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#### C. N. R. TERMINALS.

The statement that the Canadian Pacific could utilize every ship berth in St. John harbor at present in connection with the traffic over its line of railway brings forcibly to the front the question of providing berths for the Canadian National Railways.

Has the public forgotten that the contract with the company building the dry dock in Courtney Bay provides also for the construction of a number of docks, and that the company may be called upon to fulfill that portion of the contract?

New docks must be constructed for the Canadian National Railways. They will be in competition with the Canadian Pacific Railway. To compete successfully the facilities do not now exist. Where are they to be provided? Is it better to try to construct them at West St. John, or East St. John? If built at West St. John, with limited truck facilities sought after by two great systems, would the result be as satisfactory as if the C. N. R. had its own tracks connected with its own terminals for at least the greater bulk of its business? We must assume that the Canadian Pacific has not come anywhere near the limit of its capacity to bring traffic to St. John. As the years go on it will require more and more track and wharf space. The like must be true of the C. N. R. It would therefore seem to be a wise thing to look some years ahead and consider whether now is not the time to begin the construction of wharves in Courtney Bay. Perhaps, there are stronger reasons against this course than in its favor, but since the question is before the people it is at least worthy of discussion. It is the desire of all the citizens to avoid making a false move in the matter, and that is the greater reason for a careful study of the situation. Of course the breakwater must be extended to Partridge Island, as a first essential, and further improvements made at West St. John, but there must also be a definite policy in relation to C. N. R. terminals, with the knowledge that the traffic of the government railways must rapidly increase here, if they are to be of the greatest possible service to the trade of Canada. It is a big question, thrust suddenly upon us by the present harbor congestion, and it should be considered and discussed in a big way, with an eye to the conditions which are certain to develop as the years pass.

#### PRESIDENT MACLAURIN.

The death is announced of Richard Lockburn MacLaurin, who since 1909 has been president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was under fifty years of age, and fell a victim to pneumonia. One of the brightest minds in educational circles in the United States, he was a native of Scotland but while yet a student at New Zealand. Later he attended English schools and graduated at Cambridge. After graduation he toured the United States and Canada, studying their educational systems and spending much time at McGill. After a period of study in Germany he accepted in 1898 a chair in the University of New Zealand, became a trustee of the university and took an active part in the introduction of technical education in the colony. In 1907 he came to Columbia University and became head of the department of physics, but in 1909 accepted the position of president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A brilliant career is now closed. The Boston correspondent of the Times-Star says: "His death came almost at the moment when his ambition had been realized. Only last Saturday the announcement was made that the Institute was free of all financial embarrassments, and could go forward with its work on an enlarged scale and fulfill its destiny as a center of technical education in the world. At the same time the name of the greatest benefactor of the institution, George Eastman, of Rochester, N. Y., became known. The magnificent plant which houses the school on the Cambridge bank of the Charles will stand as a monument to President MacLaurin."

#### GASPING FOR LIFE.

The Christian Science Monitor has a very striking editorial under the heading—Public Schools Gasping for Life. Of the place of the public schools in the national life it says—

"Public schools in this country are the traditional basis for practical citizenship. They are looked upon as the means of making education universal in order that universal suffrage shall be intelligent. They are likewise considered to be the melting pot for the various racial ingredients of Americanism. The public schools take in all and sundry, by compulsion if need be, and in theory at least they teach the embryo citizens how to live together in mutual toleration of one another, at the same time that they provide the foundational knowledge whereby each individual shall be equipped to observe, and to know, and to act independently of others as a factor eventually in those common decisions and judgments which are the waymarks of progress for popular government. Like other features of the American system, public schools have been accepted as a fixed quantity, as established

and not subject to elimination or essential change. At least, such has been the typical American attitude toward them. But while this is true in theory the public school in practice is "gasping for life." We quote again—

"The inadequacy of teachers' pay is forcing teachers out of the public school system by tens of thousands. By the declaration of the Honorable Frank K. Lane, secretary of the interior, more than 148,000 public school teachers resigned their places in the United States last year. Mr. Lane does not hesitate to say that this 'greatest bulwark' against the spread of Bolshevism through the United States is crumbling, and the immediate reason is that teachers' salaries have not kept pace with the cost of living. It is not that teachers are to blame for leaving their posts. They are not. Almost any American man or woman knows of particular teachers whose ability, to obtain the living necessities at prices now prevailing has become dependent upon the finding of a job paying considerably more than they could hope to get by sticking to school teaching."

This condition is not peculiar to the United States. Too many good teachers are quitting the profession in Canada, and not enough clever, thoroughly trained and devoted young men and women are thinking of teaching as a life work. Moreover, as has been said, too many children are growing up in ignorance or leaving the schools with just enough knowledge and intelligence to make them dangerous. Democracy must look to its schools or suffer very serious consequences.

The eastward movement of the Bolsheviks very deeply concerns the British Empire. Last night's cables indicate that the seriousness of the menace to India is recognized by the British government. The Bolsheviks and the Turks together could stir up very serious trouble, not for Britain alone, but for the world. Press opinions in London are hopelessly at variance in regard to the right attitude toward Russia, and the situation is more complicated on that account.

The leader of one of the great historic parties in Canadian politics will be heard in St. John this evening, not in the heat of a political campaign, but nevertheless at a time when the people are doing much thinking in regard to national affairs. The meeting will not be a partisan rally, but one for the calm and reasoned presentation of the principles and policy of a party, that the electors may know what it stands for in the politics of the nation.

The rush of persons who desire to take advantage of vocational evening classes should be an inspiration to the board as well as a revelation to the public. It emphasizes in the strongest manner the need of providing pre-vocational courses in the public schools and a vocational high school along modern lines that could be operated every day and every evening.

Bradstreet's weekly food index last week, based on the prices per pound of thirty-one articles used for food, was \$5.24, the highest on record, and compares with \$5.07 for the previous week and \$5.02 for the week ending January 9, 1919. A downward trend this year is, however, predicted.

If Nova Scotia will but heed the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Veniot and join New Brunswick in adopting the rule of driving to the right it will be of great benefit in connection with the good roads policy of both provinces, and especially in relation to tourist motor traffic.

The progressive policy of the provincial agricultural department is bearing fruit in the satisfactory development of the dairy industry.

**SOUNDING AN ASPHALT LAKE**  
(Engineering News Record.)

Recent borings made in the asphalt lake on the Island of Trinidad, have reached a new low level record of 150 feet. The previous record made in 1898 was 125 feet. On both occasions the asphalt was found to be of uniform character throughout. Great difficulties attend any attempt to sound the lake, as it is in constant, although almost imperceptible, motion. The pressure of the mass of asphalt against the drilling apparatus causes it to bend, and the deflection makes further boring impossible. After completion of the test, the hole was observed to shift at the surface twenty-five feet in six weeks. The movement was shown to exist to a depth of 100 feet, and there was evidence that the direction was reversed at a depth of from twenty-five to fifty feet. The movement of the asphalt is believed to be similar in many respects to the ascending and descending currents in a kettle of boiling water.

**BAGHDAD'S CHANGE OF DRESS**

"In Baghdad today the young blonds are showing a desire to adopt European dress. We cannot imagine why anyone should want to discard the picturesque Arab headress in exchange for a billycock hat, but there is no accounting for taste," says The Times of India. "Relief at getting rid of Turkish misrule had presumably been celebrated in some way or other, and the acquisition of a new suit of clothes, even if they are ready-made, reach-me-downs, is undoubtedly an event which would appeal to the nut of Baghdad who, like nuts all over the world, wants to be unlike his elders."



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#### PAYING RENT.

Some kind of home you'll have to own, a humble shack of brick or frame, or one of stucco, mud or stone, if you would beat the landlord's game. For long sad years I paid my rent, and there'd be sunshine in my soul if I now had the coin that went to swell the landlord's gorgeous roll. The landlord owned a row of shacks, and every month he walked abroad, left desolation in his tracks, and touched each tenant for his wad. I muttered, as I dug the dimes, coughed up the sweat stained, hard earned seeds, "I've bought this once, a dozen times, and yet the landlord has the seeds." And when I fell and broke a limb, the landlord came to get the rent; there was no sympathy in him when I could not produce a cent. He said he didn't care a whoop for all my sufferings and sorrows; he fired me from that lowly coop and chided my weeping aunts out doors. There is no thrift in paying rent to landlords who have hearts of stone; far better have a canvas tent, and know the blessed thing is your own. You cannot borrow seven dimes on all the wealth you have for rent on your own house, in crucial times, you'll get a loan from some kind gent.

#### CAN-ADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

##### A MILITARY EXECUTION.

In 1804 a military execution took place at Quebec under circumstances of exceptional occurrence. Seven men were shot with all the ceremony of military punishment to deter soldiers from future crimes. The unhappy men were a sergeant, a corporal and two men of the 49th and one man each from the three other units. A conspiracy had been formed in the 49th regiment to revolt, lock up the officers and then cross to the United States. This was the regiment that Brock had been in charge of; he was loved of the men but a new commander had not been so well received.

It was discovered that the plot was fairly widespread in the regiment and, after the leaders had made an unsuccessful attempt to escape, they were brought to trial at Quebec. Seven were sentenced to die. On March 2, 1804, they were paraded at 10.30 o'clock for execution. The entire garrison was on parade on a cold, bleak day. The prisoners were brought out, accompanied by four priests and the Rev. Mr. Mountain to comfort the victims of the court martial. For three-quarters of an hour the seven knelt in prayer and the firing party consisted of fifty-six soldiers divided into three parties. Though a misunderstanding there was confusion in the fatal valley and the prisoners fell wounded but not dead. It remained for a reserve party to complete the ghastly sentence. There was general sympathy with the seven, for most of them had fine records for bravery and devotion in the army in previous wars in Holland and at Copenhagen. The execution was very unpopular in the colony.

#### THE MIRACLE.

Oh, the daily cost of living  
Rises higher, like a flame,  
But the little home love builds  
Thrives and prospers just the same!  
There is warmth and cheer a-plenty,  
There is food upon the shelf,  
And a corner by the hearthside  
For the God of Love himself.  
There he curls, where none may spy him,  
And I think he understands  
Just how far the world has traveled  
Who set out with empty hands.  
Ah, at times the way was weary—  
'Twas a thorny road and rough,  
But what worlds two hearts can conquer,  
Given love and faith enough!  
In the crib in yonder corner  
The love's most precious gem lies;  
Heavy lids with slumber laden  
Hide the laughter in his eyes.  
Can the gardens of the West  
Show a fairer bloom than this?  
Can the heart be starved for flowers  
That has rosebud lips to kiss?

Nay, we go not clad in velvet,  
And the only gem we own  
Is the jewel of contentment—  
A right and precious stone!  
Having books, who yearns for rubies?  
Having music, who needs gold?  
Youth lacks never food for laughter;  
Sorrow shared is soon consoling.  
He who counts the cost too often  
Plays a cautious, lonely part;  
May the little home love build  
Spur the hesitating heart!  
—Beatrice Barry in N. Y. Times.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

"There is one good thing about this very libretto."  
"What's that?"  
"Nobody has tried to set any of it to a popular song."—Washington Star.  
Mrs. Bacon—"How is your sister getting along taking boarders?"  
Mrs. Egbert—"Oh, fine. She hasn't heard a complaint from one of her boarders yet."  
"Too bad. I didn't know she was getting as hard of hearing as that!"—Yonkers Statesman.

"What keeps Flubdub poor?"  
"Dunno."  
"Seems to be an energetic cuss."  
"Wastes too much time looking out for his rights. I understand."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Without Interrupting.  
"Is she really so curious?"  
"Curious? Why, that woman would listen to advice."—Boston Transcript.

His fellow clerks gathered round him when the news became public property, and extended congratulations. "But," said one man, "I understand the girl you are engaged to is a twin; how do you tell the difference between her and your sister?"  
"Well, it's a mighty nice family," said the lucky man, "and I don't bother very much."

#### A New Scheme for Montreal Government

Montreal, Jan. 15.—A project for the reconstruction of municipal government for the City of Montreal and the Island of Montreal, based on a borough system, though differing in many details, is being laid before Premier Gouin, says a despatch from Quebec to the Montreal Gazette. The scheme provides for a system of local government, by which each section would bear the major burden of its own projects.

### ST. JOHN'S GREATEST MERCANTILE EVENT

Oak Hall's 31st Anniversary Sale Started Yesterday With a Swing.

When the Oak Hall doors opened yesterday morning it marked the commencement of this firm's 31st anniversary sale, and it was not many minutes before the entire store was over-run with hundreds of happy shoppers. The people of St. John and New Brunswick fully realize that an Oak Hall sale is different from most sales they know that it is not simply a clearance of odds and ends but that it is a mammoth affair that includes every piece of merchandise in the entire store from the ground floor to the Boys' Shop on the fourth floor. Those who have visited Oak Hall's 31st anniversary sale have seen for themselves that the volume of business being done is enormous and that the Oak Hall motto of Large Volume at Minimum Profit is a reality and not merely an empty phrase. This motto combined with the many new lines of merchandise bought with rock-bottom prices particularly for this event, make one of the most substantial money-saving opportunities to be had in St. John at this time.

#### LOCAL NEWS

One piece dresses all reduced at Lesser's stock taking sale, 210 Union street. See adv. on page 7.

**MEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR**  
At today's wholesale price, Stanfield's Green Label, only \$1.89; Red Label, \$2.48, and Blue Label at \$2.99. Atlantic Heavy Wool Underwear, \$1.49 and \$1.76, at Wilcox, January Sale. Corner Charlotte and Union. 1-17

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**MEN'S CAPS \$1.00**  
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Special meeting of Seamen Local 272 on Long wharf, 7.30 tonight. By order of president. 107855-1-17

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\$5 reward to any one who seen Murphy, the man who bought all his winter clothing at Lesser's stock taking sale, 210 Union street, and was not satisfied that he saved 40 per cent. See adv. on page 7.

#### MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

British military and naval officials have been summoned to Paris for a consultation with Premier Lloyd George and it is generally believed that the purpose of the meeting is a discussion of matters arising out of the Bolshevik military successes in Russia. Many English people believe that Britain before long will be at the mercy of the Bolsheviks in the field because of their aggressions. A hall for the use of the Natural History Association and the public library is the plan favored by Chatham, N. B., as a memorial to their fallen soldiers. Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works for New Brunswick, was the chief speaker at a banquet of the Nova Scotia Motor League in Halifax yesterday. He asked the co-operation of Nova Scotia in abolishing the left-hand drive and advocated a union of the two provinces for commercial advantages. T. P. Regan and Harry Ervin, president and secretary of the N. B. A. A., were at the dinner. Alderman Grant has been appointed by the council of St. George, N. B., to oppose before the Public Utilities Commission the matter of increase in the rates of the N. B. Telephone Company. The death of R. C. MacLaurin, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, took place yesterday in Boston. "Well, it's a mighty nice family," said the lucky man, "and I don't bother very much."

#### IN VICTORIA STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The vestry of Victoria street Baptist church was filled to capacity at the evangelistic services last night. The evangelists played several selections and a solo was given by Miss Hazel Reicker. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were heard in a charming duet. If the attendance continues to increase it is planned to use the auditorium of the church for the services during the balance of the campaign. After the meeting the young ladies' class of the church adjourned to the home of the president, Miss Beulah Watts, Metcalfe street, where they held their monthly meeting. The matter of organizing a chapter of the W. W. G. was taken up and it was decided to organize at a later date. Plans for other

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activities during the winter were taken up. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Hudson and Miss Flewelling. A temporary farewell was tendered to Miss Mabel Stanley, the secretary of the class, who will leave in the future for Fitchburg, Mass., on a visit. Daily refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

#### FIRST BIG FUR AUCTION IN MARCH IN MONTREAL

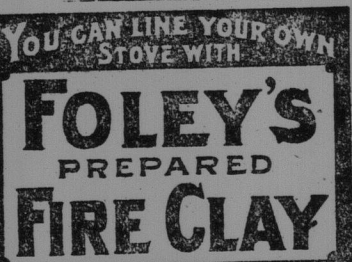
Montreal, Jan. 16.—An official of the Montreal Fur Auction Company, who has just returned from a trip through Western Canada is authority for the statement that great shipments of new furs are on their way to Montreal for the first auction in Montreal in March. The company expects to have at least \$60,000,000 worth of furs on sale. It is likely that the silver fox offerings alone will run well over the million dollar mark. The company is already securing hotel accommodation for buyers from Europe and the United States.

#### POSITIONS FOUND FOR 111,000 RETURNED MEN

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Up to the end of last week, 110,901 soldiers had been placed by the department of soldiers civil re-establishment in positions throughout the country. The latest figures show: Farming, 6,676; logging, 977; mining, 2,275; fishing, 191; manufacturing, 24,049; construction, 6,721; transportation, 11,982; trade and finance, 11,886; general services, 20,469; miscellaneous, 13,059; total, 99,341. Soldiers in vocational schools totalled 24,023 and 9,727 had completed their courses.

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