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A HINT TO ST. JOHN.

There is food for thought in the following paragraph which appears in the Halifax press, in the report of a meeting of the board of trade. "Letters were read regarding the British mail service, and while the board has not been advised that the contract has been signed it is generally believed that the Canadian port or ports will be left open to the steamship companies, the same as last year. The mayor and board of control have despatched letters to Premier Borden, postmaster general, and minister of trade and commerce on the subject."

WAGES FOR PRISONERS

The action of the Ontario government in extending the system of prison farms to take the place of ordinary jails, and the proposal that prisoners shall be paid for their labor, should encourage the advocates of an industrial farm for New Brunswick. Discussing this question the Winnipeg Telegram approves of the Ontario plan, in an article which is worth while to quote in full for the benefit of the cause in this province. The Telegram says: "The announcement that the Ontario government is to put into practice a system of paying prisoners for their labor, earnings to be applied to support of immediate dependents, and to the payment of prisoners' fares, on discharge, to places of employment, marks a notable epoch in this country. It has been adopted for years. The Royal Commission on Penitentiaries which recently reported to the Dominion government included this reform amongst its recommendations. The principle has been adopted to some extent in the United States, and to a lesser degree in Europe. Ontario will be able to claim credit for having been the first province to put the system into practice in Canada."

"The introduction of the plan should produce beneficial results in many directions. In its effect on the moral conduct of prisoners it cannot but exert a salutary influence. The payment even of a small wage would doubtless prove a mighty incentive to industry. No labor, even though it is compulsory, can feel that it has been justly treated if it receives no share or reward. In its tendency, therefore, to promote habits of industry and thrift, as well as in its disposition to stimulate manhood and self-respect, the principle of the payment of prisoners is to be highly commended. "As for the more common argument in its favor that there can be nothing but approval in that imprisonment too often imposes hardship and deprivation upon the innocent, the existing prison system is sadly at fault. Innocent wives and families, in no way to blame for the offense of the bread-winner, too frequently are, by reason of the operation of prison laws, the real sufferers. The system which is now to be put into operation in Ontario will overcome that fault to a degree. When a worthless husband is sent to jail he will not be housed and fed in idleness at the expense of the state, but will be required to labor industriously, and the rewards of his labor will go to support the necessitous wife and family. There is little reason to doubt that the operation of the new regulations will produce the beneficial results expected."

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development, which the Financier presents in this splendid issue. Of course the Times is a party hack and a mercenary sheet. Also the Standard is the organ of philanthropists, who have a horror of either partisanship or pickings. The friends of Dr. Pugsley will be well content so long as the Standard keeps on provoking the people to contrast his record as a friend of St. John with that of Mr. Hazen.

The Senate has sent the C. N. R. bill back to the Commons, with a request that it be amended to safeguard the public interest. Of course the Commons will refuse. Mackenzie and Mann influence is powerful in that chamber.

The destruction of the famous old church at Breadsall near Derby by the militant suffragettes will still further increase the public against them. They are doing incalculable injury to the cause of woman suffrage.

The Standard proudly records the fact that the Ottawa Journal congratulated Mr. Hazen on his prompt action in arranging for an enquiry into the Empress of Ireland disaster. What would the country have said if Mr. Hazen had failed to arrange for a prompt enquiry? Mr. Hazen could not afford to do otherwise than he did. Then why these bouquets?

The Anglican Synod of Nova Scotia has declared itself in favor of the extension of the franchise to women. The committee on temperance at the conclusion of their report said they "felt that the extension of the franchise to women in connection with moral and social enactments, for which there is a growing sentiment, would aid in all such movements and would be a great help to the temperance cause in particular." Some of the clerical delegates opposed this statement, and a motion to strike the paragraph out of the report was made, but was defeated by a large majority.

The Farmers' Bank political raid was not permitted to pass its third reading in the house of commons yesterday until it had been fittingly denounced by several Liberal speakers. Dr. Michael Clark declared that the government proposed to provide for a section of voters in one province at the expense of those in other provinces, and that the measure was a pure vote-buying proposition. Dr. Clark accurately described a deal which involves \$1,200,000 of the people's money.

A letter in today's Telegraph, signed "Commercial Travellers," endorses a protest made by Mr. W. S. Tompkins against the quality of the service given to the public on the accommodation train between Fredericton and Chatham. The travellers say that the service is "a disgrace to the people's road," and that "the first class cars on this road are not nearly as comfortable as the second class smokers of the C. P. R. on any of their branch lines." The travellers further declare that unless a better car service is given "an official protest will be made to the railway commission." It was only yesterday the Times quoted an article from the Moncton Transcript telling of the wretched cars and the wretched service on the Transatlantic in New Brunswick. Mr. Gutelius is apparently unable to provide better cars either between Fredericton and Chatham or between Moncton and Edmundston. Perhaps, however, he may be able to save a few dollars by laying off some more men in the railway yards at St. John.

Walter Pedersen, the well-known horticulturist, was badly injured at noon, when he fell from the roof of one of his observatories at Coldbrook while replacing some glass which had been blown out. Mr. Pedersen slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of about twenty feet. He is now under the care of Dr. W. W. White. Mr. Pedersen suffered a heavy loss from fire a short time ago.

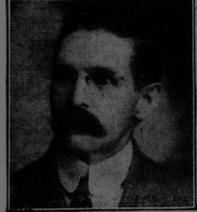
The Times respectfully and with all due deference begs to remind the Standard that it was not Hon. William Pugsley who endorsed the Guelish agreement.

The Standard is wrong in saying that "The Telegraph and Times continue to attack Hon. Mr. Hazen for his alleged neglect of St. John." The attack was made and is continued by Conservatives, and the Telegraph and Times print the news about it.

The Times has received a copy of the mammoth Empire Day number of the London Financier. It is a great newspaper of eighty pages, sixty-four of which are given up to a review of imperial resources. The place of honor is given to Canada, the first eight pages being devoted to this country, with special reference to the various provinces and their resources, and to a number of the leading cities. There is an interesting article on the province of New Brunswick and another on the city of St. John. No brief review could give any adequate conception of the great mass of valuable information concerning the Empire, its resources and de-

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What Does He Call It? Mrs. Brown—My husband is plain spoken; he calls a spade a spade. Mrs. Jones—So does mine, but I must decline to repeat what he calls the lawn mower.

No Man in the Church. "Do you have matins in this church?" asked the High-church vicar of the verger of the village church. "No, indeed," replied that dignitary with scorn. "We have matins, and right up the chancel too!"—Christian Register.

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Canadian Legislation Favorably Regarded at Health Congress of the Empire

(Times' Special Correspondence) London, May 29.—"A most interesting and inspiring conference," said Dr. Helen MacMurchy, of Toronto, at the close of the Imperial Health Conference, to which she was a Canadian government delegate. "It has been notable both for the numbers and personnel of the delegates, and is the first imperial conference of health."

OF the outstanding facts which emerged from the discussions, one of the most important was that the slum question was serious all over the empire. It was encouraging to note, however, that such energy was shown in the discussions and eminently practical plans proposed for its eradication that one of the delegates expressed the hope that it would not be many years before our aim 'no slums under the Union Jack' would be well within sight."

Australia was very worthily represented, and it seems clear from the details given that the Commonwealth leads the way in child welfare. On the other hand it was pleasing to the Canadians present to learn that these experts gathered together from all over the empire lauded the houses housing set of Ontario as distinctly in advance of anything in the countries from which they came. The deepest interest was shown in the paper "Better housing in Canada," read by G. Frank Beer, of Toronto, and if the enthusiasm expressed at the conference means anything it means that the Ontario housing legislation will be the frame-work on which similar legislation will be modelled in various parts of the empire."

In his paper, Mr. Beer said: "The remedy for housing conditions in Canada will be found, I believe, in proper city planning, accompanied by tax re-

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forms the one to properly control future building development, and the other to secure for the community a fair return for their expenditure on improvements. Proper control under city or town planning schemes is a necessary preliminary to tax reform, as the community should not be permitted to acquire an interest in or enjoy the fruits of taxation based upon high values, which result from overcrowded and unhealthy conditions. Subject to this reservation, and to the proper protection of private interests, the community which creates them, instead of by the individual in whom, for the time being, the title to the property is vested. If each citizen had some share in this newly created wealth, there would be less inequality, but under our existing system of taxation and ownership, the landless members of the community, who have not participated in the profits, must all pay, in some form or other, their share of this increment.

Communal values are created to meet, and are intended to be used for communal responsibilities. Through values such as these, the state can and should make adequate provision for the otherwise unobtainable welfare of its citizens. The fruit of such provision would ultimately be general vigor of body, broader education—in brief, greater efficiency for that class of citizens at present in greatest need."

BRITISH DEFENCE ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN (The Canadian Courier.) Canada is vitally interested in the British naval forces on the Pacific Ocean. So are Australia, New Zealand and India. The opinion is growing that the British Admiralty should formulate some plan whereby the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand naval forces should be developed on a comprehensive plan which would provide the Pacific cooperation.

There are some British ships on the China station and some in other parts of the Pacific. There is an Australian

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