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PROGRESS IN ST. JOHN

The last few days have brought some interesting announcements relating to the forward movement in St. John. It is evident that the very satisfactory developments of the present year thus far are to be followed by others of a no less important character. There is reason to believe that the delay in connection with several large industries seeking sites does not mean that the city is in danger of losing them, but that before another year has passed the industrial outlook will be much more interesting and promising than at present, although this year has been marked by industrial expansion on a scale that anyone who predicted it a few years ago would have been regarded as a visionary.

The extent to which outside capital is being interested in the development of St. John is a marked feature of the general situation, and one that promises well for the future. The citizens have every reason to give serious attention to matters which are involved in the expansion of the city. There should be a town-planning commission and a better building law, and the city council should take a lively interest in efforts made to secure additional industries.

A citizen who was a very active supporter of the commission plan of government, and who is well pleased with what has been done since the change in the method of city government, observed to the Times yesterday that in his view the city council should be concerned about much more than merely a better administration of the departments. As the business managers of the city of St. John the members should be constantly on the alert to advance its interests by encouraging new industries and endeavoring to overcome difficulties which may stand in the way of the establishment of any new seeking site. If that should mean the relocation of an area at the south end of the city, he felt that the council should investigate and take active steps to forward such a policy. This appears to be sound reasoning, and will no doubt commend itself to the members of the council. They are doing well. If they can do better the citizens will appreciate their services all the more.

WAGES AND LIVING

At the Child Welfare Exhibition which will be held in Montreal in October some striking facts will be presented to show how hard it is for the man who earns only a small wage to get a bare living for his family. The case of a man earning \$1.75 per day is taken for the purpose of illustration. It is assumed that he gets steady employment throughout the year, and earns in all the sum of \$500, and that there are five persons in the family. An analysis of his necessary expenditures is put down thus:—

Rent at \$9 per month	Per month
Food 25c a meal, or five cents a meal each person	275
Four tons of coal at \$7.50 a ton	30
Light cooking at \$2 a month	24
Water tax	6
Clothing for five, winter and summer	75
Cases, 8 cents a day, 300 trips, including family jaunts	24
Extras	10
Total	\$550

It must be conceded that \$500 per month will not provide a very good tenement for a family of five, and if only five cents per meal is allowed for each person they must surely go hungry at present prices of most articles of food. The allowance for coal would certainly not keep a family warm in St. John for a year, nor would \$75 go very far in clothing five people. In short, this estimate seems absurdly low throughout, and yet it eats up the whole of the man's salary of \$500. There is nothing for sickness, for books or papers, church, house furnishings, or recreation. And yet, how many families there are who do not get more than \$500 in a year.

What are the results of such conditions? They are thus stated:—

"The wife goes to work, and infant mortality and neglected children are the result. The family takes in boarders, overworking results, and frequently a lack of privacy breaks down all sense of modesty in the children. The family economizes on food and housing, and the results are undernourishment and a high death rate. The children are forced to work under age, are underfed and uneducated. The result is again in the next generation, unskilled workmen with the same unlovely sequence of poor pay, the working mother, child labor, no school, and the whole sequence starting over again, in unskilled labor. A revolving wheel will admirably illustrate this at the exhibition. In other scenes will be shown how society pays the toll for all this in the form of children's institutions, free hospitals, relief, widows' pensions, social insurance, and other forms of charity. Infant mortality is three times as heavy in the families of unskilled laborers. Every premature death means waste of human capital. We are told that the results of efforts to solve the problem thus presented will be discussed in charts, lectures and other ways during the progress of the exhibition. The question is one of vital importance. It is perfectly clear that the people who are living this sort of life cannot solve the problem themselves, and that the conditions under which they live must be improved by the intervention of others. It is sometimes charged that there are too many organizations of one kind and an-

other, but so long as the conditions under which so many families live are not improved, society must pay the toll. When to a meagre wage are added incompetence or extravagance in the household, drunkenness or other forms of dissipation on the part of the wage-earner, how much more pitiful becomes the case of the children. Community work, which brings to light the conditions and organizes for relief, may and can do much, and it is a method which is too much neglected; but it is obvious that there is too great a difference between the cost of living and the earnings of the unskilled laborer, and of many who are employed in other capacities. The cost of living must be reduced, or the wages of the most poorly paid advance.

Edmonton has a woman police officer. Perhaps the present enquiry at St. John will reveal the need of a police matron in this city.

A voyage has been made in a dirigible balloon from Hamburg to Sweden, with a call at Copenhagen. This is a notable feat and another illustration of the growing success of the air-men, despite the many fatalities attending their experiments.

Evidently the Ulster Unionists do not believe they are any longer safe in the British Empire. They are at least displaying somewhat unusual types of British loyalty. Nevertheless, Home Rule will be adopted.

In Alberta the man who improves his holdings of farm lands gets a rebate of 25 per cent on his taxes, and an effort will now be made to have the rebate increased to 50 per cent. This would make the mere speculator pay for holding lands in an improved state. The western provinces are up-to-date in their views concerning taxation.

When the Tory press asserts that reciprocity is dead, Sir Wilfrid Laurier replies that the problem of wider markets is not solved, but must be faced. The Liberal leader declares that he hopes to visit every part of Ontario within the next few days and plead the cause of a united Canada. Without consideration of the need of the west for markets there cannot be contentment.

BULLFIGHTERS WHO EARN GREAT SUMS

Two in Spain Who Make Quarter Million Dollars a Year

Madrid, Sept. 20.—There is probably no sport in the world so lucrative as that of Spain's national sport, bull-fighting, and the statement that there are twenty-three famous toreadors who earn annually \$1,000,000 is by no means exaggerated.

In Madrid one finds the toreador, the fairy prince of the arena, at the Hotel Inglaterra, where he passes between his can visiters. If he dines out with friends he will invariably choose the Ideal Room, the best place of the Spanish aristocracy and foreign diplomats. When he visits a theatre he must have the best box in the house.

He smokes the very best cigars, and not the traditional petticoat (home-made cigarettes) so dear to the Spaniard. He drinks the choicest wines from southern Spain or France's famous champagnes. He is also most fastidious in his fashions, wearing the best clothes.

His nails are also delicately manicured, and his rough appearance should mark the brilliancy of the priceless diamonds which his standing as a toreador compels him to wear.

He is a stolid and serious-minded man. He never smiles. His life has made him a stoic, and his mind he reserves for the ring. He is also the most religious of mortals, at any rate in Spain. He is indeed curious to before taking his place in the procession and marching into the arena.

He is also most superstitious. Evil befalls the man who dares open an umbrella in the presence of the toreador. He is indeed a friend with whom he may be talking. The toreador who, on the morning of a bullfight, may have fallen a victim to any of those two events, will pay a heavy fine rather than face the taunts of bulls.

There are at present two toreadors who earn anything up to \$250,000 a year. They are Bombita and Machaquito. The former is married to the daughter of a French nobleman with a highly historical name, and the latter to a Scotchwoman.

The Chamcock Sardines

Mr. Bowens, a Boston fish merchant, who has handled the Maine sardine products for many years, was in St. Andrews last week and inspected the sample that are being put up by the Canadian Sardine Company. He says they are splendid and that a ready market awaits such goods. The company for some time has been operating a small plant in the vicinity of the new one, and has obtained \$1 a case for its output, as compared with the average price of \$2.75 secured by the United States packing companies, experts declaring that the quality is quite equal to the best sardines put up in Europe.

HARD ON THE DIVERS

The Halifax steamer engaged in wrecking the steamer Hestia has been able to take away three corpses this season. A diver has recently been put on, the former diver, Edward Cossaboom, of Grand Harbor, having met with a painful experience, which has resulted in his being placed in the Halifax hospital. The diver broke while he was under water, and the pressure of water caused a rush of blood to his head which nearly resulted in his death.

Patent leather and kid boots will take on a brighter polish if they are first wet over with a sponge dipped in milk. It is perfectly allowed to dry before the polish is applied.

LIGHTER VEIN

NEW PLAN.

Customer—I want to order a new suit for myself. Please measure my son.

Tailor—Your son?

Customer—Yes. You see, he wears my out-of-date clothes, and the nasal always complains they do not fit him!—Leslie's Weekly.

UNLIKE A BRICK

"What goes up must come down," said the Sage.

"How about the high cost of living?" asked the Boob.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A SAFE WAGER

Townly—Some one has said that he is a benefactor of his race who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

Suburban—I'll bet anything that follow never had to run a lawn mower.—Boston Transcript.

MERELY A DEDUCTION

"So you are going to Europe this summer, Mrs. Gottalott?"

"Yes, my daughter and I are planning to start in a few weeks. But how did you know about it? We haven't told anybody."

"Oh, I noticed that you were not having any clothes made over here."—Chicago Record-Herald.

DIDN'T MAKE HER

"Well, I saw my wife off for the West Indies this morning."

"Jannikin?"

"No. She went of her own accord."—Princeton Tiger.

MAN THEIR SUPERIOR

"Geese are supposed to be symbolic of all that is foolish."

"Well, yes, but I never see an old gander head a million kernels of corn and then go around from male with a gosling."—Kansas City Journal.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Father—You say your son shows signs of becoming a writer and ask what is the best course to pursue. Were it not for the rather stringent law, might suggest chloroform. As it is, you will have to do the best you can and try to talk him out of the story.

A PUZZLER

Mr. Moody was a well-meaning little man enough, but he had been badly bitten by "success by mail order." He lived on it, slept on it, and lectured on it. "The only way to succeed is to be so thorough in everything you undertake that failure is altogether impossible," he said recently to a long-suffering audience. "For instance, if you mean to be a lecturer like I am—"

Cries of "Hope not"

"I say," continued the speaker, "if you mean to address farmers, don't speak to them about farming unless you've studied the subject thoroughly. Be determined and resolute in all you undertake. Remember that he who puts his hand to the plow must not turn back."

"Then what's to do when 'e gets to the other end of the furrow?" yelled a voice at the back.

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THE RIVER DANUBE

Latter in Upper Portion is Losing Volume From Year to Year

Berlin, Sept. 20.—After ten years of close observation, the river authorities of Southern Germany have come to the conclusion that the upper Danube is losing volume from year to year, and that the change is such that it will be a matter of only a few decades before several industries on the stretch of river above Ulm are completely ruined in consequence. It is said that already the loss during the last few years is equal to several hundred thousand dollars.

Near Singaren is a water mill erected in 1817, when it was in constant use, and received constant power from the stream. Owing to the fall in the stream it is now able to work only in autumn and winter, and in dry summers it can be used less than half the days of the year. Time, in the years with dry summers, 1883, 1897 and 1911, it was working only 173, 142 and 172 days in the whole year. Similarly the Danube stream, which was at one time seventy-five feet broad and from five to eight feet deep at Immeningen, and at Singaren was even navigable in the sixteenth century, is now very frequently represented by a dry river bed.

The secret of this disappearance, which can have little effect on the lower Danube, owing to the constancy of the larger tributaries, lies in a phenomenon in physical geography, known as well as could be by saying that one river is robbing another. European and American geographers and geologists are fond of quoting the question of the Meuse Valley, and English geologists have the classic example on the east coast of Yorkshire, of an inland river gradually eating away the supply of the coastal streams, but here in Southern Germany

ONE HAPPY FACE

It was the first night of a new play. "I say," remarked the author to the manager, "that scene shifter over there, 'Yes, he's an Eskimo,' said the manager."

"Eskimo?" What on earth made you take him on?"

"Oh, I thought it would be a comfort to see one happy face if the play turns out to be a flop."

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To prevent sausages from bursting while they are being cooked prick the skins with a fork, arrange the sausages in a frying pan and place the pan in a corner of the stove, so that the sausages may be slowly heated. When hot through the sausages should be browned by placing the pan over a hotter part of the fire.

There is nothing in which people betray their character more than in what they find to laugh at.—Goethe.