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THE HUDSON'S BAY ROUTE.

In another column will be found a condensation of the report prepared for the Department of the Interior by Mr. J. A. J. McKenna on the possibilities of the Hudson Bay route. The report itself deals at great length with many points of detail in connection with this scheme, and forms very interesting reading in view of the fact that transportation is Canada's greatest problem today. Mr. McKenna has summarized and condensed into a few words the results of the surveys made by many exploration parties. He states definitely that the Hudson Bay route is a safe one for three months of the year, August to October. It can be developed at comparatively small expense, and should prove commercially profitable. While Fort Churchill is slightly farther away from Liverpool than is Montreal, it has a tremendous advantage in being hundreds of miles nearer the wheat fields. The Hudson Bay route would not compete with that via Montreal, but would be subsidiary thereto. Perhaps the most important section of the report is that dealing with the possibilities of the extensive country now practically uninhabited, which would be opened to development by the construction of a railroad to Fort Churchill as is projected.

THE WARD MEETINGS.

Judging from the attendance at the ward meetings held last evening and the energy displayed by all, Liberal workers will leave nothing undone in the way of preparation for a possible contest. While the nomination day proceedings still remain a matter of conjecture, St. John Liberals and the bulk of the Conservative party realize what the proper course must be, but while some uncertainty still prevails it is recognized that in any event thorough organization is desirable. At last evening's meetings ward committees were chosen and the work is now well in hand.

The following is a pretty good week's work for a man who has scarcely yet settled down to the routine of his new office. Dr. Pugsley has devoted some attention to the needs of his own constituency, and has no doubt given due consideration to the requirements of other parts of Canada. In the past week he has:

Arranged for the deepening of certain berths to 32 feet instead of 20 feet as planned.

Settled the question of dredging the outer section of the new wharf.

Placed one dredge at this work already.

Agreed to secure a grant towards deepening and widening the Sand Point berths.

Undertaken to secure legislation providing for further harbor extensions.

Secured an all year suburban service on the I. C. R.

Obtained a promise from the Minister of Railways that the I. C. R. yard facilities will be provided at once to meet the pressing needs of the merchants.

Had inspectors placed on scows to prevent dumping of mud within harbor limits.

And is now arranging for the dredging of the channel, so long requested by the board of trade and citizens generally. Work on this will shortly begin.

The engineers in charge of the West Side work have now definitely concluded that efforts having in view the completion of No. 2 section of the new wharf for the coming winter's traffic would be a waste of time. They are consequently striving for the completion of the first section of the wharf and for improving conditions around the existing berths. It is a pity this view was not adopted months ago.

A family in Moncton consisting of a mother and seven children have been deserted by the husband and father, and being entirely destitute are depending on the charity of neighbors. The man was some time ago acquitted on the charge of living in criminal relationship with another woman. Since the trial he has deserted his wife and gone back to the other woman. He should be soundly horsewhipped, and the jury at Dorchester should be given leather medals.

The council will of course, ask for tenders for the dredging of Sand Point. It is possible that the two contractors now engaged on the West Side may not wholly agree as to the cost of this work. St. John should know which one will do it the more cheaply.

FACTORY SONGS.

I. NOON.

Swift and red are the factory flames at noon;  
The world without, and world within,  
And a crisis soon,  
The engines hum and the men call out,  
Like men in the thick of fray—  
And on the hills gleam the fairy wings of another day.

But we are at it, long and late,  
In the glare and blood of strife,  
And when sledge stop, and trade runs slow,  
'Tis a race for life.

And this is the song of the grinding wheels through the golden, golden noon—  
"Peed up and move us faster men; and soon, soon, soon."

II. EVENING.

Evening, evening, and the smoky weather,  
Homeward slowly, through the aisles of Spring;  
Gallows-like the shadow looms over,  
Cold as fate the hands that grip and cling.  
Day! on the fairy wings the hills where yours to roam;  
The night has come! Oh, give us time for home.

III. NIGHT.

The lights are out: and now the fireless glow,  
The tender-faces and the love-words low,  
But, God, already ringed about us here,  
That other circle, crouching, waiting—near.  
Wolves in the shadowy night that stare and wait to leap;  
Life we are fairly caught; and the long heat trap seems sleep.

IV. MORNING.

Morning! at last morning comes up the hill,  
With the long, long beams of the rising sun,  
And the new-born will,  
And what shines out in the quickened air?

Wolf-trampled path, you are smeared and bare—  
But my good old Factory Tower standing the night with a stony power—  
Steel you were made to sing!  
And sing you shall to the heart of all the endless songs of Earth.

The travail, the tempest, the battle, the wolf, and the sweaty mirth;  
"Men, I am honest work, I am fearful strife,  
The day made, and the night gained, for the child, and the wife,  
Life is but snatched out of life, out of faith, out of sin,  
I am thought of man's heart, I am Force, I am Power—I shall win!"

—Katherine Hale.

HE COULD STAND EXPOSURE.

The Arctic expedition was about to start.

"I would like to join the party," said the stranger who had just arrived.

"Well," replied the celebrated explorer, "we only want men who can stand severe exposure. Do you think you could come under the heading?"

"Well, I should say so," replied the stranger. "I was exposed as a San Francisco grafter, but it never faded me."

And then the explorer took him along in hopes he could lose him up near the pole.

LOCKING THE STABLE DOOR.

D. B. Crothers, the well known railroad man and a big official on the Baltimore and Ohio road, is a frequent summer visitor here. Mr. Crothers was formerly Miss Leland of Lewiston.

"How things do change!" Boston Herald.

Yes, we've changed proofreaders—Lewiston Journal.

WHAT HE HAD TO SAY.

"Well, George, do you know it is one o'clock. What have you to say for yourself?"

"I did have s-something to s-say, my dear, b-but you've gone an s-scarred it out of m-my head. Oh, I remember it n-now."

"Well, what is it?"

"Good night!"

BARREN PROSPECTS.

The boy who is ashamed to follow up the plow isn't likely to make headway turning up soil in any other useful occupation.

In business circles and throughout the city generally the announcement that Mr. Charles H. Lee, the genial and efficient manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, in this city, is to be transferred to St. John in about two weeks, has been learned with regret. Mr. Lee came here on September 10th of last year and opened the bank's branch in this city. In that year the business which has come to the bank in this city has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the management of the office. With the customers of the bank Mr. Lee has shown himself not only a shrewd and well versed banker, but a courteous and obliging manager, so that he has won new friends for himself and the institution in the interests of which he was working. While Mr. Lee will no doubt be glad to get back with his family in St. John, he nevertheless regrets leaving Fredericton, and his friends here are consoling themselves with the thought that his return to St. John comes in the way of a well deserved promotion. It is likely that Mr. Lee will remain in Fredericton until about the end of October when he will be succeeded by Mr. Jardine, now accountant at the head offices at St. John—Glenora.

THE STAR, ST JOHN, N. B. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1907

WHY ONTARIO BAPTISTS DECLINE UNION PROPOSAL

Following is the full text of the reply sent by the Ontario Baptists to the proposal made by the joint committee on church union:

"On behalf of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec we desire to express to the united committees of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist bodies our deep appreciation of their Christian courtesy in inviting us to a conference with a special committee on the question of the union of Protestant Christian bodies in Canada. We also desire to congratulate them on the substantial progress which appears to have been made towards such a union by the three bodies which have hitherto been engaged in these negotiations.

"In regard to our own relation to this movement permit us to present the following statement expressive of the position which we feel compelled to take:—The Baptist people rejoice in all the manifestations of mutual love among the followers of Jesus Christ and seek on their own part to cultivate a holy fellowship with all Christians. They recognize with thankfulness the gracious operation of the Spirit of God among the brethren of other denominations and feel themselves to be one with them in many of those things which concern the progress of the kingdom of God on earth. At the same time they do not admit that the organic union of all Christians is an essential condition of Christian unity or even necessarily promotive of it. For Christians who differ in questions which some of them hold to be of vital importance it is surely better to admit the impracticability of corporate union than to seek to compass such a union at the cost of sacrificing cherished convictions.

OPPOSE THE HUMAN STANDARD.

"In their organization of independent local churches and in their associational gatherings and conventions Baptists have not infrequently made use of brief statements of doctrines which they hold to be Christian, as a basis of mutual cooperation, but they do not regard as a necessary condition of membership in a Baptist church or to a place in the Baptist ministry. They feel that the free and independent interpretation of the Scriptures by each man for himself, combined with the spirit of love and obedience, is not only promotive of earnest reflection on divine things and strength of personal conviction, but is a surer and more enduring way of securing unity of Christians. They oppose any tendency to erect a human standard of authority over the conscience, to lessen the sense of direct personal responsibility to God, or to obscure the consciousness of immediate relationship with Him.

Accordingly, while they entertain deep respect for various historic Christian creeds, they are not solicitous to identify themselves with these creeds or to claim an organic relation with the churches that established them as standards of belief.

A SPIRITUAL HISTORICAL SUCCESSION.

The Baptist people regard all truly religious affiliations as resting, on the one hand, solidly on organic relation to human souls, and, on the other hand, on each man's free acceptance of the divine grace and obedience to the divine will. As we understand the Scriptures, only those who are the subjects of such a spiritual experience are capable of participation in Christian fellowship or entitled to membership in a Christian church. Believing, therefore, that the Christian church, that is, that a Christian church is constituted by a voluntary union of those alone who by personal repentance and faith—not by natural birth, nor by proxy, nor by ceremony, nor by any overt act of the church—enter into fellowship with God in Christ, they do not regard the claim to ecclesiastical succession in any of its forms as a matter of concern to them. They acknowledge an historical succession, from Christ and His Apostles; but its nature is spiritual, not ecclesiastical, coming through personal influence and the proclamation of the Gospel, not by means of forms, rites or ceremonies.

THEY STAND BY BAPTISM.

The same principle prevents them from admitting knowingly to church membership any except those who have been spiritually renewed. Thus they cannot regard the children of Christian parents as entitled by birth or membership in a Christian household to a place in a Christian church or as proper subjects of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper convey in any sense to their recipients the spiritual grace which they symbolize, for they have meaning and value only as they express the faith and grace already possessed by those who in these acts of obedience confess their relation to Christ. Hence the practice of infant baptism and the

consequences which follow it are a fatal impediment to organic union between the Baptists and Pseudo-Baptist churches. Hence also the impossibility of Baptists consenting to an alteration of the original mode of baptism, because without the immersion its representation of the believer's union with Christ in His death and resurrection is lost. Further, the doctrine of the spirituality of the Christian church demands that it avoid all alliance with secular authorities. Such alliances have been fruitful of evil.

MUST REMAIN SEPARATE.

The Baptist belief in the immediacy of each man's relations with God and in the necessity of personal faith in Christ in order to salvation carries with it the universal priesthood of believers and the rejection of all forms of church polity which admit the spiritual distinction of clergy and laity or the subjection of the individual Christian to a separate organized existence. It is because of these principles which represent to them the Divine will that the Baptists find it necessary to maintain a separate organized existence. In relation to these matters they can make no compromise, but feel themselves under a Divine-imposed obligation to propagate their views throughout the world.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Arrived steamer Laprovene, Havre. Laprovene has apparently broken the record for the voyage from Havre to New York held by the same steamer, by probably two hours. Laprovene's previous best trip was made in 6 days, 3 hours, and 24 minutes.

The morning papers yesterday reported that two men had been arrested for fighting on Union street. While this was literally true it did Frank N. Hamm, one of the men, an injustice. Mr. Hamm explains that he was assaulted without provocation by a drunken man, and only defended himself, but the policemen would not accept his version of the affair and dragged him off to jail. The sergeant was more lenient and Mr. Hamm was released on the condition that he appear before the magistrate in the morning, which he did, when he was discharged.

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Depth of Twenty-five to Fifty Fathoms

—Lighting Arrangements Completed.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 12.—John Houston, ex-M. P., editor of The Empire of Prince Rupert, is here, and has determined that, as the G. T. P. will not allow him to set up his plant on its soil, he will erect his own atop on the Indian reserve adjoining the town site, and open fire on the magazines from that point of vantage. He expects to be ready in a week or ten days to begin publication.

Surveys by the Dominion Government during the whole summer in the harbor of Prince Rupert demonstrate that there is a prevailing depth from twenty-five to fifty fathoms. Alongside the wharf the depth is about forty feet.

W. J. Stewart, hydrographic surveyor, of the Department of Marine, returned last night from the north, and says that the depth of water is good and the lighting of the entrances and passages by lighthouses, etc., is now so complete that the Lusitania could steam in at any hour of the night. The Dominion Government have carried on surveys in all the inner harbors and H. M. S. Egretia of the outer channel as far south as Skeena. Next year the new hydrographic steamer, now building at Esquimaux, will continue this work in some other northern channels.

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DEALING WITH

HARD PROPOSITION

Committee on Church Union Discussing Administration of Benevolent Funds.

TORONTO, Oct. 12.—The hardest proposition before the joint committee on church union at present appears to be that with which one of the sub-committees wrestled today, the administration of benevolent funds, such as those for the support of aged and infirm ministers and ministry widows and orphans. In the Presbyterian church contribution to such fund is voluntary, but in the Methodist church it is obligatory and the method of obtaining and

disturbing the revenues of these funds therefore differ materially. Different methods adopted were gone into by the sub-committee, but a solution is still in the future.

Because the sub-committee on administration has the largest task on hand its work has been subdivided among four sub-committees chosen from its own members. These are dealing respectively with benevolent funds, publishing interests, colleges and their support, and missions.

Added Congregational members of the sub-committee on administration are Revs. Prof. Farriner, W. T. Gunn, F. J. Day and Henry O'Hara. The Presbyterian members are the following: President B. C. Falconer, Toronto; Prof. George Ivey, Winnipeg; Dr. D. M. Ramsay, Ottawa; Dr. Thos. Sedgewick, Tatum, N. S.; Principal Scrimger, Montreal; Prof. W. C. Murray, Halifax; Principal Magill, Halifax; and Rev. J. H. Hay, Kennewick. The Methodist members are Revs. Dr. Carman, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Shaw, J. T. Pitcher, Dr. J. H. White, New Westminster, B. C.; Just J. J. MacLaren, H. H. Fudger and W. Ferguson, Stratford.

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