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citizens will enable the St. John Society to do more effective work than has hitherto been possible.

If, in addition to becoming a terminus of three transcontinental railways St. John gets a dry dock and ship-building plant the city will incidentally get an advertisement which should turn in this direction the eyes of men with large capital to invest in industrial enterprises.

Farming is done on a magnificent scale in the Canadian west. Mayor Foley, of North Brattleford, who was in Ottawa last week, said that no less than 143 gasoline ploughing outfits were sold this season to the farmers of the district, these machines ploughing nine furrows at a time and twenty acres in one day, and costing \$3,000 each.

At a meeting of the civic health committee of Montreal last week the high rate of infant mortality was referred to. Dr. Guerin said that they were chiefly responsible for the propagation of disease among the children, and Dr. Laberge was instructed to report on the most efficient fly exterminator. Lack of ventilation, filthy houses, and impure milk were named as the other chief causes of the high death rate.

Among the inducements held out by the people of Windsor, N. S., to the cotton company to keep the mill in that town in operation was an assurance that before next Christmas power would be available at \$21 per horse power. The St. John civic committee on power should endeavor to learn how Windsor proposed to provide power at this rate, although, as has been pointed out, the cost at another Nova Scotia town is \$15.

Says the Ottawa Free Press: "Probably one of the most important features of the conference month so far as Canada is concerned will be the negotiations which will take place between Mr. Brodeur and the admiralty in regard to the tenders which have been submitted for the construction of the Canadian marine vessels. The minister is taking over all the tenders and specifications with the object of securing the best expert advice before the tenders are awarded."

Premier Hazen, who is described by the cables as a "colonial" minister, is to be entertained in London by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour, at a banquet at which leading British Conservatives will be present. It is stated that Mr. Max Aitken is the promoter of the feast. Mr. Aitken is a very successful promoter, and the affair will no doubt be very enjoyable. Mr. Hazen will bear himself well as a representative of New Brunswick and of Canada in this distinguished company. These gentlemen, being relieved of the cares of office, have leisure to entertain their friends, and to give comfort to the Canadian opponents of reciprocity. No doubt Mr. Hazen will take occasion to tell them that Canada is not a colony, and that he is not a "colonial." That he will make an appropriate speech on such an occasion goes without saying, and in the meantime of loyal devotion to the empire which he will eloquently deliver to British audiences he will voice the sentiments of all the people of New Brunswick.

MISS GROBY SINGS NEW HYMN AT 92

Blind Writer of Sacred Song Teaches New Composition to Great Audience

Miss Fanny Crosby, the famous blind singer of gospel songs, received a great ovation the other night in Carnegie hall in New York, where a great audience assembled to inaugurate the seventh season of the tent, open air and shop campaign of the Evangelistic committee of New York city. Miss Crosby, who is in her ninety-second year, came from her home in Bridgeport, Conn., to sit on the platform and teach the immense crowd how to sing a new hymn, called "To the Rescue," which she had just written for the occasion.

The aged sweet singer was greeted with rounds of applause when she entered and a greater outburst when she was introduced by William J. Schuffin, chairman of the Evangelistic committee. When the assembly sang her hymn the author joined with vigor.

Mr. Schuffin stood on one side of Miss Crosby and the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Smith, general secretary of the committee, on the other. They arranged a chair in front of her, but she did not lean on either man or chair.

The aged hymn writer paused and repeated all four verses of her famous hymn. "Some day the silver cord will break, and I shall see Him face to face." Then the audience rose and sang the same hymn, Miss Crosby leading.

Other speakers were Dr. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, the Rev. Dr. A. F. Schaffner and the Rev. Dr. Wilton Marie Smith.

ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT

"His wife is a milliner."

"Is that so?"

"And his daughter is a dressmaker."

"Well, that man ought to be rich."

"Why?"

"Why, goodness, man, wouldn't it make any man rich not to have to pay the milliner and the dressmaker?"

SPRING ON THE FARM

O for the farm with the spring on the hills, And the valleys a-dimble with ripple of rills.

With the lilt, and the song of the robin and the warbler, and the cuckoo in the glen.

A breath from the south with a sweet verdure hint.

The leaping and budding and grasses a-glint.

And whisper of billows of clover to come.

O for the farm with the lilacs in bloom, Where the orchards are white with their wealth of perfume.

Where a pink and white shower rains down on the grass.

And carpets the turf at our feet as we pass.

Where the cattle come down the long lane with a fret.

And leave the lush pastures with munching regret.

Where the ploughboy goes whistling his task to employ.

Where work becomes pleasure, and living a joy.

O for the farm, and the wood, and its scent, And a hunt for the moose with flowers bescent.

The vines reaching out from the great spreading roots.

The ferns reaching up with their soft, plummy shoots.

The tassels that fringe all the trees overhead.

O give me the book of old Nature instead Of the narrow walled city, its problems and wants.

And give me the music of Pan, and his haunts.

I am tired of men, O give back the charm, And the sweetness and breath of the spring on the farm.

Emma Playter Seabury, N. Y. Independent.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Teacher-Now, Bobby, don't you know where that is?

Bobby-Yes, ma'am, across their mother's knee.

Teacher-What a queer way to sit!

Bobby-It keeps getting in the way of the lawyers who were setting the estate.

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