community is determined. Unfortunately, there is no such institution. Why assume to be a city of the future, when the poor house, the institution is well conducted and has an excellent school, but people have not yet arrived at that stage of Christian development where the gradations of such a school is not regarded as inferior socially to those more happily circumstanced.

But in any case the Municipal Home should not be expected to do the work of several institutions, each occupying a distinct field. Surely it ought to be possible to improve conditions, especially with regard to care of the orphans and those who are in an advanced stage of tuberculosis.

It is easy to get bands and a procession to celebrate a political victory, even one which means less rather than gain to the community. How would it be to develop the spirit which rejoices over and other institutions which are of unquestioned benefit in every community?

## THE ANGLIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is directed to the Margaret Anglin announcement on page 10, which contains full particulars concerning the event in which thousands throughout the province are interested. Everybody seems to be planning for the enjoyment of these great theatrical events on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday week, with Monday matinee, and all the information necessary is given on page sixteen in concise form. Interested patrons are reminded of the seat sale Monday morning, and the conditions governing same are all clearly pointed out in the advertisement referred to.

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Thy tones, like music, soft and clear.  
But yet thy dainty tunes I guess,  
And from thy lasting loveliness,  
I know the song that thou couldst sing  
Although I hear no music ring  
In silvery cadence, like the bells  
When o'er the earth the Yuletide dwells.

O, fairy star, thy silence keep!  
Thou surely art a mystery deep,  
And though no language tells thy song,  
Yet praise kind to thee belong:  
For 'tis through love thy mysteries are  
Far from our mortal reach.

—Allen Ward.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

DO YOU GET IT?  
A tall Westerner girl, named Short, long loved a certain big Mr. Little, while Little, little thinking of Short, loved a lass named Long. To make a long story short, Little proposed to Long, and Short longed to be even with Little's shortcomings. So Short, meeting Long, threatened to marry Little before Long, which caused Little, in a short time, to marry Long! Query: Did tall Short love big Little less because Little loved Long?

## A WOODEN HEAD

"If you please," said the raw recruit, "I've got a splinter in my hand."  
Sergeant: "What you been doing? Stroking your cat?"

## GRAMMATICAL

"Yes, my dear," said Mrs. Rambotham, speaking of her invalid uncle, "the poor old gentleman has had a stroke of paralysis, and when I last saw him he was in a state of coma."

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