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IN THE INTERESTS OF CANADIAN PORTS.

In connection with the announcement by the management of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star of the departure of Mr. A. M. Belding of the editorial staff to Upper Canada and the West to present the claim for recognition of Canadian ports to exporters and importers of the Dominion The Telegraph-Journal this morning has the following editorial comment:—
"The announcement of the management of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star that an editorial representative of these newspapers is journeying to the Upper Provinces and Western Canada to present the case of Canadian winter ports to Canadian exporters and importers must command the attention of thinking Maritime business men.
"The time for talk has passed; there must be action. In a recent speech in this city Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, made this very plan and gave certain suggestions looking toward a better acquaintance between the west and the east.
"The action of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star in sending a representative thoroughly equipped with knowledge of Maritime Canada and the advantage of its port will pave the way for additional effort by commercial organizations. Mr. A. M. Belding knows the Maritime Provinces as well or better than any other resident of them. He has been a resident of St. John for more than forty years and during that period has seen the winter port business begin and grow. No man has a wider acquaintance with the public men of the Maritimes; he has lived with us, sharing our prosperity, lamenting our adversity, planning campaigns with loyal organizations to bring us into our own.
"Now, armed with official credentials, facts, figures and illustrations of Maritime ports and facilities, he goes westward bearing a greeting and a message from the people by the Atlantic to those who in inland Canada are doing their share to advance the progress and prosperity of the Dominion.
"Mr. Belding may be called a Maritime Commissioner, and while the special agent of the newspapers which he has for many years assisted to make successful, he really represents their constituency, the Maritimes, and intends to introduce its hopes and aspirations to Canadians living west of us. He has the good will and all the assistance that the presidents of the two transcontinental railways, Mr. E. W. Beatty and Sir Henry Thornton, can give him. He will talk to western exporters and importers with confidence and will endeavor to convince them that as Canadians they should, all things being equal or even if slightly unequal, route their inward and outward shipments through Canadian ports. As Canadians we cannot expect less of them. We do not ask more. The day has come when we of the East expect our brethren of the West to stand by us, co-operating for the good and for the future of the Dominion in which all of us live.
"There are many in the West who have little knowledge and appreciation of the Maritime ports and why we think and expect the trade of Canada to pass through our ports. It is Mr. Belding's mission to convince the people of Ontario and Quebec and provinces to the west of them that it is to our mutual interest to work together, support each other and march side by side with 'Canada Into Progress and Prosperity' as our motto."

A CONTRAST.

The salaries of the members of the British House of Commons are £400 a year, or, in our money, about \$2,000. There are no other privileges such as the federal members enjoy at Ottawa, including free postage during the session and stenographic and other allowances. However, small as the allowances, it is about half of the Canadian, with Parliament almost constantly in session, there is a move on the part of many of the British members to assist national economy by abolishing these allowances, or, in the event of abolition not being entirely possible, to make the receipt of parliamentary indemnity contingent upon the necessity of the members receiving the same. If this is the spirit that is actuating the practice of economy in the mother of Parliaments, there is no need for an explanation as to why Great Britain has been able to reduce its national debt. There was a time when the allowances to members of parliament barely paid their expenses. We read that in the early days of New Brunswick a member received as low as \$3 a day, and they did not spend any more time than was necessary in considering the business of the country. They worked from a somewhat early hour on Monday morning to a late hour on Saturday night. There is no reason why it shouldn't be done now. But there are more parliamentary holidays and more

time wasted by those who are serving the people in federal and provincial capitals than in any other occupation they have. The men we elect to parliament should not consider the indemnity emolument as part of the income on which they live. They would scout the idea that they were seeking the votes of the people in order to draw salaries as representatives. Perish the thought! When they seek nomination they are only too eager to serve their constituents. Politics is sometimes called the science of government. It has deteriorated since it was better paid. We did not have such long sessions. It is true, when our federal members were only paid \$1,800 a year, but the country was governed just as well—some say better. Now that we have increased parliamentary salaries to \$4,000 a session, with expenses and other emoluments thrown in in addition, here is not so much anxiety to do business promptly, and the expenses of parliament are thereby increased. We need a leader with an iron head who will have greater consideration for lessening expenditures than for tenure of power. We can never expect much from those who prefer power to principle, and who think more of their own salaries than they do of the taxes of the people.

The Canadian Bureau of Statistics gives Quebec and British Columbia the palm for better business conditions in 1924 than any other of the provinces. However, even manufacturing was dull in these provinces during the last twelve months. In the Maritimes activity was less throughout the whole of 1924 than in the preceding year, the index number being 84.1, as compared with 94.2 in 1923. This country has too wide an area and too many interests for all to be equally successful at the same time, and yet, taking the average from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we cannot complain too much. The prairie provinces seem to be pretty well satisfied, and British Columbia is in an optimistic mood. Ontario and Quebec had a reasonably satisfactory year, and if the Maritimes fell behind more than usual, it was not unexpected. And yet the records of commercial failures show that our conservatism has not deserted us; that our business men are cautious and there have been less losses from failures than in many other districts.

The Province of Alberta spent \$4,000,000 for beer during the last seven months, and it is estimated that \$12,000,000 would be a fair estimate of what Alberta spends on liquor in a year. The amount seems to be enormous, and if it all goes out of the country, there would be even greater reasons why prohibition should be rigidly enforced. The population of Alberta is about 600,000, and this \$12,000,000 a year would mean an expenditure for spirits of twenty dollars for every man, woman and child per annum.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, the wife of an ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer in the labor government, has fallen under the displeasure of a militant lady member of Parliament, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, also of the labor party, because she dared to criticize Ramsay MacDonald's leadership. "Ethel should be slapped," said Ellen. "She will probably have her hair pulled, also, when she returns from her Canadian trip."

Commissioner White of the Maine agricultural branch says there are as many potato bugs in New Brunswick as in Maine. Now, who wants to argue about that? The real question why can the British experts see the Yankee bug? Perhaps they have heard of the Yankee settler and are scared to death. But so long as the Brunswick bug is invisible why worry?

Sir Campbell Stewart, in addressing an Ottawa audience one evening this week, told his hearers that any fool could preach the doctrine of despair, and the Toronto Globe insinuates that he intended himself to be heard in a city farther east. Surely this did not refer to Stephen Leacock's message to the Canadian Club in this city.

Great preparations are being made for the sun's total eclipse next Saturday. If we can't see it we can read about it. Then just think of the graphic account of eye-witnesses that will be broadcasted!

The president of our tourist association says that New Brunswick had 100,000 tourists in 1924, while Nova Scotia had 70,000. How does he arrive at these figures?

Sir Henry Thornton says that as a trouble-maker he fears the "serpent of politics" less than he does the "serpent of sectionalism." You can't beat Sir Henry as a phrase-maker.

"From 9 or 10 in St. John to 45 below in Northern New Brunswick," said Mr. Zero Friday morning. When was it he had that "Cold Friday" years ago?

NEW Y. M. C. CLUB

Walter R. Pearce Heads Organization—Will Have Weekly Luncheon.

A new branch of Y. M. C. A. work has been organized, with the launching of the St. John branch of the International Association of Y. M. C. Clubs, with a charter membership of 26. The following are the officers: President, Walter R. Pearce; vice-president, John MacKinnon; secretary, F. Stanley Mealey; treasurer, D. Gordon Willet; directors, Russell Holt, S. H. J. Hargrave, R. S. Stephenson and P. D. Tweedie. The new association is similar to the Rotary, Gyro and Kiwanis Clubs. Weekly luncheons will be held at the Y on Friday. Yesterday's gathering was addressed by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence. Dr. Harry Dunlop is the club pianist.

COSTS STILL HIGH

Uncle Sam Finds War Department Equipment Prices Are Soaring.

WASH. GTON, Jan. 17.—(United Press).—Uncle Sam is still feeling the high cost of living.
War Department records show that the entire equipment of a soldier, which cost \$21.15 in 1913, now costs \$32.72, an increase of approximately 54 per cent. The largest jump in price was in service hats which have risen from \$7.4 in 1913 to \$22.20 in 1923.

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1st.—This company, since coming under the control of the Federal Light & Traction Company, has been sincerely anxious to co-operate with the city for the advancement of public welfare. We believe that all the citizens of St. John want a first class street railway, gas and electric service at the lowest rates possible, and that such rates should yield sufficient return to encourage new capital to come to St. John and aid in its development. We, and you, too, can easily realize the advantage to both parties of co-operated effort. The directors of this company have confidence in the fair mindedness of the citizens, and believe that under such control the company would be treated fairly.

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district as the one it was proposed to erect in Carleton, against which the church protested so strongly at that time; claiming that not only their insurance rates would go up, but that their property would be depreciated by the odor from the tank, which would also be unsightly.
In view of the strong protest against the oil tank at that time, the City Council decided not to permit any new tanks to be erected in the city limits, and, in justice to the property owners of this district and the welfare of the city in general, the present tank in question should not be permitted to be erected. If erected at all, the site should be outside the city limits.
Thanking you in anticipation of your granting me space in your valued paper for publication of the present, believe me,
Yours very truly,
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The Author Would Be
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