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### IN SAINT JOHN FIRST.

The first annual meeting of the Canadian Board of Trade will be held in Saint John in September. The new organization, which will represent all of the nine provinces, and which is designed to promote Canadian unity, to strengthen the national spirit, and to bring about a larger measure of co-operation between business men throughout Canada, had its genesis in the famous Winnipeg conference, where representatives of forty Canadian Boards of Trade dealt with the outstanding problems before the country. The Maritimes played an important part in that conference, and while the proposal to create a Dominion Board of Trade was made by Mr. S. B. Gundy, President of the Toronto Board, the idea came into being by reason of the campaign by and for the Maritimes, launched here by the sea.

Many of the men who assembled at Winnipeg represented interests which were conflicting, upon the surface at least, and they came to a new understanding of the questions which were vexing the various provinces, and were deeply impressed with the need for tolerance and sympathy on the part of all in regarding the other fellow's case. It will be remembered that at the conference the first of a series of highly significant resolutions to be passed was one calling upon the Government to do justice to the Maritime Provinces.

The spade work done on behalf of the Maritimes prior to the Winnipeg meeting was perhaps regarded in some quarters as holding little promise of real results. But after the meetings at Charlottetown and at Winnipeg, from which finally had emerged the Canadian Board of Trade, things began to happen. The Government, in the speech from the Throne, announced its intention to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole Maritime case. That Commission is soon to begin its work under the direction of Sir Andrew B. Duncan, a British authority of high repute, whose exploration of and report upon the Nova Scotia mining troubles, in all probability, will be a turning point in the industrial life of that province.

The Government, further, although it had previously directed the Railway Commission, in connection with the work of rate equalization, to give particular attention to the Maritime claims with respect to the I. C. R. and concerning the greater use of Canadian ports, decided to give and necessary place in the speech from the Throne a new and larger mandate, by which the Commission was directed to make a special investigation as to the vast leakage of traffic of Canadian origin through American channels.

The Commission is now engaged in that inquiry, and we shall have its report before the next harvesting season in the West. The Commission has just concluded its first session on the question of Maritime freight rates, and when Colonel Ralston closed his address at Moncton on Wednesday there were many present who said that for the first time the real case of these provinces had been set forth in black and white, with force and sequence, with a fine sense of proportion—reasonably, yet resolutely. Mr. Corneli, the traffic expert engaged by the three Maritime Provinces, and Colonel Ralston made a most effective working team, and they in turn had the assistance of able business men who have devoted much time to the study of the whole situation. The case for the railways will be heard a little later, and judgment will be delivered some time during the summer.

Representatives from Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Quebec were in attendance at this hearing, and for the most part they were heartily in accord with the Maritime spokesmen. The Montreal men were rather disposed to reserve judgment, apparently fearing some disturbance of the rate structure at their expense. Any such fear will doubtless be found later on to be based on a misconception of the issue. The Order-in-Council defining the work of the Railway Commission was to do in the matter of equalization is founded upon the desire to do transportation justice to all the provinces. If that objective be reached there will be no cause for complaint in Montreal or elsewhere.

The fact that the Canadian Board of Trade decided to hold its first annual meeting here is a welcome sign of the trend of events. Saint John will only welcome the visitors warmly, but it will do so with the consciousness that before they leave they will have a much better knowledge of our resources, our problems, our aspirations and possibilities. And knowledge of these has grown very rapidly in the other provinces during the last twelve months.

Moreover, by the time the National Board comes here in September it may be expected that the Railway Commission will have delivered judgment in the matter of equalization, including Maritime freight rates, and likewise upon the whole question of the diversion of the wheat and flour traffic to

American ports. In all probability, also, the Duncan Commission will have completed its labors.

The water that will be going under the bridges during the next four or five months will be well worth watching.

### VIMY.

One of the most brilliant strokes on the Western front was the capture of Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Corps under General Sir Julian Byng, now Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada. That attack was launched at five o'clock in the morning on a twelve-mile front nine years ago today, and tonight His Excellency, following the custom he established when he came to Canada, will entertain at dinner many of the Canadian officers who were then under his command. As Lord Byng has decided not to accept another term as His Majesty's representative here, this dinner will be the last during his regime.

The Germans, who fully realized the importance of Vimy, continually added to its defenses and maintained their forces so heavy that they came to believe the position could never be taken. From 1914 onward at intervals some of the heaviest fighting on the whole front occurred there. The French made the first grand attack upon Vimy in 1915, and were repulsed. They tried it again in 1916, and failed. Those two attacks cost France 100,000 casualties. Later Canadian and British troops occupied that part of the line, and with the dawn of 1917 General Byng began to work out plans to do that which France so disastrously had failed to do.

Byng is no textbook soldier. While he kept the Germans busy on his front, he was rehearsing the coming attack with other troops back of the line, and by the end of the first week in April everything was in readiness. The summit of the Ridge was two and one-half miles from the Canadian and British trenches. The assault began at half past five in the morning; at 1:28 in the afternoon the Ridge was taken, and during the next few days process of consolidation was pushed through. Then came three weeks of almost steady fighting during which the Canadians and the British drove the Germans down the far slope of the Ridge to the Douai plains beyond.

The cost was heavy, but it was a piece of work that had to be done if the war was ever to be won, and the results amply justified the sacrifice. What the Canadians did there will hold an imperishable place in the military annals of the race.

France, in gratitude, and in recognition of Canadian valor, has given to this country for all time much of the ground on which the Canadians fought in that tragic but triumphant April. There is being erected the wonderful war memorial to the Canadians who died in the hour of victory.

The plan to develop good trout fishing in Lily Lake and in the artificial lakes in Rockwood Park is one upon which the Horticultural Association may well be heartily congratulated. It is proposed to capture and exterminate some large cannibal trout which are understood to lurk in Lily Lake, and which keep down the number of trout of decent size which should be found there. Then by putting in trout of civilized habits conditions can gradually be corrected. It is planned to stock each of the artificial lakes with other varieties of trout, including the Rainbow and the Brown, and by placing wire screens between the lakes each variety will be confined to its own waters. This will not only prevent a race war, but will give each family a chance to grow up peacefully until the time comes to rise to the fly. It is a wonderfully attractive proposal, not only from the standpoint of our people here, but likewise as an additional attraction for visitors. More power to the elbows of the gentlemen who set this scheme on foot.

### Odds and Ends

Happened In a Shoe Store

(Salem News.)

A shoe clerk told me a story the other day which I guess most of the men folk will appreciate. A woman called at his store and the clerk tried on about every shoe in the store, but the woman was not satisfied. Finally she said, "Of course I want them comfortable at the same time, but at the same time neat and attractive." The manager, seeing that the clerk had difficulty in fitting the lady and who overheard her remark, replied, "I understand, madam. Large inside and small outside." She was fitted.

**Bees as Advertisers.**

It was long an unsolved problem as to just how bees communicated to each other when they found a new source of food supply. Now it has been ascertained that the bee who has gone out and foraged for food with an outstanding success, usually comes back and does a sort of dance within the hive, attracting the attention of others and then leading them off to the new source.

**FAT** headed people are generally thin skinned.

### Just Fun

ONLY a few more months until we can have a good time cussing flies.

SOME people are cussing the weather as if they had a right to expect summer this spring.

**WAITRESS** in Confectionery: "Did you order this sundae, sir?"

**Absent-minded Man:** "Goodness! Have I been here that long?"

THE only two who can live as cheaply as one are a flea and a dog.

**AMONG** the things that are hard on a young widow's reputation are neighbors.

**BOUNCERBACKS**

He tried to beat the railroad train

When the signal light burned red;

For years he'd had a dormant brain—

Now his body's joined his head.

He looked into his gas tank

With a lighted match one night;

He'd always wished that he could fly—

He "flew" that time all right!

He tried to fix the electric meter,

A screwdriver in his mitt;

He'd always wished that he could

Then he wished that he could swim.

He always wished that he could swim

Perhaps a mile and a quarter;

He tried it once with too much vim

And he's soaking wet in water.

FOR ten years they lived happily

And the future was rosy;

Then they learned to play bridge.

She has resumed her maiden name.

**TEACHER:** "What happens when a tadpole loses its tail?"

**Tommy:** "It is then called a frog which is caught and sent to market to be retailed."

**RICH** Lover: Will you marry me?

**For love you, darling; I would die for you.**

**Young Digger:** Is that a promise?

**OLD ENOUGH TO SHAVE**

**MRS. BING:** Oh, I wish those receipts would be more definite.

**MR. BING:** What's the difficulty, dear?

**MRS. BING:** This one tells how to use up old potatoes, but it doesn't say how old the potatoes must be—

**Progressive Grocer.**

### Other Views

#### CANADIAN GOAL FOR CANADA

(Halifax Herald.)

Alberta and Nova Scotia may become competitors for Ontario markets. The sooner this happens the better. Between the two, Ontario can be supplied with all the coal the people need.

#### TURN OF THE ROAD

(Toronto Globe.)

Wall street feels the growing financial stress of Canada. It is revealed in a heavy demand from this country for participation in New South American ventures.

It is pointed out in a New York dispatch that the call from Canada indicated a considerable accumulation here of funds for investment. This country has given repeated signs of the insuperable of the happy principle of thrift as shown in the steadiness, even increase, of the savings deposits in the banks during the period of depression and in the rapid expansion of new life insurance written. The barometer of the bank at home continues to show improvement. The monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada for March again registers the upward trend of prosperity and says: "The generally favorable annual reports issued by the leading Canadian corporations, combined with the excellent position of all statistical indices, and a general increase in the volume of forward buying, indicate a more encouraging outlook for Canadian business than at any time in the last five years." The turn in the road has definitely been reached and all Canadians should join in making the favorable movement strong and lasting.

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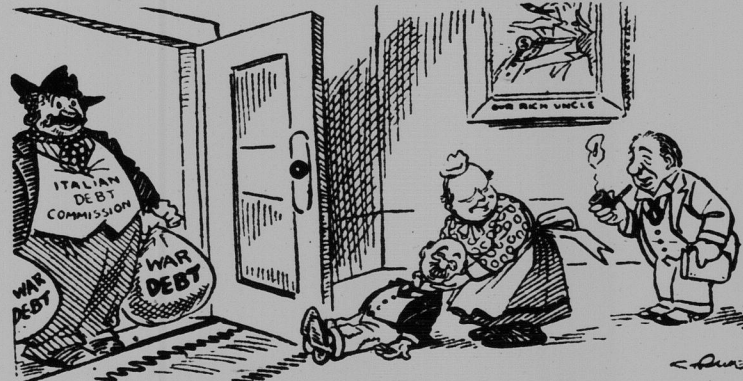
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### A Nearly Fatal Shock



Churchill: "Quick! The smelling-salts; the shock is too great."

Baldwin: "What shock?"

Churchill: "Why, somebody's called with the idea of paying."

—The Daily Express, London.

### POEMS I LOVE

"To Lucasta, on Going to the Wars," by Richard Lovelace.

ONLY an active and inspired soldier could have written this exquisite poem, the last two lines of which are quoted by the man in the street to this day.

Because of his romantic life, Lovelace has been alluded to as a mere "fashioning cavalier"; and it has often been said of him that he did not take his art seriously. Yet in those manuscripts which have been left behind, there is evidence of the greatest care in the composition of pieces which critics imagined had been written with ease.

His poetic product was not large; but it is a legacy for which the world is grateful.

Tell me not, Sweet, I am unkind

That from the nunnery

Of thy chaste breast and quiet mind

To war and arms I fly.

True, a new mistress now I chase,

I could not love thee, Dean, so much,

Lov'd I not Honor more.

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THE MINDS THAT RULE THE WORLD.

THE GREAT affairs of the world, intent upon his particular interest, which, thwarting others, breaks that party into divisions, and occasions more confusion.

Few in public affairs act from a mere view of the good of their country, whatever they may pretend; and though their actions bring real good to their country, yet men primarily considered that their own and their country's interest was united, and did not act from a principle of benevolence.

Fewer still, in public affairs, act with a view to the good of mankind.

The above remarks are not mine, but Benjamin Franklin's. You will find them in his Autobiography, a human document of little read in the land that inspired it.

BECAUSE of what they were superlatively taught in school, persons who enter think of Benjamin Franklin as all, think of him in terms of lightning and thrift and Poor Richard, and not as politician, diplomat and critic of society.

Franklin was a good politician because he knew and appreciated the fact that there best qualified by intellect and character to govern are not those who usually get into and stay lost in office. And he was a good diplomat for the same reason.

AN IRISH headhunter was carrying a mortar to the top of a skyscraper which was being built. One day he went up and couldn't find his way down. The loss misled him and called up to him:

"Pat," he said, "why don't you come down?"

"I don't know the way," replied Pat. "Why, come down the way you went up."

"Faith and I'll not," said Pat; "sure I came up head first."

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### The Very Idea!

By Earl Cuckoo

BUCK UP! BUCK UP! Things can't be as bad as likely yer thinkin' they are. Listen, now stop—think of times you've had, much better than bad times, by far.

Hold up yer head! Sail onward again, and give of man sorrow a blow. Knock 'em all dead—a man among men. The fighter can get there, ya know.

Gonna give in? Well, say where's yer grit? Why, shucks, anybody can slip. How kin ya win, when willin' to quit. Let the ol' ambition rip!

Things may look tough. Life's often that way, but maybe it's only a test. Fugged it! That's rough, will turn into play fer men who can hang on with zest.

Take the upset, with kind of a smile, but don't get yerself in a mess. Here's what I bet—real work, after while, will show ya the way to success.

No man is really satisfied with his lot—until there's a house built on it.

A chauffeur's youngster thinks the chauffeur's boss is the man who goes riding in his daddy's car.

It's really very easy for a fellow to find a girl who is different from other girls—cause most girls are.

Folk wondered was he married, but the answer n'er came out. 'Cause trouble was the one thing that He never talked about.

A youngster comes home with a nose bleed, black eye, etc., and nine times out of ten the mother will say, "How many times have I told you not to play with that neighbor boy?" Which proves what a queer conception mothers have of play.

The wise wife wanted to get a new front room curtain—and managed to pry five bucks out of her hubby when she told him it was for the blind.

When a man wants to marry a girl, the outcome often depends on the income.

**FABLES IN FACT.**

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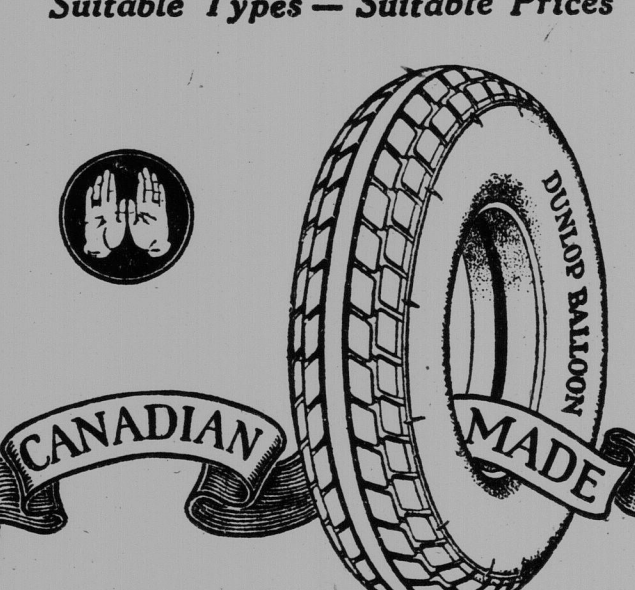


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