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LET US GET TOGETHER.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Also, we take it, the C. N. R. was made for the people, not the people for the C. N. R.

The Province of New Brunswick and the city of St. John need, and must press for, more satisfactory relations with the C. N. R. While we look with satisfaction upon the appointment of Mr. W. U. Appleton, a New Brunswick, to succeed the late L. S. Brown as general manager of the Atlantic region, and the promotion of Mr. W. Simpson to assistant general manager, because these men belong to this territory, understand its needs and have won advancement by merit, the question of more just and enterprising treatment of the province by the C. N. R. is still a pressing one.

High rates not only militate against our industries but they cause the Government railways to lose much freight which under reasonable freight charges they would pick up in this and the other Maritime Provinces. There is not yet any evidence that full and proper use is to be made of the Transcontinental with its fine grades and the short haul it affords to and from the West.

And there is, too, the question of more grain and other export freight for the port of St. John. A little more grain was shipped this way over the C. N. R., but the record for the whole winter port season in grain will be poor. Sir Henry Thornton, we may be sure, desires to have some pier built here for the C. N. R. and to give it terminal facilities fitted to handle cheaply and expeditiously the volume of traffic that should pass through St. John, but as yet there is no proof that these betterments are coming within a reasonable time.

We need much closer co-operation with the C. N. R. We need evidence that the system is to be employed to a much greater degree as a lever of development in these provinces.

Our industries, our farms, our ports—every interest we have—would be directly benefited by a C. N. R. service based on a recognition of the fact that, just as man was not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath for man, so the C. N. R. is not made for the Maritimes, but the Maritimes for the C. N. R.

Some of our representative men should sit around a table with Sir Henry Thornton in friendly fashion and thresh these matters out. There must be a solution that will be good for the railway as well as good for us here by the sea, and we should lose no time in seeking it strenuously.

SILENCING THE RUMOR-MONGERS.

Hon. Dr. Veniot has a way of dealing with malicious whisperers and rumor-mongers that is very effective. They say in dark corners and seek to circulate without responsibility, slanders which no man dare father on the floors of the House. They insinuate in the hope that confidence in public men may be weakened. It is a sort of gas attack.

The Premier is not content to permit such methods when they are applied to himself or his administration. He takes the bull by the horns. On several occasions he has referred to slanders, and challenged anyone to come forward in the daylight and prefer charges, but none was valiant enough to accept. The enemy preferred a campaign of whispering.

So the Premier himself took the initiative. A group had been busily asserting or insinuating that Dr. Veniot, or his son, or some agent on his behalf, had some sort of improper connection with Concrete Builders, Limited. The Premier demanded an inquiry before the Public Accounts Committee and caused all available relevant testimony to be taken under oath. He testified, as did the officers of the company, and all of its accounts and the statement of its auditor were placed at the committee's disposal. The result was to vindicate the Premier completely. The Opposition members of the committee were given every opportunity to question witnesses or to suggest further action but they concurred in the view of the other members who said no further inquiry was necessary. The rumors were proved baseless and the hearing shows them to have been merely the invention of slanders.

The Premier has his own way of carrying the war into the enemy's country. He has shamed and confounded the brigade of whisperers.

The capacity and national importance of this port are all too little known in the West. St. John should exert itself to the utmost in both instructing and entertaining the coming Progressive M. P.'s. The opinions they form, and the knowledge they acquire, should be of much value to us when questions relating to this port come up in the House of Commons. Such a visit, too, will do much to promote national understanding and uni-

BRITAIN'S FOOD PRICES.

By exceedingly stiff taxation Great Britain has produced a surplus which, under the prevailing circumstances, shows the extraordinary courage with which the country faces its enormous debt and its vastly increased living costs. Only two countries in Europe have balanced their budgets, Britain and Sweden.

A recent cablegram to The Times told of increasing pressure upon the Government to take some action looking toward lower food prices, and indicated that such a step is probable. Taking the British food prices of July 1914 as a standard, the general level of such prices there is seventy-seven per cent. higher today. It is five per cent. higher than in October, 1923, having risen slowly but steadily since.

Rent is higher by forty-seven per cent. than in 1914, clothing by 125 per cent., fuel and light by eighty-seven per cent., and a selected list of other items affecting the cost of living show an advance of eighty per cent. The retail price of coal is double that of pre-war days. Taking food, rent, clothing, fuel and light, and certain other items together, the British prices at the end of February were seventy-nine per cent. above the 1914 level. The most recent increases are in meat, sugar, dairy products and coal.

The main driving forces behind the Labor Government are neither free trade nor protectionism, but with so much unemployment on their hands, and still faced by such burdensome living prices they are likely to attempt something in the way of relief in living costs. Mr. Baldwin's remedy was protection to promote industrial expansion and more employment. The people rejected that plan, and they now turn to Mr. MacDonald, expectantly. What he can do is not clear. What would help most would be a settlement in Europe and the attendant impetus to British trade.

Mr. J. D. McKenna's constructive speech in the House was marked by very practical suggestions as to what we in the Maritimes can do by proving that we have faith in ourselves, and he spoke clearly and to the point not only as to our resources but as to our right to just treatment from the C. N. R. It is quite true, as he says, that we lose immensely by not buying more of our own products, thus keeping more of our money at home and so ministering to the expansion of every one of our interests, whether they be rural or urban. If, says Mr. McKenna, our members would spend as much time fighting for the Maritime Provinces as they spend in fighting among themselves, we would get results. He wants the Maritimes to present a solid front at Ottawa in order to serve properly the territory they represent. There is today in these provinces a growing body of sentiment favoring the lines of advance the member for Kings so practically set forth.

United States automobiles killed 27,000 people and injured 615,000 last year, and there were 5,062,200 accidents involving property damage. A Washington expert estimates the cost of all the accidents, plus the cost of the delays they caused, at \$2,618,700,000. In placing responsibility he says ninety per cent. of the accidents are due to careless driving, five per cent. to mechanical defects, and five per cent. to improper highway construction. He forgets apparently that some accidents, though small the proportion, are due to carelessness of pedestrians or drivers of teams.

From Hon. Mr. Meighen's speech at Windsor, on trade treaties, with Britain among others: "I would make reciprocal treaties if I could and open every market I could without yielding the whole position. I would make a treaty with Britain on just the same basis as others. I do not believe in showing loyalty by giving industrial concessions unless we get something in return. I believe this country should, first of all and all the time, look after its own interests."

The proposal of the acting Minister of Finance to amend the income tax to the extent of allowing \$500 exemption for each dependent instead of \$300 is good—so far as it goes. But a general change relieving to some extent all earned incomes of the lower grade is what is needed.

The Church Union bill was passed by the Legislature by a very large majority—so large that no division was called for. The closing debate was really peaceful as compared with the earlier discussion.

Nearly 200,000 applicants for life insurance were rejected by the Insurance companies in the U. S. in 1922.

The capital invested in the Alaska salmon fisheries runs into many millions, and the average value of a season's catch is \$6,000,000.

Press Comment

MAKING MEN OF THE BOYS.

(Toronto Telegram.)

No more sincere tribute can be paid by one man to another than the simple appraisal, "He's a good scout." And a Boy Scout is a "good scout" in the making.

Abstract nouns cannot explain to a "poor scout" the difference between himself and a "good scout." The acid test is an ever-present desire to help one's fellows—without hiring a brass band to attract attention to one's own benevolence. That is the basis of all true religion and of every worth-while creed. That is the meaning behind the Boy Scouts' motto of "One Good Deed a Day."

The boys are organized for no more sinister reason than that boys like to be organized. They wear uniforms because they naturally want to wear uniforms. The Boy Scout movement is patterned after the British army because there is no better pattern in existence for the inculcation of loyalty and the inspiration of leadership.

Ten years from now the Boy Scouts of today will be electors. Ten years later on some of them will be legislators. They cannot be worse than the last lot and, if they live up to their youthful ideals of honor, they ought to be a great deal better. For that reason it is not worth while to start out the present youth of Ontario with a sane and healthy conception of their coming citizenship.

Such a conception may be taught by grown-ups, but it must be learned by the boys among themselves. All that any boy needs is a little help to keep his small percentage of bad from getting in control of his large percentage of good.

A SINISTER FIGURE GONE.

(New York Times.)

With the death of Hugo Stinnes there disappears a figure that has dominated the German scene during the last two years, or, to speak precisely, since the murder of Walther Rathenau in the early summer of 1922. Rathenau and Stinnes embodied two strongly contrasting types of German capitalism, as it emerged from the ruins of the empire.

Stinnes was much the more winning personality and the broader spirit. He read the lessons of the war in terms of the whole German people. He foresaw for his country a future devoid of imperialistic dream and devoted to useful productivity in close and harmonious co-operation between capital and labor. Stinnes thought rather in terms of personal and class opportunity. As the chief architect of the new system of "vertical" trust organization, he stood up before the world as the personification of a dehumanized efficiency. Concerning his wealth and the far-flung net of his business operation it is probable that there has been a good deal of mythologizing. Yet the reality

Speaking of Taxes, We Paid The City Last Year, \$45,000

The press, public men and citizens in general, in St. John, have been, and are, discussing the matter of taxation.

There is nothing very unusual about all this because every city, community and country in the world is doing the same thing.

And so, we submit, we have the right to do likewise.

What we are going to talk about is our own contribution to the civic exchequer because, in placing our case before the public, it is necessary that we do so.

Last year the New Brunswick Power Company paid to the City of St. John in taxes, alone, the sum of \$45,000.

In other words, we were the largest individual tax-payer in the City.

So we believe our fellow-citizens and brother tax-payers will agree with us that it is simply a matter of justice that we make this fact known.

And it, further, illustrates a point we made in one of our previous talks; that the New Brunswick Power Company is an industry of no mean proportions in St. John and therefore—in all fairness—entitled to just consideration.

A matter of simple calculation carries the point a step further.

On the basis of our tax payments for last year, every dollar of business we lose means a loss to the City of four and one half cents in taxes.

Because, naturally, if our earnings decrease we will be taxed on a lesser amount; pay less taxes.

And the difference must be made up from some other source. Other citizens must pay it.

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was sufficiently impressive. His finger was in everything and everywhere, and sometimes the finger was followed by the whole hand and the fist. Coal, iron, steel, ships, forests, newspapers, down to the castles and chateaux of the fallen princes, were all his grist. He was everywhere in Germany and also in Switzerland, Scandinavia, Austria, the Balkans, Russia. This seemingly insatiable activity was not altogether the outcome of a titanic ambition to dominate. There was also the much more humble and practical reason of putting as much of his wealth as he could—derived in large measure from the collapse of the currency—in safe storage abroad. His foreign investments were part of that light of capital with which the McKenna committee has just been dealing. Placed at the disposal of his country, it might have brought Europe further along than we find it today.

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A LITTLE TOWN IN ACADIE.

(George Davies in Canadian Magazine)

"The gentle hills of Acadie Brood o'er the Vale of Peace below. Between the marshes, lush and green, Like sheeted ghosts the vessels go; Faint, tinkling ox-bells lull to rest The little town I love best."

"All up and down the village street The elm trees stand in stately grace. The willow hangs its catkins out And chestnut candles light the place. Protected in its leafy nest— Dear little town I love the best."

"The little town I love the best Becomes a vision of delight When June with lavish hand bestows Her apple orchards, pink and white; She smiles in rosy fragrance drest, Gay little town I love the best."

"The little town I love the best Stands memories no gold can buy; Brave visions of the long ago, And loyalty that cannot die, And quiet graves of those who rest, A little town I love the best!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Much Against Little Leonard Bacon, who was one of the best known theologians in New England a half century ago, was attending a conference, and some assertions he made in his address were vehemently objected to by a member of the opposi-

tion. "Why," he expostulated, "I never heard of such a thing in all my life!" "Mr. Moderator," rejoined Bacon calmly, "I can not allow my opponent's ignorance, however vast, to offset my knowledge, however small."—The Christian Register (Boston.)

Not a Good Way Don't think that you can cultivate a man's acquaintance by giving him an occasional dig.

Preparedness Sealed bids will be received by the Commissioner of Purchases of the City of New York on Thursday, February 28,

1924, for furnishing and delivering kindling wood to the fire department—Maplewood City Record.

Sime Signs. His Sister—"You think she does not love you, but have you any proof of it?" Jack—"Yes; proofs are obtained from negatives and she has rejected me no less than three times."—Boston Transcript.

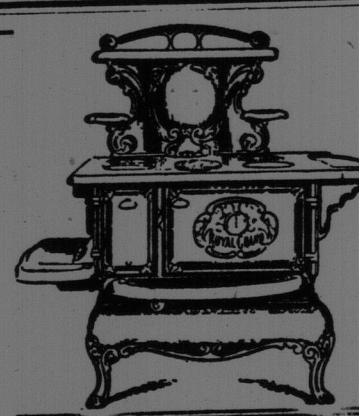
As Good as New Some fellows have a subtle way of delivering a knock and Tom B.—is one of them. One day after his fellow-workman had made a very stupid

blunder, he remarked: "Joe, I wish you would will me your head when you die." "What do you want of my head?" asked the other, unsuspectingly. "Why," said Tom, "it would be just like a new one. You never use it."—Boston Transcript.

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| \$2.50 | Les Rameaux | Journet |
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| \$2.50 | Messiah—He Shall Feed His Flock | Louise Homer |
| 773 | Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All (Tenor) | |
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| 6010 | Messe Solennelle (Tenor) | Caruso |
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