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## MR. SANDERSON.

The New Brunswick Power Company would find it hard to secure a more skilful advocate than Mr. Sanderson. He is at once polished, persuasive and imperturbable. His suavity is never lost for a moment. His long experience as an adjuster for light and traction companies has taught him all the arts of the game, and his brain works with definiteness and precision. He is a formidable antagonist. So far as his efforts in St. John are concerned, however, the City Council cannot lose sight of the capitalization of \$5,100,000, and Mr. Sanderson's very nature desire to get interest and dividends on it, although it does not all represent money invested. A survey of the electric light and power and gas plants and street railway does not reveal a value of \$5,100,000. Mr. Sanderson does not propose to squeeze out of any of the water. He is willing to waive certain legal dividend rights for two years, but that is not a long period, and on its expiration the \$5,100,000 would still be there awaiting its tribute from the people of St. John. Personally Mr. Sanderson is an agreeable gentleman, but not too much so. The present situation was not brought about by the people of St. John. They never assented to the over-capitalization. They fought it, but they lost. The development of Musquash has given them the opportunity to get cheap light and power in spite of the New Brunswick Power Company, and they will not commit the rank folly of submitting again to monopoly conditions. No doubt there are some timid folk who are influenced by the assertion that the required power is not at Musquash, but the Province of New Brunswick stands behind the contract for ten to fifteen million kilowatt hours, and the experience of Ontario cities tells what municipal ownership and operation mean. Therefore the City Council will get on with the civic distribution system.

## THE KINDERGARTEN.

The thirtieth annual convention of the International Kindergarten Union, in session this week in Pittsburgh, reminds us that this branch of education is not only interesting but long established. More than forty years ago the students of the Provincial Normal School in Fredericton were made familiar with the principles of the kindergarten and the labors of Froebel, its founder. Painter's History of Education, published in 1886, said:—

"The object of the kindergarten, as expressed by Froebel, is—'It shall give them (the little children) employment suited to their nature, strengthen their bodies, exercise their senses, employ the waking mind, make them acquainted judiciously with Nature and society, cultivate especially the heart and temper, and lead them to the foundation of all living—to unity with themselves.'"

Changing conceptions of education have affected standards of kindergarten training as the years have passed, and the teacher of today has a wider outlook. This was emphasized by Miss Lucy Wheelock of Boston, who said:—

"Ideals of education who have developed within the last decade under the pressure of modern conditions of life, so that the teacher may no longer be content to act as a mere instructor, training only in the technique of the kindergarten is not adequate training today. The kindergarten teacher now must be a social worker, imbued with a sense of responsibility for the welfare of her children, not only during the hours of the kindergarten session, but during the hours at home and on the streets. The kindergarten teacher must also help in the process of reconciliation of opposites in recognizing both the industrial and cultural values of education."

This conception of the work of the teacher dominates the thought of the workers everywhere. They realize what a wonderful opportunity there is to serve the child, and especially the children of the very poor, not only in the daily class-room but in the home and in the street. The trained kindergarten teacher is an asset of the highest value in any community.

A Sydney report says that William Z. Foster, the American syndicalist who led the steel strike in 1919, and who admits that his aim is to overthrow existing forms of government, will speak there on May Day. Canada does not need the advice of such persons as this ultra radical, and too many of his kind have already operated in Cape Breton.

Hoston Herald—"The pulp and paper shortage half a century hence will make fortunes for the few far-sighted families with a little money to invest in a wild land and seedlings."

# The Marriage Game

The Snappiest of Pastimes As Played to a Decision Every Day By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hutton

## ARE WOMEN HARD?

His Play—Tender, bending, yielding woman! That's the mental picture you all have of the so-called weaker sex. Yet, if you women could but get a psychoanalytic picture of yourselves you'd fairly shudder to realize just how hard you are. Yes, I said hard! For it is the female of the species who is hard. Where men are merciful, women are only just. Where men are compassionate, women are merely humane. Don't tell me! Women are the sternest, the most unyielding, the most unfeeling of the human race. It is rather curious, don't you think, that when the masculine world asks for sacrifices it is the quality of hardness is nothing but courage, my dear. And if women are hard, it is a man's stupidity that makes them so. It is rather curious, don't you think, that when the masculine world asks for sacrifices it is the quality of hardness is nothing but courage, my dear. And if women are hard, it is a man's stupidity that makes them so.

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## PROVIDENCE.

(By May E. Walden.) There is mercy in the Providence That holds before our eyes A certain, shutting out our sight What fate before us lies.

There is kindness in the blinding Of our eyes to coming pain; The future, with its heartaches Does not show—our hearts to strain.

Could we know what lies before us, We might fear to tread the road, The courage that we needed, We would find beneath the load.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Office Amateurs. Bookkeeper—Cool and diamonds are really made of the same substance. Stenographer—Well, I'll take diamonds, I don't care for the carbon copy.—Boston Transcript.

Depairity. "Just fancy old 'Arry' dykin' to bury! An' I'm 'aving a good woman to work for 'im."—London Opinion.

Not At All. Mother (aside)—Edna, your collar looks light. Edna—Oh, but mother, he isn't—Orange Owl.

True Love. He—Oh, Peggy, I shall be so miserable when I'm away from you. She—Oh, darling, if I could be sure of that it would make me so happy!—London Mail.

Worse, Much Worse. Johnson's great falling was acute absent-mindedness. He was always forgetting appointments, and was always in the wrong place, or else at the right place at the wrong time. He was always up to no good, and his friends never knew what to expect next.

One day he came out of his house, walked the edge of the pavement, and threw his right leg into the air with such violence that he overbalanced and set on the ground.

"What are you doing?" asked his neighbor. "Oh," replied Johnson, "I thought I was mounting my bike. I forgot it wasn't there."

"That's nothing," replied his neighbor; "my brother is worse than you. Only last night he got up and started to go to bed, but he had blown out the candle!"

## TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

(La Patrie.) "The development of trade within the Empire is a most important question discussed at the forthcoming Imperial Conference. It is not enough to know that the British Government no longer expects this problem to be solved by pious resolutions. The English merchant who looks to have the Canadian market reserved for him by artificial proceedings, but he realizes that it will have to be conquered by meeting U. S. competition. Only on that basis can we hope to see if we have made a permanent and profitable."

## WEST MUST PAY.

(Owen Sound Sun-Times.) Farming and ranching must be made profitable in the West. That is the keynote of our future prosperity. Not only the prosperity of the whole Dominion, but its continued existence as an economic and political unit, is bound up with making a success of the West. We have mortgaged our whole future down here to supply the West with trade and transport equipment, and it would be a suicidal folly to let the mortgage be foreclosed because we had not employed every means to make the equipment pay.

## REMOVING TO ONTARIO.

Frederick Glenier—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaver, who have made their home in Fredericton for the past thirteen years, are leaving about May 1st for Woodstock, Ont., where they will reside. Before coming to Fredericton they lived for some time at St. Stephen. Mr. Shaver is a trainer of trotting horses, will continue that business at Woodstock, Ont.

## FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss Margaret McSherry was pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Mary Duncan, 21 Adelaide street, on Tuesday evening. About twenty-five of her friends met in honor of her fare- well and presented her with a handsome umbrella. Maurice Maxwell made the presentation. Miss McSherry will leave this week for Boston where she intends to make her home.

## ABOUT SWELL FUNERALS.

(Vancouver Sun.) Old-timers can recall when one's social standing in the community never was definitely settled until death. Then the deceased was classified according to the number of hacks in his funeral. Back in the home town, one man recalls old Socrates Skagway. He never cut much of a figure socially. But when he died, his family gave him a "so-hack funeral"—thereby assuring his social standing, also the family's, for years to come.

Most people like big funerals. When all is said and done, that's probably why King Tut has caught the popular fancy. Tut had the "swell funeral" in history—costing at least fifteen million dollars. That beat even Attila, the Hun, dead in the year 453. According to tradition, this Chinese conqueror was buried in an unknown river, in a gold coffin, packed with jewels. As people get more civilized, funerals become more simple and less expensive.

A considerable part of King Tut's treasure was buried with him. No way of knowing how much, for his tomb was looted by grave robbers a couple of thousand years ago, and they probably carried off the bulk of the gold and precious stones that were sealed up with him.

The rich man's fortune, instead of being hidden away in his grave, goes on as an active industry, representing his fortune turns to his fortune enters on the industries he founded. It builds libraries and museums and endows schools and steamer laboratories—the finest kind of monuments.

Among families of small means, the tendency still is toward more and more elaborate funerals. It is not so much to gratify vanity as it once was, but as a way of showing respect for the departed. Then the years slip by—and it takes only a few of them to emphasize the folly and futility of costly funerals.

## "WOMEN SMOKING LESS."

(Kingston Standard.) That is a curious heading—Women Smoking Less. It is a curious thing, but women, and men too, would have thought of it only a very few years ago. It is the secret of the change, though it may be true here for all we know. The fact is stated by The Canadian Press in an article applying to the Motherland. This paper says that women there are smoking less than the men. It is a curious thing, but women there are smoking less than the men. It is a curious thing, but women there are smoking less than the men.

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