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## NOTABLE DAYS

Very little interest is manifested hereabouts in Loyalist Day or Empire Day, which is the first great holiday of the season. And yet, Loyalist Day and Empire Day, considered together, have a great significance, and teach a great national and imperial lesson. Empire Day is in Canada a day for the schools on which lessons relating to citizenship and its obligations, and to the greatness of the empire to which we belong are impressed upon the minds of the children. Loyalist Day is a local holiday in St. John schools, and is associated with the commemoration of an event which stands out in noble relief in the history of this portion of the empire. It presents vividly one lesson which on Empire Day the teachers seek to impress on the minds of pupils—the lesson of unswerving loyalty and willingness to undergo hardship and make sacrifices for the sake of that citizenship of which the flag floating over the school buildings is the honored emblem. It is worth while to observe these days, and to give earnest thought to the lessons they suggest.

## RATHER MYSTERIOUS

The Sun would have the people believe that there is nothing in the claim of \$47,000 and interest which the federal government presents to the province on account of the purchase of the Central railway there is a contra account for it. It is passing strange that Dr. Pugsley, who is now a member of the federal government, should permit the bill to be rendered again if the debt has been paid. It would therefore seem to be the duty of the Sun to inform Dr. Pugsley that this bill is still being pressed for payment. With full information on the subject, as former premier of this province, he should have no difficulty in making it clear to his colleagues in the railway department that this dunning process, which has been going on for years, should be stopped forthwith. Evidently the "minister of railways has not learned of that little matter of the subsidy. But it is rather singular, if the claim for subsidy is a just one, that the persuasive powers of Dr. Pugsley had not secured it before an interest charge of some \$8,000 had been added to the bill for rails. It is up to the Sun and Dr. Pugsley to explain.

## THE FALL OF JEROME

Although several years have elapsed, it seems but yesterday when those who looked from afar upon the condition of political and social life in New York City regarded Mr. William Travers Jerome, as the chosen instrument of reform, the embodied Nemesis, who would visit with swift retribution the evil-doers of the great city. But times have changed and Mr. Jerome has fallen from his high estate. Apparently there was always in him the element of personal weakness. Even at his best, his critics say, there was always the suspicion of serious defects in his character. However that may be, one reads with sadness the following article from the New York Evening Post, which in former years spoke of Mr. Jerome in a very different vein of criticism: "Manner and bearing enter into the popularity of a public man, and in Mr. Jerome's case a drawback which has always existed in him has lately become unpleasantly prominent. We refer to a cynical slanginess of speech in public and a weakness for the company of men of low tone. No man has ever risen high in a democracy who did not at least affect propriety in language and in behavior in public. Those who felt uneasy from the first about a certain quality of coarse comradeship in Mr. Jerome, and his readiness to catch up the phrases of the saloon and the race track, were assured that only by such qualities was he

able to hold the support of Tammany men and others, without whom his election would have been impossible. That may have been so; but the defect, was one which infallibly would have prevented Mr. Jerome's success in a wider field, and which we now see, when he is exposed and publicly displayed, to be very damaging to him even locally. The district attorney shaking dice for drinks in a public place with the sons of B'yan! "We hate to write these things. No one can be more chagrined over Mr. Jerome's loss of popularity than the Evening Post. But the fact itself lies plain before every eye. Our account of the cause of the great disappointment may not be correct—doubtless it is incomplete but some attempt at explanation has to be made. Mr. Jerome's failure is one of the largest and most tragic political occurrences of recent years, and it ought to be studied for purposes of instruction and reproof. Three years ago aspiring young men were looking eagerly to him to learn how to win. Today their chief interest must be to discover what in him to avoid in order not to fail."

That a man is known by the company he keeps is once more illustrated in the case of Mr. Jerome. The work he did for right and justice in a city where unrighteousness and injustice prevailed to an extraordinary degree is clouded by his own capitulation to the evil influences against which he levelled such vigorous and well-directed blows. It is indeed a tragic end of what should have been a great career.

Sheffield street once more obtrudes itself upon public attention and reminds the citizens of St. John that in their labors for social betterment they have overlooked a source of evil influences which discredit the community. It is of no avail to subject certain denizens of that street to fines or short periods of imprisonment, and then leave them free to return to their old surroundings and their old habits of life. The province should have a prison farm or some such institution where habitual offenders could be sent for a long period and compelled to engage in productive labor, while at the same time subjected to kindly and healthful influences such as would appeal to whatever may be left of their better nature, and in many cases lead to permanent reform.

Chief Clark should pursue his purpose to prevent groups of loafers from congregating at street corners and shop doors where traffic is heavy in the evenings. There is entirely too much of this sort of thing. If these youths and young men have no higher ambition than to stand about, spitting on the sidewalks and commenting in a silly vein upon the appearance of passers-by, they should be taught better manners. Good citizens will make the work of the police as light as possible by setting a good example.

If the rumor that the provincial government is giving attention to the question of a prohibition plebiscite be true the news will be welcomed by temperance workers throughout the province. The growth of sentiment has made this the largest question which is now engaging the public mind.

The Hon. Robert Rogers makes it clear that the Aylesworth elections bill as applied to Manitoba is not surely unnecessary but a gross attack upon the rights of the people of that province, justifying the resolute opposition to which it has been subjected.

The foundation for the new Seamen's Mission building is being prepared. The city will soon have another useful public institution, that is needed in every large seaport.

## THE ROBIN

O robin! singing in the rain  
Up in the cedar old,  
While drops dash thickly on the pane  
And all is storm and cold.  
How can you stay within the wind,  
That blows so chill and strong,  
And yet, as clear as Jenny Lind,  
Pour out that cheery song.

God's year holds winter—yet His spring  
Comes on through storm and sun;  
Not vainly does the robin sing  
Of joys that are begun;  
O redbreast in the cedar-tree,  
Within the falling rain!  
Brave chorister of victory,  
Sing that dear song again!

—Priscilla Leonard in "Youth's Companion."

CARDINAL LOGUE  
VISITS MONTREAL

Montreal, May 17.—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, spent Saturday and today in Montreal as the guest of Archbishop Bruchesi. The Irish prelate, who has a half sense of humor, described Canada as being so vast that the whole of Ireland if dumped into one of its lakes would only make a splash.

In an interview he declared he was a "home ruler" and when asked about the confidence felt by the people towards the liberal party, replied the liberals appeared to have a platonic affection for Ireland, which was never realized.

Cardinal Logue was present today at high mass in St. Patrick's church, where Justice Curran on behalf of the city read him an address of welcome.

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The man who sold it said: "For such A paltry sum I part With this convenient, up-to-date, And stylish bubble-car. I can't afford to throw the lamps And other fixings in; You'll have to buy some trifles new Before you take a spin."

And so he got a set of tires, They cost a century note. Another hundred went to buy A far-lined motor coat. A shock-absorber next absorbed Some greenbacks from his roll, And goggles, top, and license each In turn exacted toll.

He had to get an auto clock, It was the proper thing. A speedometer also helped His ready cash take wing. Then lubricants and pastes to keep The brasses clean and bright, A hamper, horn, and kit of tools All made his pocket light.

He studied road-maps every night With most exceeding care, Until at last he learned by heart The way to everywhere. But sad to tell, although he talked Of future trips with pride, And donned his natty auto togs, He never took a ride.

For when he came to count the coins Within his purse so lean, He found he did not have enough To purchase gasoline. And this explains the "ad." which now So often meets our view: "For sale, an auto very cheap, With all accessories new."

—Mina Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES. (London Free Press.) Small Allen's father was quite bald. "Mama," queried the little fellow one day, "when my hair gets ripe will it fall off like papa's did?"

Daisy, aged five, did not want her favorite aunt to go to a distant city. "Never mind, Daisy," said the aunt, "I'll bring you a nice doll when I return."

"You needn't go so far," replied Daisy. "You can get one around the corner."

## SWELLED.

First Fish—What's the matter with the little one? Second Fish—Oh, he's had the swell-head ever since he got off a fisherman's hook and heard him tell another angler what a monstrous big fish he came near landing.

## JUDGED FROM IT.

Mrs. Wise (reading magazine)—A royal coronation must cost an awful lot of money. Mr. Wise—I should say. Why, a dentist charged me \$12 just for crowning a tooth last month.

## IN THESE DAYS.

Hugon—I saw your sister at a wedding some time ago. Waggon—Indeed, I don't remember her having mentioned that she saw you. Hugon—Probably not. I was only the groom.

## ADAM'S PUNISHMENT.

Arnold Daly is responsible for this one, which happened in a school where Bible study is part of the course. "What sin did Adam commit?" "He ate the forbidden fruit."

"Right. What tempted Adam?" "Eve."

"Not really Eve, but the serpent. And how was Adam punished?" "The girl he married and looked confused. Behind her sat a little eight-year-old who whined and said, 'Please, pastor, I know.'"

"Well, tell us; how was Adam punished?" "He had to marry Eve."—Young's Magazine.

## A WOMAN IS NOMINATED

Canada's First Woman Lawyer Begins Fight for a Seat in the Legislature.

Toronto, Ont., May 18.—The Woman in Politics has come to stand Presbyterian Toronto.

Miss Clara Brett Martin, who has already achieved the distinction of being the first woman admitted to the Canadian bar, is now desirous of becoming Canada's first female member of parliament.

Miss Martin has announced formally her candidacy as a member for the Provincial Legislature and will run for office in East Toronto against Dr. R. A. Pyne, who holds the portfolio of Minister of Education in the Provincial Cabinet.

Miss Martin combines beauty with high social position, an exceptional education and remarkable cleverness. Yet, in spite of these advantages, she was only admitted to practice after great difficulty. It is a curious illustration of the power of united womanhood in the New World.

Miss Martin's diplomas and college degrees, were favorable in the highest degree, but in Canada it is necessary that a would-be lawyer shall be approved of by a body known as the Benchers, composed of old and conservative lawyers. They rejected the application.

But Miss Martin was undaunted. She appealed to the International Council of Women, comprising the leading women's clubs of the English-speaking world. The president at that time was Lady Aberdeen, wife of the governor-general of Canada. Her ladyship took an active interest in the case, and as a result a series of resolutions were sent in to the Benchers, all over the world. These were followed by articles in the press, most of them calling for the abolition of the Benchers' monopoly.

But Miss Martin had more effect upon that body than the former, and their decision was reversed.

Miss Martin has not overturned the practice of law in Canada, as the Benchers feared she would, and her successes have justified the confidence her friends had in her ability.

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