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A MELANCHOLY CRITIC

Once a year the people who have repeatedly yielded to the present local government a liberal support are shocked beyond measure by the frightful discoveries made by Mr. Fleming of the County, a gentleman scarcely less wonderful for the evil he can see than for the hopeful features of our provincial life he can overlook.

A year or so ago Mr. Fleming trained the artillery of his pessimism upon the government and all who permitted it to exist; yet few heeded and most lived on through the year that followed.

There is, therefore, not much reason to believe Russia can do in a purely offensive campaign that which she failed utterly to do in a campaign of obstruction.

ST. JOHN'S FUTURE

Of more interest to us here by the sea than the campaign in Manchuria or that over the Autonomy Bill is the future of St. John. On another page today is printed a London Standard correspondent's description of our city and province, some estimate of our present place among the ports of the Empire, and some kindly speculation as to the place this city is to occupy in the years to come.

THE BRITISH SITUATION

Some London correspondents will have it that Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour are about to go to war openly, and that a dissolution followed by a big Liberal victory are coming this summer.

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It is the fence that has stood the test of time—stands the test of time—stands the test of time—stands the test of time—stands the test of time.

is for more ships and if not more men at least more men effectively trained. The war has alarmed some nations concerning the state of their armies, and some concerning the value of their fleets; but that it has done anything to diminish Europe's preparation for unseen but feared emergencies, we have little evidence as yet.

TAKING TOO MANY RISKS

The country was shocked a year or so ago by an accident on the I. C. R. as a result of which many lives were lost, and there were some curious revelations as to the habits of some of the trainmen involved.

RUSSIA AND PEACE

It is being pointed out in various capitals that the Russian army will not be safe at Harbin. The Japanese can isolate Vladivostok, and even cut the railway west of Harbin and shut the entire Russian force off from communication with St. Petersburg.

MORE EXPLANATION NEEDED

A bill dealing with the Fredericton water supply was held up because the proposals made in it would prevent the discharge of rafted logs above the city.

GOOD MONEY AND BAD

Should a church accept money from Mr. John D. Rockefeller? Or is his money tainted because it has been gleaned by oppressive and unjust methods?

TOO HOPEFUL

Many will wish they could believe, as the Montreal Witness does, that the great military Powers have been inclined toward peace and disarmament by the bloody year in Manchuria.

but absolutely to destroy the billion or more of wealth of which Mr. Rockefeller is the credited owner. And if this procedure is necessary as to the Rockefeller possessions, it is true as to many others; and to avoid further communal sin, as George D. Herron terms it, we should have a series of bonfires in comparison with which the burning of the French chateaux were faint candle lights.

One may approach the question in another way. Suppose the state decided that Mr. Rockefeller had no right to his fortune, that it should be taken from him because he had violated the spirit of the law in acquiring it—would the churches hesitate to accept from the state the money the state has taken from Mr. Rockefeller? Why not, then, take it direct from Mr. Rockefeller and say that, to the amount he gives, he makes restitution.

TRUBLED DREAMS

They have gone beyond the present Manchurian campaign, in England, and are trying to figure out what may happen when Japan asks Britain to keep some other European nation off her back, or when Britain, backed by 800,000 drilled Japanese, seeks to give the law to Europe.

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Mr. Chamberlain's riposte has come with characteristic swiftness. On Wednesday Mr. Balfour deserted him in Parliament, on Thursday he authorized a prominent candidate at Greenwich against Mr. Balfour's candidate and kinsman, Lord Hugh Cecil. Thus ends the unnatural alliance between Chamberlain and Balfour, and not without grave impeachment of the Premier's clear good faith. It was palpably absurd to profess friendship for

the evidence placed before the Transportation Commission by further statements, bringing the situation up to date, and making definite proposals to the government with which Europe would quarrel. And St. John must be more than a port. It needs more than "through" business. It needs new industries, cheap power, work with which to detain and employ some of the immigrants who rush in at one of our doors and out at another in their journey westward.

If the London Standard sends its investigating commissioner back to St. John five, ten, fifteen years hence, what report will he make of us? Shall we still be waiting for our ship to come in?

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SPRING SUITS and OVERCOATS for MEN

Spring is here. Already we have had days when Clothes were a burden: and active demand for Spring Suits and Overcoats began here yesterday. There is good reason to expect this to be the busiest Clothing Store this season, as it has been all Winter. The superiority of our Spring lines stands out strongly as compared with the average store's stock of ready-to-wear clothing.

The Semi-ready Smart Clothes

Continue to represent the very topmost degree of excellence in fabric, style, fit and tailoring. But we have a number of other good makes so that we may safely lay claim to offering you the

Largest assortment of Correct Styles, and the Best Values. New Spring Suits - \$5.00 to \$22.00. New Top Coats - 8.00 to 15.00. Men's Rain Coats - 8.00 to 18.00.

ALL READY IN BOYS' CLOTHING

Big boys, little boys, all boys, are invited here to be fitted in the latest of new styles in Spring Suits, Top Coats and Blouses—whether it be Sailor Suits, Norfolk Suits or double-breasted Suits.

We held our formal spring opening, introducing the new styles, a few days ago, and all who attended pronounced the showing the best they had ever seen in any St. John store. We are prepared for the large volume of business we are assured of so no one will be disappointed.

Boys' Suits - .90 to \$9.00. Young Men's Suits - \$5.00 to 15.00. Boys' Top Coats - 2.00 to 6.50. Boys' Rain Coats - 5.00 to 15.00.

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We have for some seasons past been issuing a sample book showing a few lines of clothing in stock. The number of orders received through this sample book is ever increasing. In addition to orders received for suits and overcoats we have had a large number of orders and enquiries for Men's and Boys' Furnishing Goods, etc. The large number of these requests has prompted us in going to the expense of issuing a general catalogue of all goods carried. This catalogue will be ready for mailing April first.

Send Your Request for One Now

GREATER OAK HALL KING STREET, ST. JOHN. SCOVIL BROS. & CO. BRANCH STORE 703 MAIN STREET, NORTH END.

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FIFTEEN HAMPTON DOGS POISONED

All of Them Died Since Saturday and Bodies are Lying Around a Menace to Health—Fined for Disorderly Conduct.

Hampton, March 27.—Ruben Bailey, who was arrested on a warrant for being drunk, fighting and swearing on the I. C. R. station platform on Wednesday last, was brought before Miles Fowler and Jas. W. Smith, two justices of the peace, this afternoon and was fined \$5 or thirty days, and costs of \$4 or twenty days. Travis Mitchell, who was also in the fight, has not yet been found as he skipped out.

Fifteen dogs have been poisoned since Saturday and several of the dead canines are lying on the road in the vicinity of the school house, while several others have been dumped in the creek. Such a mode of disposing of dead animals should be stopped by the authorities.

When you're pickin' up you're choppin' out the logs that lay the jam.

When the rush of the water sounds like thunder in yer ears.

Ye must strain yer every muscle and ye must give a—

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