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THE FAIR TONIGHT.

New Brunswick has had a new Lieutenant Governor and a new Premier installed in office since the opening of the last annual Exhibition. Both will be present at the formal opening this evening of this year's Fair. Both will be heard with interest by the citizens. Lieut. Gov. Todd has gained in popularity through his earnest desire to mingle with the people and his ready response to requests for his attendance at important public functions. The citizens have had few opportunities to hear Hon. Mr. Veniot, and there will be the keener interest on that account to greet and hear the first Acadian Premier of New Brunswick.

Hon. William Pugsley formally opened the Exhibition last year, and in the course of his remarks urged the need of co-operation between the Maritime Provinces and Quebec in relation to railway freight rates, and he dwelt also upon the importance of increased facilities for a larger grain traffic through this port. We are still burdened with the old freight rates and without the grain conveyors.

The Province has progressed during the past year, and is in a better position in regard to trade and industry than it was a year ago. The farmers will have fairly good crops, and while business generally remains quiet the conditions are as healthy in New Brunswick as in any other province, and more healthy than in most.

The speakers this evening will therefore be able to speak in a cheerful mood, for though the Province has been hard hit by both flood and fire in the last year there is no cause for despondency.

The citizens will feel it a civic duty as well as a pleasure to attend the opening of their Exhibition, for it is theirs in the fullest sense. The men and women who have done the actual work represent them, and have been working for the general welfare. Why not make it a record first night attendance?

THE ST. JOHN OF 1889.

The Times-Star prints on another page some facts about the Summer Carnival and Electrical Exhibition held here in 1889 to celebrate the union of St. John and Portland and the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway to this port. It is worth while to take note of what was then in the public mind. In a foreword to the official programme we read—

"The recent union of St. John and Portland has created a new city. With a population of over 43,000, it is the fourth in size in Canada. It is, beyond question, the third in importance; for, simultaneously with the civic union, has come the joining of St. John and Montreal by the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This means much for the future. It means closer relations with the great west, the facilities for handling an extensive West India trade, the inception of new enterprises, the enlargement of various industries, and the development of our many and varied resources. It is fitting that the occasion should be celebrated with more than ordinary display."

Looking backward we can say that the coming of the Canadian Pacific has meant much for St. John, but the growth of trade with the West Indies has not yet fulfilled those early hopes. Neither has our closer relations with the west equalled the expectations of thirty-four years ago. There are new enterprises, such as the Atlantic Refineries, and some old ones have been enlarged. The city has gone forward, and the development of new resources has made some progress. The retrospect is by no means a discouraging one, and the people have it within their power to make far greater progress in the next three decades.

The annual picnic given by the Rotary Club yesterday to members of the South and East End Boys' Clubs was the most successful yet held. The boys appreciate the kindness of their elders and show it by their general good conduct. There is room for boys' clubs in other parts of the city. There is also opportunity for members of the South and East End Clubs to wield a larger influence for good in their own localities, for as yet many boys need the influence and good-fellowship of those who do not believe a lad should be destructive or join a troublesome gang.

The streets that lead to the Exhibition buildings and grounds should be well travelled this evening. It is St. John's Exhibition.

THE WEST INDIES.

The British Government is paying more attention than formerly to the needs of the West Indies. A joint parliamentary committee has been set up to consider the case of these islands, and following a visit to them last year by Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Under Secretary for the Colonies, and Mr. E. Wood, a measure of constitutional reform has been prepared. It is also hoped to give the islands their own currency system. The question of West Indies federation has been considered, but is described as "a plant of slow growth." The West Indian Agricultural College has begun work, and its aim is to provide for the needs of all the islands, as the chief centre of agricultural research. It is intended to go on with the new all-British cable, which will provide a quick and reliable service, at about 25,000 less than the present subsidy to the West India Cable Company, and free from the tying up of that Company with the Cuba Submarine Company. It is hoped to have this new cable service ready when the contract with the Company expires in September of next year. The question of improved steamship service has also been under consideration. The British Government entertains no fear that the "Americanization" of the West Indies by close intercourse will have any effect upon their loyalty to the Empire.

Sir Montague Barlow in a recent speech said that they in England required better organization in adjusting the relations between capital and labour. He declined to believe that the strike and the lock-out were the last word. All industrial nations were struggling with the same problem; in America, France, and Germany, works committees and other expedients were being tried. In England, he said, the development of the principles of Whitleyism, greater co-operation round the table, more consultation, and joint action were the best lines of progress.

The Italians have forcibly occupied the Greek island of Corfu, one of the Ionian group, and Athens is described as "wild with indignation." A difficult situation confronts the League of Nations. The war spirit does not easily die in these peopled southern lands. The action of Italy follows the Greek refusal to accede to her demands for reparation for alleged massacre of Italian subjects in Greek territory. It is safe to assume, however, that there will be no war. Neither country has the necessary financial strength.

There will be thousands of visitors in St. John next week. It will be the part of good-citizenship to make them welcome and give them the assurance that the city wants them to get the worth of their money. A kindly personal interest extended in an unobtrusive way will be appreciated by any visitor, and make a good impression. St. John should desire a reputation for genial hospitality.

There has been some talk recently in regard to bird sanctuaries, and it is announced that one has been made on small islands west of Cape Sable, on Shelburne County. When Sir Douglas Hazen was Premier of New Brunswick the late Miss Mabel Peters strongly urged that the valley and marshes of the Nerepis be made by the Provincial Government a bird sanctuary. She lived in summer on the hillside overlooking the valley, knew about its bird life, and was distracted by the guns of the hunters in the early fall.

President Obregon of Mexico has at last been able to convince the United States that his country is to have a period of stable government. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have been resumed. Obregon has justified the hopes of his friends and has shown both wisdom and strength in dealing with the banditry of Mexico.

The Republicans have won enough seats in the Irish Parliament to suggest continued turmoil in that country for some time to come. That is unfortunate, since it can only retard the country's prosperity without bringing a republic any nearer.

The week ends with the situation still unsettled in regard to the coal strike in Pennsylvania, but both sides are still in a mood to go on with negotiations, which is one favorable indication from the viewpoint of the consumer.

An universal display of flags during Exhibition week would add greatly to the city's attractiveness. Get the Exhibition spirit and fling the flags to the breeze.

More money is invested in the manufacture of automobiles than in any other single industry.

Statistics show there are 4,931,305 illiterates in the United States.

THE DESERTED CABIN.

(Frank Smith in Portland Press-Herald.)
Tenantless, save for the birds, the bees and the butterflies gorgeous; Graceful the feathered ferns, rank growing in nooks unexpected; Standing and waiting they serve, a foil for their lovelier sisters, Lovingly screened is the porch, convolvulus climbing around it. Phoebe has builded her nest therein, and her brood unmolested Dart in and out through the sprays of snowy anemone blossoms. Scampering over the roof, or slowly a pine cone revolving, Squirrels are guarding the glade, protesting with chatter incessant When to explore we essay, detouring in vain for a pathway. Nature—the mother all-loving—quietly tending her brood, Planted the thorn and the pear with the aid of her myriad children; Planted the arbutus, thyme, the rose and the pipewort, fragrant; Here the geranium, there her jeweled seedlings peeping. All through the lengthening days, still worketh the all-loving mother, Changing her patterns and colors, but tenaciously clinging; Trillium, bird-of-the-wing, anemone, lily and maytyle. Violets purple, and white, sky-blue, golden-eyed, downy yellow, Goldenrod, hardhack and briar, aster and anemone and chrysanthemum. Making the garden deserted blossom in beauty exquisite, So the lone, desolate, lonely, blossoms when Love the transformer Comes in his garments of light, his garden Hesperian planting.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Depths of Despair.
"My maids always boil eggs hard." "Really, mine never stay long enough for that."—London Opinion.

We All Know Him.

Jack—"What kind of a fellow is Blinks?" Bill—"Well, he is one of those fellows who always grab the stool when there is a piano to be moved."—Oregon Lemon Punch.

Wide Discrepancy.

New York grand jurors suggest fourteen ways in which to stop automobile accidents. The difficulty is that there are about fourteen hundred ways in which they may occur.—Boston Transcript.

Had His Quarry.

The flaxen-haired Scandinavian called at the county office and stammeringly asked for a license. "Hunting license?" inquired the clerk. "Oh no," said Ole. "I ban hunting long enough. I want to be married."

Willie's Gues.

Visitor—"How do you do, Willie? I've come to stay at your house a week and I'm sure you can't even guess who I am." Willie—"I'll bet one thing. Willie—Till bet you're no relation of father's."—Boston Transcript.

Sad Confession.

Crabshaw—"What's all the trouble?" Mrs. Crabshaw—"That woman who just moved into the next apartment and put on such style came to borrow our vacuum cleaner, and I had to admit that we didn't own one."—Judge.

Westfield and Drury Cove In Tennis Meet

This afternoon at Drury Cove the title series for the Suburban Tennis League between Drury Cove, winners of the C. N. R. section, and Westfield, winners of the C. P. R. section, will commence. Next Saturday, Drury Cove goes to Westfield. C. H. Scott, secretary of the league, announced last evening that the following programme would be carried through at Drury Cove today:

Ladies' singles: Miss Jean Knight (D. C.) vs. Miss L. Dykeman (D. C.); Mrs. K. Knight (D. C.) vs. Miss M. Ryan (D. C.); W. Kirkpatrick (L. H. Sandall (D. C.) vs. Douglas Humphrey. Mixed doubles: Miss J. Knight and Miss E. Russell vs. Miss M. Ryan and Miss A. Gilbert; Miss H. Dishart and A. C. Clarke (D. C.) vs. Miss L. Dykeman and J. Russell. Ladies' doubles: Miss E. Morrison and Mrs. C. H. Scott (D. C.) vs. Mrs. Chadwick and Miss M. Sorel; Miss J. Brown and Miss E. Westford (D. C.) vs. Miss N. Melrose and Miss G. Ewing. Men's doubles: J. H. Drummond and B. M. Ryan (D. C.) vs. Kirkpatrick and K. Creighton; A. C. Clarke and R. Thorne (D. C.) vs. Good and Gilbert; L. H. Sandall and C. V. Waldor (D. C.) vs. D. Humphrey and A. Dykeman; T. F. Drummond and H. W. Wilson (D. C.) vs. F. McDonald and G. Likely; C. H. Scott and R. G. McInerney (D. C.) vs. R. Melrose and J. Russell.

HYDRO REPORTS

At the meeting of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, held yesterday afternoon in the city, it was reported that T. S. Simms, Ltd., were about to sign up with the commission for power and they would require 150 horse power. This would be the largest single load the commission had, as the C. N. R. load of 1,000 horse power at Moncton was bought through the city of Moncton. The chairman, Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, reported the demand for current on the increase all the time.

The extension of the line from Sussex to Apohaqui and Millstream would be undertaken at once, and to Norton as soon as the required 75 per cent. of the residents had signed contracts for the current.

The chairman reported that the head dam at Scott Falls was 80 per cent. complete, and the Log Falls Dam the precipitation statistics presented at the meeting drew attention to the dryness of the present summer season. During the months of May, June and July the precipitation this year was 6.63 inches as compared with 10.62 inches for the corresponding three months in the previous year.

Those present at the meeting were Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Hon. J. E. McLeod, members of the commission; S. R. Weston, acting chief engineer, and A. R. Carter, secretary.

MR. DOOLEY ON HEROES

By FINLEY PETER DUNNE.

"There's only wan thing that wud make me allow meself to be a hero to th' American people, an' that is it don't last long!" said Mr. Dooley. "A few columns in th' newspapers, a speech in congress, assault an' battery be a mob in th' street, a flathrin' offer fr'm th' movies an' th' y sink back into th' discard an' are not mentioned again unless ye get into jail, whin ye have a more extended notice th' y're crime entitles ye to."

"Oh, as Hogan says, why shud th' spirit iv mortal be proud? Manny's th' hero I've known in me day—gl'ri'ous, adm'ed, poll'men, flatterin', prize-fighters, pedestreans, actors, authors and marathon dancers, an' where sellin' his old chum a horse that he swore anny child cud drive, an' th' run away with Mrs. Pompey in Central Park, an' smashed Pompey's best two-seated chariot. He was killed in a barroom be Brutus, a worthless fellow that he adopted to get hold iv his money."

"The real hero iv th' peeryod was Marcus Mephitus Jenks. It was Jenks that th' glory an' grandeur iv Rome is due to. It was Jenks who won th' battles, Jenks that reformed th' law, But Jenks was a modest hero. He had no press agent. Shtrange to say, I can find no contemporary reference to Jenks, but a few vulgar jokes. But he was a great man. Now that th' clouds iv calumny has rolled away it gives me great pleasure to say that Jenks, not Cayzar, was th' boy."

"In me estimation, th' next gr-greatest man iv thim days was Nero. A coarse prejudice has grown up against Nero. No wan names childer after him anny more, which I think is a gr-great mistake. Far fr'm bein' monstrous he is supposed to be. Nero was a quite, cultivated young fellow, who like many another with th' same tastes has had his mim'ry condemned for loathin' an' horror because he played th' violin. Except fr' this he was not a detestable character."

A Bachelor Occasionally.
"It is not true that he set fire to Rome. Rome was like wan iv our modern cities, an' un'oubtedly he caught fire fr'm cinders fr'm a passing locomotive. Navthin' cud be more unjust to this amiable character than to suggest that he was an innmy iv religion. Th' thruth is that he practiced wan if th' first principles iv religion, which is that th' good are better dead an' th' view iv th' world is a better one if he pleased his mother. Th' discoveries in modern science show that it's far more likely she perished iv appendicitis. Besides, th' family lies were much looser in those days. Moreover, let us be just an' acknowledge that in th' course iv nature, th' old lady had not much longer to live, anyhow, an' she may have been an exactin' housekeeper, while her illustrious son had th' habits iv a bachelor, which he was fr'm time to time."

"An' there ye are, Hinmissy. How do you know what Hist'ry is goin' to say about these here stirrin' times that we're livin' in? A few thousands iv years fr'm now a visitor fr'm New Zealand, as Hogan says, surveyin' th' ruins iv the Fort Wayne freight house fr'm a hole iv the Jackson street bridge, may run across a copy iv th' Daily Bazon, an' write a story iv th' state iv America in nineteen hundred an' twenty-two."

"Th' most prominent citizens iv th' decayin' republic besides Jack Dempsey were Andrew Volstead and Peggy Joyce. Irvywhere was public an' private corruption, low ambitions an' base amusements. By th' riot iv corruption a few points stand out in contemporary lithracon to show that there were pure men an' women iv thim times."

"So he went to th' Sinit an' th' Sinitors gathered around him prettindin' to ask him fr' jobs. 'I have a petty-squid here,' says wan iv thim, 'Fr'm th' board iv th' Sinit an' Michael J. Mulroom to be collector iv internal rivine,' he says, stickin' Cayzar with a knife. 'I will file it fr' reference,' says Cayzar. 'This is th' little matter I mentioned last week,' says th' invious Cassius, jabbin' him in th' ribs. 'I'm fraid ye'er man is not eligible,' says Cayzar. 'This we on fr' some time, wan Sinitor after another taking part in th' debate while Cayzar continued to glance through his correspondence. Finally a young fellow that Cayzar adopted stepped forward an' drove a sword into him. To say that Cayzar was surprised is to express it mildly. He was deeply chagrined. No wan expects to be murdered by an adopted child, an' Cayzar almost lost his temper."

"What he said Hogan doesn't exactly remember, but 'twas ayeher 'An'y, Brutus, or 'Brutus, ye too,' or 'Well, what dy's th' point iv that?' 'Anyhow he folded his robe around him an' passed away. An' th' Roman populace broke into the Sinit an' gathered th' chairs desks, stationery, flasks, seeds, an' letters an' made a bone fire iv thim an' Cayzar's body in it. An' whin Cayzar's will was opened 'twas found that he'd left all his money to give free movies an' parks to th' people instead iv givin' it to thim while he was alive."

"An' if he'd spint it on th' Sinit he might've been alive to this day! 'There's th' story as Hogan tells it fr'm readin' it in books an' seein' it acted at th' Holsted Street Opera House. But this professor iv hist'ry says Hogan is all wrong."

"Joelyus Cayzar was by no means th' tulip he is pitched to be. He was nearer his time thim meself, says he. 'Th' further ye get away fr'm anny peeryod th' better ye can write about it. Ye are not subject to interruptions be people that were there. I wad not undertake to write a hist'ry iv Peorya in nineteen hundred an' twenty-two, but if ye were th' latest news fr'm Rome two thousand years ago, hand me that fountain pen."

Nero was the Hero.
"Far fr'm bein' a gr-great man, Joelyus Cayzar was a pretty ordinary character. He was always out fr' th' money. All iv his alleged wars were carried on to help th' grocery business iv Rome that he was a secret partner in. 'He was a mean, close-fisted man. He done Cicero out of his house be threatenin' to build a liv'ly stable next door to it, an' thim buyin' it cheap, an' his trouble with Pompey come fr'm

makin' th' brave battle fr'th' human race.

"No, sir, I'll not attempt to follow all th' heroes that comes up. They move too fast fr'm me. To my way iv thinkin' th' wurld is full iv thim. Orville Wright wud be scared to death if he was in my place when big Olson come in on a tear, but I am ca'm because I know where I can lay me hands on a few argymints that Olson udder-stands. But I wudden't feel safe in anny circumstances in Wright's aeroplane. Take me in a place I know an' I'm as brave a man as ever got his pitcher in th' paper. Take me where I don't know th' names iv th' cross-threets an' th' crack iv a leaf will send a chill up me back."

"As Hogan says, Irvy man is a hero except them that have valleys. If ye shine ye're own shoes, shave ye're self, an' turn on th' water in ye'er own bath ye're a hero, ex officio, as the sayin' is. I never yet knew a man that hired another man to help him on with his shirt."

"Faith, who ain't a hero amongst us all, all us inexperienced sailors on a ship that's sinkin' slowly under our feet, day by day an' year by year? Some ships gets stove in arly an' some late, but they all go down. An' here we are on board laughin', an' a'ing, an' quarrellin', an' schemin', an' layin' out a new course ivrvy hour, with ne'er a thought iv sendin' an S. O. S."

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TURKS APPROVE GOLD TEETH.
Constantinople, Sept. 1.—The religious court of Constantinople has decided not to allow gold teeth in the Muslim religion for adherents to cover their teeth with gold or other metals.

Oolong—Did you see that girl cross her legs? Java—Yes, but hasn't she got a perfect right? "Sure, and a peach of a left."

ENGINEER UNIONS HARD HIT, SAYS M. P.

London, Aug. 31.—"The engineering unions are practically penniless and losing members every week. There are 2,000,000 in the engineering trade in this country without prospects of bettering their condition, with no hope, with nothing but despair in their hearts."

These words prefaced a speech here by John Muir, M. P., Socialist, who ascribed the martyrdom of the engineers to the fact that in the engineering industry, capital was increased three-fold during the war and the ensuing boom and, therefore, triple profits must be made in order to pay the pre-war rate of interest on capital.

TORIES WILL NOT OPOSE MACDONALD
New Glasgow, N. S., Aug. 31.—At a recent meeting of the executive of the Conservative party in Pictou county it was decided not to oppose E. M. MacDonald in the coming by-elections necessitated by his appointment as Minister of National Defence. Whether Labor will offer him opposition at this election has not yet been definitely determined.



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