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THE OLD AND THE NEW. Sixty years ago this spring all the world was wondering because a message had been transmitted from Baltimore to Washington...

STREET RAILWAYS AND CITIES. They are actually making a noise in Halifax because the city does not get a larger portion of the earnings of the street railway...

METHODS OF KILLING. A curious argument which has many participants in the journals of the day has followed the destruction of Admiral Makaroff's flagship and 700 men...

LEARNING FROM JAPAN. A leading British journal, discussing Admiral Togo's success, regards his recent strategy at Port Arthur as excellent...

BOTH SIDES OF IT. The sum and substance of the sort of reciprocity that Canada has with us is, in its last analysis, merely a scheme by which her people can invade our home market...

NOTE AND COMMENT. Alderman-elect Daley appears to be a labor candidate who is likely to go far. Never mind, ex-Mayor Sears will not be wholly disconsolate. He is still a poet.

THE VALUE OF MARKSMANSHIP. An excited Canadian writes to the Montreal Witness protesting that the country is likely to be plunged into military preparation by the proposal to train a fairly large number of its young men to shoot...

the election of Tuesday will enter the council to recognize the danger of further delay. On another page this morning are printed the views of several citizens who have considered the water supply and who make suggestions concerning its improvement...

Some no doubt will favor a cheaper remedy with a pumping station of greater power than the existing one. An expert's estimate of the cost of the various plans and the benefits which would follow the adoption of each would be necessary before the council could decide which would be best for a city of St. John's size and financial resources.

Since this question was revived a few days ago, many important business houses have received notice that they must pay increased insurance. The increase in some cases will be very large. While this is to be regretted it will lead the business men to push energetically for the reform of the water supply until they get it.

The rules of civilized warfare prohibit the use of explosive projectiles of less than a pound in weight, the poisoning of wells and streams, and the employment of poison death such as that which modern armies use to blow up a ship that is to be decimated by hurling it into some entrenched enemy and losing some thousands of men through wounds immediately fatal or those which produce death after long and dreadful suffering.

It does not appear that the losses in war today are greater than they were many years ago. The prophecy that modern armies would prove so destructive that men could no longer be led to battle is unfulfilled, but that which happened to Makaroff's ship and men can scarcely fail to strengthen the hands of those whose aim it is to abolish the arbitrament of the sword.

Canada, at present is not "seeking" any sort of reciprocity from the United States. Such "seeking" as is going on is all on the other side of the line. Canada, of course, will always reject any terms which do not appeal to her statesmen as fair and of advantage to this country.

The United States idea of reciprocity with Canada is that we should open our markets for the advantage of American manufacturers, stop manufacturing most lines of goods in Canada, and settle down to the mere selling of raw material in the market which would be opened to us.

Just so long as this idea governs our neighbors all talk about reciprocity is a foolish waste of words. The Americans may understand the attitude of Canada by the difference in regard to the reciprocity matter. It will take them a long time to do that, judging by recent developments.

The storm was general along the North Atlantic coast, and it greatly aided the humorists, who continue to inform imaginary inquirers that this is not last winter but next. In Montreal a hilarious writer chuckles over a man who was treated for stroke on Tuesday and frozen feet on Wednesday. It is a cold day when the professional jester cannot warm up to his daily grind.

Self-sacrifice revealed an unusual height at yesterday's water supply meeting. A gentleman who has an extensive plumbing business expressed the fear that if a heavy gasification pressure were secured many of the present house connections with the water mains would be ruined.

man aside and tell him a few plain truths about the needs of the city. St. John will hope that no serious fire occurs here until the city has more fire-fighting apparatus and a better water supply.

Reciprocity in assistance shows the right way. Twenty firemen and an engine were sent from Buffalo yesterday to save life and property in stricken Toronto. Toronto's loss is now said to be about \$8,000,000. In sympathizing with the Ontario city St. John should not forget its own perilous condition.

The Globe nominates Hon. Mr. Sweeney for Solicitor General. No doubt he will be duly thankful for backing in that influential quarter. Evidently St. John must increase its expenditures very materially this year. The bank managers are to be congratulated upon getting in out of the wet. Their success will make the average taxpayer envious.

Sydney's tax roll is a little higher than St. John's. The Cape Breton town has invested \$35,000 in a water system within a few years. It is a fine thing to be an officer. General Kourpatkin taken the Japanese common soldiers as a spy. The officers he "allows to be shot."

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, is a silent candidate for the Democratic nomination. President Roosevelt seems to have taken a hint from the enemy. His lieutenants do his talking now. The Russian report, printed in Berlin, that British and American warships, disguised, aided the Japanese in a recent attack at Port Arthur is the wildest among many wild yarns which have come out of the East.

As this will be a record summer for visitors it will be necessary to find some one who can clean the streets and make the city look as if the money spent for that service were not wasted. The local government does not propose that the right to expropriate property shall be given to private persons. Such legislation as was sought in that direction was wisely avoided.

The local house translated considerable business of importance during the closing hours of the session. The opposition must be glad the agony is over. It has been a hard winter for the corpora's guard. It is estimated that if all the reports on the water supply question which have been filed by the council without action could be sunk in the reservoir their bulk would increase the pressure and stop the leak of '54.

Of the 730 miles of electric railroads in Canada St. John has twelve, according to government statistics. These twelve miles of road would be more noticeable if the company were to run a few more cars over it. The government forced the G. T. Pacific scheme through the house early this morning. There will be more talk on the modifications. The Senate majority will take its orders as the majority took them in the House. But what will the country say about it?

The St. Petersburg Vredomosti welcomes the Japanese with bloody hands in the fashion: "We sincerely wish that as many of the Mikado's subjects as possible may be landed without ceasing, day and night, at the greatest possible number of points on the coast of Korea and China. Not one of them will return."

Friends of Mr. Thomas Hetherington, M. P. P., report that he will be a candidate for Queen and Sunbury in the next Dominion election. As Dr. Hay and others have been mentioned in this connection there is evidently to be no lack of candidates and the contest for a nomination may be interesting.

Japan has evidently begun a flank movement in the Yalu region. The Russian reports of Japanese landings near Niuchwang indicate that the invaders are ready for the movement northward. Probably their progress has been much greater than the Russians admit. The Japanese are not sending out any reports in advance of the fighting.

Senator Hoar insists on Accuracy. There were many reminiscences of early Washington during a late senate debate on the Fairbanks department bill. Mr. Gorman's service in Washington first and last reached further than the service of any other senator, for as a boy he was a page in the senate. He therefore remembers many things about the city of earlier days, and was referring frequently to Tibor Creek.

Senator Hoar was all attention at that, and soon began to whirl the keys on his key chain, an almost infallible sign, so observes one, that he is going into a debate. Mr. Gorman had spoken of Tibor Creek several times when Mr. Hoar arose. "If the gentleman will allow me," said he, "the stream that he speaks of was not generally called Tibor. It was called Goose Creek, and Mr. Hoar's voice was pitched in such a high, thin treble that the senate burst into laughter."

Two Small Fires at Newcastle. Newcastle, N. B., April 21.—The Salvation Army living apartments of their barracks was damaged \$300 by fire yesterday afternoon. A fire on the roof of the residence of Rev. George Harrison later in the day, also caused some damage. Both losses are insured.

The quick extinguishing of these fires showed that the new water service is equal to any emergency, the stream being strong enough to rip shingles off a three-story building.

Dr. Robert Hutchinson, of London, has declared himself to be one of the most excellent naturalists in the world. It is good presented in a most fishy and digestible form. A great deal had been written against it late, the lecturer said, but the writers were wholly and entirely wrong. It had been so said the Scotch race would have long since died out.

April Weather. (By Eliza Carman.) "Soon, ah, soon the April weather, With the sunshine at the dawn, And the mellow melting rain-wind Sweeping from the South some more."

"Soon the rosy maple budding, And the willow putting forth, Mirthy crimson and soft yellow, In the valleys of the North."

"Soon the hazy purple distance, Where the cabin's heart takes wing, Bager for the old migration, In the magic of the spring."

"Soon about the walking upland, The brooklet in the blue, Children of the fire warm sunlight In their sober 'quaker hue.'"

"All our shining little sisters Of the forest and the field Lining up their quiet faces With the secret hair revealed."

"Soon about the folding twilight Of the round earth hushed to hear, This first robin, his throat clear, Calling for, serene and clear."

"Soon the waking and the summons, Starting sap in bole and blade, And the building, many a whizzer, Sweeping up through bog and glade."

"Soon the frogs in silver chorus Through the night, from marsh an swale, Blowing in their throat, the air, All the joy that shall not fail."

"Fasting up the old earth capture By a thousand streams and valleys From the red Virginia hills To the blue Canadian hills."

"Soon, ah, soon the splendid impulse, Nodding, laughing, vagrant whim, When a man's false angel vanishes, And the truth comes back to him."

"Soon the majesty, the vision, And the old undulating dream, Faith to follow, strength to stablish, Will to venture, and to seem."

"All the radiance, the glamour, The expectancy and hope, Of this ancient fire renewing In its concrete and its scope."

"Soon the immortal magic Of the young April moon, And the wonder of thy friendship In the twilight—soon, ah, soon!"

—From The Green Book of the Baraka.

One or two of the defeated candidates were disposed to show a little temper at City Hall last evening after the battle. Defeat is not always easy to swallow philosophically, and it is a particularly unpleasant pill when the loser happens to be convinced that his failure was due to the sharper wit or greater popularity of his opponent. But time will heal these wounds—in some cases at least.

Senator Wark, interviewed by the Witness as he was passing through Montreal on his way to Ottawa on Tuesday, said he felt first rate, and that he was sure he would be able to stand the fatigue of his duties at Ottawa. Not only did he not feel the burden of age physically, but he still had a young heart; his feelings were those of a man of over 100 years of age. The last winter was severe, and yet he said he had been severer. He had long passed the record allowed by the Palmist, and he attributed this to the fact that he had lived temperately all his life.

The Portland (Me.) Press says hundreds of French-Canadians are leaving Biddeford (Me.) for Canada and adds that they will not return to the United States: "These spring exodus to Canada are nothing new for Biddeford. They have occurred annually for years, but it is different this time from what usually is. Usually one or two big excursions take them away for visits, but this year it has been a steady drift without waiting for any excursions and there is this unusual feature, that where in the past return tickets have always been bought very few have bought return tickets this year. The great majority are going back with the intention of remaining. They have so stated to those who have asked them. They say that they can do fully as well or better in Canada than they can do here even if the mills are running full time, but with the curtailment the advantage is all in favor of Canada."

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