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MR. HAZEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

With fatuous persistency the Standary and continues to invite public attention to the achievements of Mr. Hazen in the matter of the withdrawal of the mail steamships from the port of St. John, at the expense of the I. C. R. for the benefit of the C. P. R. and the city of Halifax, represented by Mr. Borden. The Standard, however, does not set forth the achievements of Mr. Hazen with sufficient clearness, and with a neighborly desire to be helpful the Times herewith appends a list—

- (1) Mr. Hazen remained in blissful ignorance of what had been going on at Ottawa to the injury of his constituency until apprised of it by angry telegrams from local leaders of his own party.
- (2) He then disclaimed all responsibility on the part of the government.
- (3) He went later to St. Thomas Shaughnessy for some information of no value whatever.
- (4) He made an appointment for the St. John delegation to meet Mr. Borden.
- (5) He gave the St. John delegates a banquet.
- (6) He came to Montreal to knock humbly at the door of that prospective if not present maker and mender of cabinets, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.
- (7) Having accomplished absolutely nothing he returned to Ottawa.
- (8) Mr. Gutelius and Mr. Brady of the I. C. R., formerly of the C. P. R., were so little impressed by the activities of Mr. Hazen in the interests of St. John, and had so poor an estimate of the extent of his influence in the government, that they proceeded to Halifax to select the berths for their own steamships, perfectly assured in their own minds that Mr. Hazen would never get them back to St. John.

That's all.

MORE NAVY TALK

The special correspondent of the Montreal Star cables from London that the Quarterly Review publishes what he describes as an authoritative appeal for the earliest possible naval conference, preferably at Vancouver, to discuss "the grave new situation threatening the security of every British state and the conditions of Empire partnership." The unhappy gentleman who contributes the article to the Quarterly Review is Mr. Archibald Hurd, of whom we do not appear to have heard in any authoritative capacity until he is thus exalted by the correspondent of the Montreal Star. Mr. Hurd is grieved over the confusion of the Canadian senate's action has introduced into "the relations between the Imperial government and the governments of the dominions generally."

Mr. Hurd is wrong. It was the Borden government in Canada which introduced the confusion, when it abandoned the naval policy entered into in 1909 in common with Australia, and with the approval and at the suggestion of the British Admiralty. But for Mr. Borden, Canada would now have vessels of its navy under construction, as provided for by the naval act introduced by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In Australia the other day, Lord Denman, the Governor-General of that Commonwealth, speaking on the occasion of the arrival of the Australian warships at Sydney, set forth the Australian policy as follows:—

"For Australia a local navy is a sound and right policy. The contribution system is out of the question for Australia for the present time and for all time. Australia now takes a foremost place among the dominions of the Empire in regard to naval defence. She has risen to the full height of her Imperial responsibilities, and makes a really splendid contribution to the naval strength of the Empire."

The Australian policy was the Canadian policy, and was heartily supported by Mr. Borden until it became necessary for him to make his peace with the Nationalists of Quebec. Then it was that confusion was introduced into the relations between the governments of the Dominion and the Imperial government in respect to the navy.

The unhappy Mr. Hurd sees steadily increasing danger for Britain, not only in European waters, but on the Pacific. It is very apparent from the review of his article, which the Montreal Star correspondent has cabled across, that he is particularly anxious to have, not only Canada, but all the over-sea dominions make substantial contributions to relieve the British tax-payer. Whenever this suggestion of a contribution is made, which also involves the suggestion that Canada cannot provide a navy of her own, we are reminded of the statement of Mr. Arthur Hawkes, the "British born" advocate of a Canadian navy. In a recent address, Mr. Hawkes said:—

"I cannot tell you what I feel when I read and hear contemptuous references by men and newspapers to the position of Canada. Mr. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, was of sound instinct when he told the House of Commons that he wanted Canadian bone and Canadian blood and Canadian sinew to go into the naval defence of Canada. On that vital aspect of defence too many of our patriots have become dumb since

December, 1912. I think it is not unkind to say that the departure from that ambition has been as desecrating to the true spirit of nationality as if it had been the work of a Society for the Suppression of Canadian Patriotism."

Mr. Hawkes is right, but there is a clearer statement of the case in the Halifax Chronicle, as follows:—

"Canada, under the Laurier Government started out loyally to fulfil her part of the Imperial agreement, when Mr. Borden came into power, at the bidding of the Nationalists on the one hand, and the Jimcoqs on the other, he basely repudiated his obligation, and abandoned the policy to which Canada was solemnly committed. In the light of these facts Mr. Borden's recent telegram of congratulation to the Government of Australia merely serves to emphasize his betrayal of Canada's honor. As the Toronto Globe truly says, 'Australia has put Canada to shame.'"

THE SCOTT ACT

The Cumberland County Temperance Alliance has decided to circulate a petition and have a vote taken on the question of repealing the Scott Act in that county. It is claimed that the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, which is also prohibitory, and which would come into force the moment the Scott Act was repealed, is more easily enforced than the latter measure. The Amherst News admits that the machinery of enforcement under the Nova Scotia Act is simpler, and that the law has many advantages, but it points out that the Scott Act is also a very drastic temperance law, under which any community which was seriously in earnest about it could wipe out the liquor traffic. They have never been able to enforce the Scott Act in the town of Amherst, and the News points out that the Nova Scotia law, if adopted, will not enforce itself. That is just the point. When the people make up their minds that the law must be enforced, there will be no difficulty in securing practical prohibition under either the Scott Act or the Nova Scotia Act.

The fact that foreigners, not only Americans but English and French residents, are hastening out of Mexico indicates that conditions are rapidly growing worse, and approaching a state of anarchy.

Premier Fleming's says the progress on the new bridge at the Falls is not as rapid as could be desired. This is the bridge that was to have been completed long before the present date. They are still working at the foundations.

One of the contentions made by the opponents of reciprocity was that Canadian farmers would gain nothing, because they would be unable to compete with the farmers of the United States. That false and foolish assertion has been abundantly answered already since the revised American tariff came into operation.

The announcement that the work of draining the big playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park may be begun this fall is good news. By the 1st of next June there should be a running track and a baseball diamond available on the new playground, with additions to be made thereafter from year to year until St. John is provided with one of the finest athletic fields in America, absolutely free to all the young men and women and the larger boys and girls of the city.

Although the finding was not unanimous, Governor Sulzer of New York has been found guilty on three of the four charges brought against him, and will be removed from office. Inasmuch as Sulzer had been regarded as a reformer, who sought to root out the evils of the Tammany system, his downfall may be regarded as a triumph for that system, and a blow to the forces which are earnestly fighting for honesty in public life. Sulzer will be sneeringly pointed out as a sample reformer.

Mr. J. King Kelley, in an able speech a report of which appears in today's Times, brought forcibly before the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities yesterday the utility and the value of a municipal farm for delinquents, or, as it is more commonly known, a prison farm, for the drunkards and wastrels of society. The next session of the New Brunswick legislature should either provide for a provincial institution of this character, or give municipalities power to replace the miserable jail with a healthy prison farm.

The Italian Supreme Court has refused to allow Signorina Teresa Labriola to practice law in that country on the grounds that a woman cannot do anything in public life without the consent of her husband, and if she were allowed to practice law her husband might withdraw his consent.

All the traffic in Herald square, New York city, was held up for fifteen minutes, and vehicles of all sorts lined up for more than six blocks, while a junkster deliberately collected a bag of small onions which had fallen from the rear of his wagon.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
P. W. Ashe, manager of the London, England, branch of the Union Bank of Canada, was born in Quebec, Oct. 17, 1864.

W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford, prominent in manufacturing circles, was born in Brantford, on Oct. 17, 1855. He sat in parliament from 1904-1908 in the Conservative interest.

W. S. Middlebro, M. P., for North Grey, one of the government whips for Ontario, was born in Orangeville, on Oct. 17, 1868. He practises law in Owen Sound.

LIGHTER VEIN

Only Surface Coloring
Willie—"Mama, what's that stuck in papa's throat?"
Mother—"That's papa's Adam's apple."
Willie—"And did he swallow it green?"
Mother—"Don't be grotesque, dear; papa wears a brass collar-button."
—Cornell Widow.

Explained
"Atkins," said the sergeant angrily, "why haven't you shaved this morning?"
"Ain't shaved?" asked Atkins, in apparent surprise.
"No, you're not," insisted the sergeant; "and I want to know why."
"Well, you see, sergeant," replied the soldier, "there was a dozen of us using the same mirror, and I must have shaved some other man."—New York Mail.

The Good Time Coming
There's a better day a-comin', so these optimists declare;
There's a splendid time a-comin', when the days will all be fair;
When there won't be any cheatin' and the honest man will thrive;
There's a better day a-comin', and I wish it would arrive.
There will be a time when no one will get rich by doing wrong;
When the weak will have a reason to be fearful of the strong;
When they'll judge a man by nothin' but the good he does each day;
There's a splendid time a-comin', but it's loatin' on the way.
There will be a time when boasters will be judged for what they're worth;
When the bullies and the rowdies won't have any place on earth;
When there won't be no backbitin' and the gossip will be dumb;
There's a better day a-comin', and I wish that it would come.
—S. E. Kiser.

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Potato Shipments

(Frederickton Mail)
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Ald. W. W. Boyce is shipping to the United States steadily, however, and the prospect is that the demand in that quarter will continue. Boston prices are 55 to 60 cents per bushel, and it is expected that that price will show little change for some time.
The price offered growers varies from 90 cents to \$1 per barrel, according to the point of shipment. As there is no flat freight-rate in this section extra freight charges have to be deducted from the price paid growers at outside points. Shipments of turnips also continue steadily, but not such large quantities as potatoes. These are also sent to the United States.

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The Art Critic

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The artist winced under the blow.
"These are not ostriches," he said; "they are angels."

Will Be Tame

"Do you think your wife will be happy when she gets the vote?"
"I'm afraid she won't," replied Mr. Meekton. "Merely going to the polls and casting a ballot will seem pretty tame compared to organizing these great suffrage demonstrations."—Washington Star.

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