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## WHY THESE FOREBODINGS?

Years ago, when the Canadian Pacific had extended its line to St. John, there were persons in this city who repeatedly asserted that western trade would not come to this port, but go to Portland and Boston. They objected to large expenditures to attract trade that would not come. But the expenditure was made and the trade came. At a more recent period these same persons made merry over the suggestion that the Grand Trunk Pacific would ever do any business here, or that Courtenay Bay would be converted into a harbor. But the Grand Trunk Pacific has secured the site for its terminals, and the explorations at the site of the great Courtenay Bay harbor works disturb the dreams of the false prophets. Now, however, there is a new cause for protest. It is proposed to reclaim ninety acres below the Ballast Wharf, on an area which could never be used in any other way, and make there an ideal site for large manufacturing industries. The sea-eyed pessimists protest once more, and see in the project only a wild-cat scheme that should be suppressed. Having in mind the facts of local history the average citizen will not be disturbed by these forebodings. St. John has awakened to a knowledge of her opportunities and prospects, and will not be denied.

## CONCERNING MR. BORDEN

The Standard fears that the Times is losing some of the joy of life through its inability to discover in Mr. Borden the savior of the Empire. In reality this journal is able to make a distinction. It is not to Mr. Borden the people of England are paying compliment, but to Canada, the country he represents. Mr. Borden has really proved a disappointment. His speeches will not build Dreadnoughts, nor solve the naval problem. Behind him and over him looms the shadow of Henri Bourassa.

It is quite useless for the Tory press to keep up its pretence of superior patriotism and exalted devotion to the best interests of the Empire. A party which could stoop to stir up racial and religious prejudice in one portion of the Empire, to the end that it might secure the spoils of office, should be the last party to boast about itself, its achievements, or its aims and purposes. Canada for years to come will be a less united country because of the inflammatory appeals made by or with the full approval of the man who placed Mr. Borden at the head of the government. To say that to such a leader and such a party naturally belongs the task of drawing an Empire into closer relationship is to overlook the credulity of the people. Now can it be overlooked that this same leader and party did their utmost to estrange Canada's nearest neighbor and the Empire's most desired ally in any great crisis in world-politics. Paris is a long way from Canada and the markets of France are limited, while a language foreign to most Canadians is a bar to business. But Washington is within easy reach, and the market of the United States is enormous and at our doors, and the people speak our own language and share our traditions.

Which is the better friend of the Empire—he who estranges the United States and cultivates France, or he who seeks more friendly relations between the Empire and the American republic, leaving the mother country, for example, to preserve the friendship of her neighbor, France?

So far as the proposed visit of members of the British government to Canada is concerned, the purpose of the Canadian Tory and English Unionist promoters of it is perfectly clear to the dullest observer. They desire to make political capital for Mr. Borden in Canada, believing it will also advance the cause of the Tories in England. The grandiloquent talk about Imperial problems and their solution is but a bait to catch the unwary. So far as known, Mr. Borden has no naval policy. He has flatly denied the story that he favored a gift of three Dreadnoughts, which was the only definite statement thus far made. He made the denial after Mr. Bourassa had once more "taken his spear in Montreal."

## CO-OPERATION

The co-operative telephone company is helping the Ontario farmer to solve his problems. The Toronto Weekly Globe draws a picture of a Mariposa farmer and his wife, weary after a hard day's work, thinking of their daughter in Toronto, whose usual letter had not been received that day. They called on the long distance telephone, and in less than ten minutes were chatting with her, and the sense of isolation and of separation fell away from both.

With two or three exceptions all the farmers in Mariposa township have connection with a rural telephone line which they own, and which gives them connection with the Bell Company's long distance lines. The Globe's description of the system and its benefits is worth quoting in full:—

"And not in Mariposa only, but within a radius of fifteen miles around Lindsay the farmers of Victoria county are linked to each other and to the world at large by magic wires. By these wires the farmer transacts business. He arranges for getting help from his neighbors in harvesting his crops. He calls up the impatient agent in town when he wants to know how to put a machine together. He lets the live stock buyer know how many calves and hogs he will sell this week. His

wife and daughters hold long gossiping conversations with the neighbors and arrange details for church socials and other pending events just like city folks.

"The farmer has a decided advantage over the city man in the matter of telephoning. They cost him less both to install and to maintain. There is no trouble between subscribers and shareholders or directors, because the subscribers are the shareholders and the directors. Most of the local telephone companies are co-operative companies organized by the farmers among themselves and for their own benefit, and not with the idea of paying dividends to shareholders.

"There are about two hundred telephones on the several lines radiating from Lindsay, and the central switch-board is in a house in the village. Each farmer installs his own instrument at a cost varying from \$20 to \$30, according to the length of wire and the number of poles necessary to reach his house. After that, the average subscription cost is from \$2 to \$10 per annum. It seldom reaches the higher figure. The regular subscription charge is \$2 per annum to cover the cost of operation. Each farmer pays his share of maintenance and keeps his own telephone in repair. If there is anything left over at the end of the year it goes into a contingent fund.

"They all have connection with the Bell Telephone Company, and so can get long-distance connection with any point in the province. In cases where a long-distance message originates outside, the co-operative company charges nothing for the use of the line. In this regard the farmer figures it out that if anyone outside wants to speak to him it is usually as much to his advantage as it is to the other fellow's, and accordingly he sees no reason for charging a toll.

"Around Lindsay there are such telephones as these in operation at Little Britain, Oakwood, Cambray, Fenelon Falls, Dunford and several of the villages farther north. The movement for the organization of these co-operative companies was started about six years ago, and since then the number has been gradually growing until it has attained its present proportions, with about 1,200 rural local telephones through the county, as well as 100 rural telephones of the Bell Company. At the same time the farmers of the county have been securing the extension of the rural mail delivery system, and thus in another way are brought into closer touch with the outside world. It will be observed that the cost of the co-operative rural telephones is small. Co-operation will solve many problems for the farmer, and make farming more profitable as well as more desirable as an occupation.

The farmers this year must make hay when the sun doesn't shine.

The law regarding the carriage of hay on river steamers will be enforced. This is in the public interest.

When Mr. Winston Churchill comes to Canada he will desire to consult Sir Wilfrid Laurier as well as Mr. Borden. Naval affairs are of Imperial concern.

The announcement that France and Russia have formed a defensive and offensive alliance is one of much significance in the present state of European politics.

It is announced from London that the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, will visit Canada. He will receive a most cordial welcome from everybody but the Nationalist allies of Mr. Borden.

The citizens will pass a unanimous vote of thanks to the first factory owner who instructs his engineer not to wake the town with needless use of the steam whistle. The like would be true in the case of the owner of a tugboat.

The Toronto Globe says "All this talk of a 'contribution' for naval defence means that Canadians, being unwilling or unable to provide their own naval defence, are going to 'hire' British sailors to defend them. Why do we not demand our militia and give a 'contribution' for military defence also?"

Sir Edward Grey is no good reason for friction between Britain and Germany. He declares that a more friendly feeling is springing up between the two powers. Sir Edward Grey is not a man who speaks lightly of grave matters, and his words are therefore more reassuring than some we have lately heard.

## SOMETHING HE HAD NOT SWALLOWED

Mr. M.—a gentleman passenger on an outward bound ocean liner from Southampton, recently, is said to have been the hero of the following episode. The steamer left port at noon with a light breeze and smooth water. Early in the afternoon Mr. M. chanced to enter into conversation with a young lady, who very soon made an impression on his somewhat susceptible organ of affection, and the hours passed pleasantly. About five o'clock the wind freshened, and white caps appeared on the hitherto calm sea. At this juncture the lady joined some friends, and Mr. M. was left to meditate alone. Not long after the shades of night had fallen, the lady was a good sailor, was strolling along the deck when she espied Mr. M. sitting in a steamer chair near the rail, gazing forth into the sea. "O, good evening," waiting for the moon to come up," she enquired in dulcet tones. In a luminous voice, her far-from-fading-comfortable chance acquaintance replied:—"No, thank the Lord, I didn't swallow the moon."

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

## A SUMMER SENECADE.

He sang to her under the window,  
He told of the peaceful night;  
He sang, "How serenely quiet  
Is all 'neath the stars so bright!"  
But just as he reached the strains  
That ended with "silver moon,"  
Her father appeared at the window,  
And he instantly changed his tune.  
—August Lippincott's.

## DRAMATIC SNAP.

A number of players and playwrights at the Lamb's Club were discussing the question of what constitutes the "snap" so persistently demanded of the dramatist by the manager of today.

"I have talked to so many managers on this subject," said one writer, "but none has been able to give me any very definite notion as to just what 'snap' is."

"I can help you out," said Eugene Walter. "I have an idea for a one-act play that just bursts with 'snap.' I'll give it to you. Here it is:

"Enter to them a man with a suit-case and an umbrella. He is, of course, to all intents, husband unexpectedly returned.

"Husband no sooner takes in the situation than he yanks out a revolver and shoots both man and woman."

"Then he takes out his glasses, puts them on, looks about him, and suddenly gives a start."

"Merciful heavens!" he exclaims, "I'm on the wrong floor!"

## THE HOUSE PARTY.

Post:—"Why did you dismiss your glorious cook?"

Parker:—"It was the only way to get our guests to go home."

## THOSE GAMES WE LOSE.

I like the credit of the night attack,  
When ash and horsehide meet;  
When feldiers dive for the crashing drive  
That bounds on past their feet.

I like the fun when fast players run  
Around the sacks at will,  
And slide cross the plate where others wait  
To lean against the pill.

I like it all, every strike and ball,  
Until the other side that turns the tide  
And 'hits 'em where they ain't."

## SHOULD HE?

During a discussion of the fitness of things in general, some one asked, "If a young man takes his best girl to the grand opera, spends eight dollars on a supper after the performance, and then takes her home in a taxiab, should he kiss her good-night?"

An old bachelor who was present growled, "I don't think she ought to expect it. Seems to me he has done enough for her."

## MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

The horse stolen by Amherst over a month ago, and for which the police of two provinces have been hunting ever since it disappeared, has been located. Constable W. E. McLeod discovered the animal at Chas. Poirer's Milestream, yesterday. Mr. Poirer was the innocent victim of a horse trade, and it was his horse that was found a few days ago in St. John. Mr. Poirer gave him and will be out that much. Mr. McLeod got his clue a few days ago, and by clever work was able to get possession of the missing animal, which is now at his stables on Church street. The mare is a good rider and was highly valued by its Amherst owner. The man who stole the horse has left Canada. —Sunset Record.

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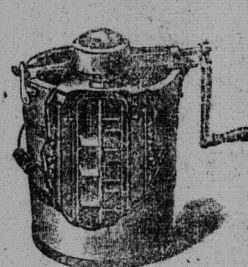
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