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WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

The public is not getting much information about the Grand Trunk Pacific's entrance to St. John, about the route by which it is to come, about the course of the Valley Railway from Gagetown to this city, or about the completion of terminal facilities here for handling the new traffic to come so soon as the G. T. P. is hauling trains to Atlantic winter tide-water.

Is there no satisfactory information on these matters, or is the public not to be trusted with it?

It is of no use to say that they cannot build terminals in Halifax any sooner than they can be built here. That is not at all the point. Unless action and prompt action—replaces the present do-nothing policy—the freight will not go to either Halifax or St. John; it will go to Portland and to Boston, where the terminals are ready and the haul is short.

This is June, and nearly the end of June. The city fathers are still conferring with the government and the C. P. R. about grain conveyors to be used next winter on the West Side, and so far as the public knows, it is not yet settled whether the city, the government or the C. P. R. is to build or pay for them.

This sort of delay may prove costly. It is an added source of uneasiness at the very time St. John is asking, thus far without success, for definite news about the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Valley railway. This is the winter port of Canada. Is it going to be satisfied with the treatment usually handed out by governments and corporations to branch-line towns?

THE SAME OLD STORY

A western university has just concluded an investigation of the causes leading to the general movement of young people of both sexes from the farms to the cities. The investigation was made by two college professors who are inclined to place the blame on the low wages offered to farm laborers. Their report says:

"But there are some boys who stay in the country. In fact, the majority of them do, and the cities would soon be overrun. In the study of the shift of population from rural districts to urban centers the fact is generally ignored that there has come about a gradual but radical change in industrial progress. During the past seventy years, the doing of things with machinery that were seventy-five years ago done by hand has created the big factories and the big factories in turn have made the cities. Farming also is now done largely by machinery, but the city demand for the man skilled in the handling of machinery is more urgent and offers higher pay than is offered on the farm. When the pay averages as high on the farms there will be a more general reciprocity in population between the city and the country."

So far as this province is concerned there should not now be much complaint about the wages paid on the farms. Taking into consideration the higher cost of living in the cities and towns, the average man can earn as much in the country as he can in the city and the rural communities do not suffer nearly so many ways for him to spend his money foolishly. It is the same old story that has been often repeated in connection with similar investigations. The boys and girls get a glimpse of the big towns and are dazzled with the life and movement. The farm thereafter seems dull to them, and sooner or later, they look for a permanent engagement in the city.

It would not be surprising if, after all, the real development of farming on strictly business lines is brought about by men from the cities who long for that quiet and freedom that only the country can give.

CANADA'S VOICE FOR PEACE

It is useless to talk about the beauties of peace while making large and steady preparation for war, in the view of the peace advocates, and one can see the force of their argument without being ready, necessarily, to urge one nation to disarm while the others are still strengthening the striking power of their armies and navies. The Canadian Courier says this plain editorial word on the subject as it affects Canada:

"Should Canada send a message to the world such as this:—We are warlike descendants of a warlike race, and we intend to take our part in the making of armaments? Or should we say:—We believe that the world has gone crazy on the building of big navies, and while we shall prepare to protect our own, we shall not join the world-wide craze?"

"In his speech in the House of Commons in May, Hon. W. A. Chaiton made a notable speech against war and preparations for war. This was favorably commented upon by many journals. One paragraph may be quoted.

"The world has had three historic scourges—famine, pestilence and war. Commerce has slain the first, and science has overcome the second. Who is to destroy war? Christianity, sensible people. I have said that all the commercial inter-

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Rev. Robert Campbell, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, celebrates his seventy-eighth birthday today. He is pastor emeritus of St. Gabriel's church, Montreal, and has had a long and distinguished career in the ministry.

Professor Archibald MacMechan, Dalhousie University, Halifax, is fifty-one years of age today. He is a native of Berlin, Ont., and is one of the most talented writers in Canada.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

This is the birthday of W. D. Matthews, a Toronto financier. He was born sixty-three years ago in Burford, Ont., and entered the grain business as a young man. He is a director of many companies, including the C. P. R.

Hon. Joseph Bolduc, member of the dominion senate, celebrates his sixty-sixth birthday today. He is a lumber merchant by trade and represented the county of Beauce for many years in the House of Commons. He was called to the senate in 1884.

LIGHTER VEIN

It was at a fashionable wedding in Savannah. The bridegroom had no visible means of support save his father, who was rich; but when he repeated that portion of the service he said boldly:

"With all my worldly goods I thee endow!"

Whereupon the father said in a stage whisper that could be heard all over the church: "Heavens! There goes his bicycle!"

During the South African war letters sent home by British soldiers had to pass through the hands of a censor. A certain private had sent four or five letters home, and portions had been obliterated by the censor and were therefore illegible on their arrival at their destination. He decided to even accounts with the censor, and at the foot of the next letter he wrote: Please look under the stamp."

A man attached to the U. S. embassy in London tells this story of Sabbath breaking north of the Tweed.

One brawny Scot was hammering away at the bottom of his wheelbarrow when his wife came to the door.

"Mon! Mon!" she exclaimed, "you're making much clatter. What will the neighbors say?"

"Never mind the neighbors," returned the busy husband. "I mean get me a barrow mended as usual."

"O, but Donald, it's vera wrong to work on Sabbath!" protested the good woman. "Ye ought to use screws."

—Harper's Magazine.

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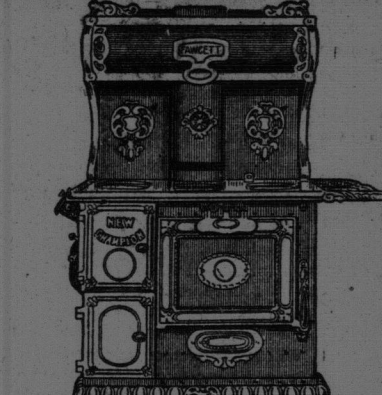
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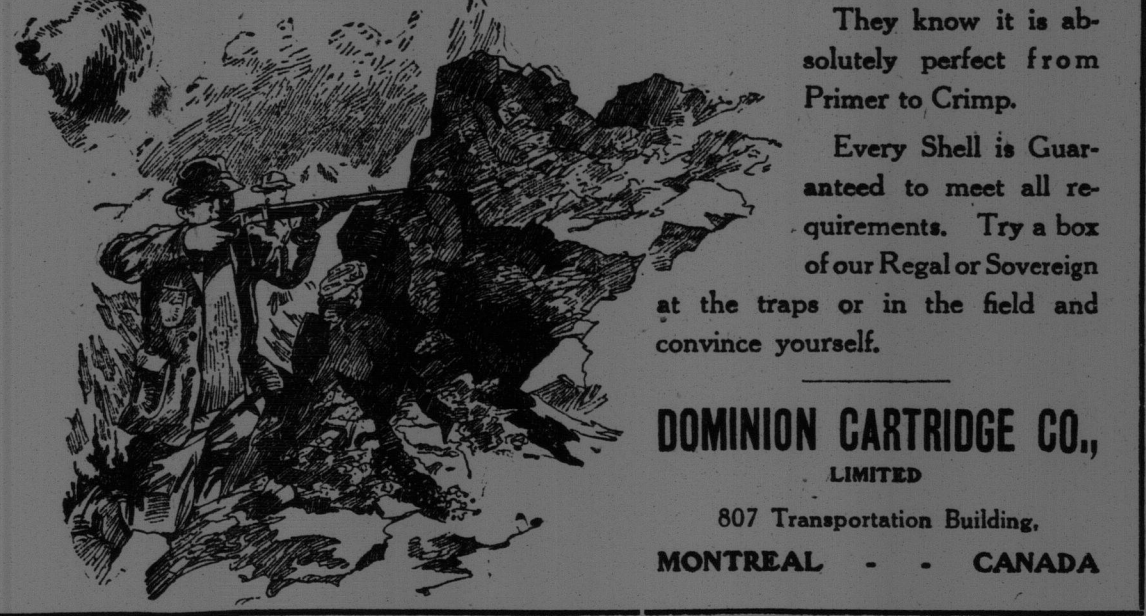
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HEAT AND TEMPERATURE

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