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HALIFAX AND ST. JOHN

The citizens of Halifax are displaying a commendable energy in the effort to increase the trade of the port. They take care, when high officials of a transportation company visit the city, that these gentlemen are given all possible information and made to feel that there are mutual interests worth considering in a friendly way.

There have been times when St. John revealed a similar eagerness to make the most of its opportunities for expansion, and when there was no hint of politics in relation to matters affecting the development of terminal facilities and the enlargement of winter-port business.

It is still worth while for St. John merchants to assume this attitude, and to impress their views upon the city council. It should not be taken for granted that St. John's position is unassailable, and that this or that railway company must of necessity bring all of its business here. It required years of toil and effort to gain recognition as a winter port, and some of the harvest is now being reaped.

MONOPOLY IN MONTREAL

The proposed amalgamation of the Montreal Street Railway Company with the Montreal Heat, Light and Power Company if carried out, will create a monopoly in the grip of which the city will be practically helpless. With the rumor of amalgamation there was a scramble to secure stock, which advanced at a remarkable rate, not because there is any increase of business to warrant it, but because if the deal went through there would be the usual watering of stock, with large profits to those on the inside.

The Montreal Heat, Light and Power Company is in an amalgamation of so far no less than nine companies of the kind. Let us enumerate the list, to show how these things go, and how utterly foolish it is for municipalities to multiply such public service charters in the hope of getting competition: Montreal Gas Co., Royal Electric Co., Imperial Electric Co., Montreal & St. Lawrence Power, Provincial Light, Heat & Power, Machine Rapids Hydraulic, Standard Light and Power, Citizen's Light and Power, Temple Electric Co.

"One after another, these companies were started to 'compete.' One after another, they went into deals with each other, and one after another were swallowed up in one concern or another, until at last but ever-growing combination—with a monopoly of Montreal, and so powerful that new attempts to crowd into the big company. Each of these companies was based upon more or less watered stock to begin with. In each successive amalgamation by which, eventually, all came together in the Montreal Heat, Light and Power Co., more water was invariably introduced. It came to be calculated, as stated in some proceedings in Montreal, that the present alleged 'paid up' capital of \$17,000,000 of the Montreal Heat, Light and Power Co. represents about \$4,500,000 of actual cash investment. Thus, the consuming public is asked to pay dividends—compelled by the monopoly to pay dividends—upon \$12,500,000 not a cent of which was ever used to furnish means of service. Now that stock, which has been paying 7 per cent per year, is quoted in the market at 139, owing in part to the expectation that there will be another amalgamation and more water. At 139, Montreal Heat, Light and Power Co.'s capital stock of \$17,000,000 represents a value of \$23,830,000 as the figure upon which the public is expected to pay dividends, in return for an actual cash subscription of \$4,500,000 of private capital to give public service.

"Any such contrast between the genuine capital placed in a public service and the return which the community finds itself bound to pay seems almost incredible in a supposedly business community. But why? It is the result of first-class concentrated business brains seeking a public franchise for big private profit, and keen as steel about it, taking advantage of the

diffused and short-sighted incapacity of a haphazard, peripatetic, aldermanic body, no member of which individually has any of his own money at stake. The franchise-hunter must win of course."

There is a vigorous protest in Montreal against the proposed amalgamation, but that will not disturb either company if the deal is considered desirable. For such conditions as exist in Montreal the Ottawa Journal declares the remedy is municipal ownership, and it bitterly adds:—

"The blame rests most upon aldermen or other ephemeral public representatives who tie communities down to bad bargains for prolonged periods. When this is done to corruption, it is due to incompetency, and the responsibility comes back upon the public who elect incompetent men. Ratepayers often cheerfully entrust with the care of public comfort men to whom they would not entrust a cent of their own money for care."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley announces his intention to appeal in the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company case.

President Hays, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is expected to visit St. John next week to inspect the site of the company's terminals.

A prominent Cuban merchant expresses the belief that New Brunswick would do more business if she had a trade agent on the island.

The rumor is revived in Halifax that the C. P. R. will operate a car ferry across the Bay of Fundy to carry freight to that city. This is a rather remote prospect.

Toronto has two medical inspectors for the city schools. This, says the News, harmonizes with a world-wide movement for the preservation and safeguarding of school children's health. It has come to be recognized that the progress of the pupils in their studies depends very much upon their physical condition, and upon the state of the homes in which they dwell.

New Zealand, says the Montreal Witness, has solved the problem of finding remunerative work for its prisoners in various ways, but in none more pleasing than in her afforestation work. An extensive scheme of afforestation is now in progress in New Zealand, to provide against the depletions caused by the growth of the saw-milling industry, and for a portion of this work state prisoners are employed. The planting is supervised by experts, camps controlled by goal officials and formed near the sites of the various nurseries and plantations, and in Rotorua alone more than twenty-four million trees have been planted by prison labor.

Those who attended the meeting addressed by Prof. Mitchell-Carroll at the Natural History Society rooms, last evening, under the auspices of the St. John branch of the Archaeological Institute of America, were well repaid. The gifted speaker took his readers back to the fountain head of art, in ancient Greece, and told in a most interesting way the story of what has been done and is being done to open up and reveal to modern eyes the riches of art that have been buried for ages. The story was made more interesting by remarkably good pictures thrown upon the screen. What Prof. Carroll had to say of ancient works in New Mexico was also of great interest. His whole address must have served to arouse in every one of his hearers a desire to know more upon the general subject of archaeology.

IN A NICE COOL SEWER.

It was a hot evening following a regular old scorcher of a day and Casey and the family were sitting out on the front porch trying to keep cool. "Sure, 'twas an awful day in the kitchen," said Mrs. Casey. "I have 'em smile when I hear ye complain' about the heat, for as a matter of fact ye don't know what heat is," said Casey. "Oh, don't I know," said Mrs. Casey. "Sure, I'd change places with you any day, for while I'm workin' over a hot cook stove all day I'm thinkin' 'iv the fine picnic ye're havin' workin' down there in that nice cool sewer."—National Monthly.

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So by hatred feathered well Swift the flashing arrow fell; And I saw it from above Disappear, Leaving sheer Through the only heart I love. Such the guard my angels keep! But my foe is guarded well; I have slain my love and wed Tears of blood, while he, asleep, Does not know an arrow fell.—James Stephens, London Spectator.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

LONELY. The little boats must hug the shore, But larger boats may venture more. The airship, though, upon the wing, It cannot hug a single thing.—Detroit Free Press.

A STOP ORDER. Maud—Tom, I'm talkin' in a phonograph so that he can hear my voice while I'm away. Clara—How lovely! And he can stop the machine.—Puck.

OH, NO. Dubbe—Was it a serious accident Swiftleigh—Not at all. Only two pedestrians killed, and the motor car wasn't even scratched. I'm glad, too, for I had just had it revarnished.—Tit Bits.

DEFINED. "What is a largesse, papa?" "A \$, my boy."—Harvard Lampoon.

A CURE. "Yes, sir, I was totally cured of a serious case of dyspepsia during my vacation." "Fine! Exercising daily and sleeping in the open air was what did it, I suppose?" "No, I couldn't eat any of the stuff they put on the table at the place where I spent my two weeks, and the rest was what my stomach seemed to need."—Chicago Record-Herald.

ONE BETTER. "When I met a young girl," titters the first old lady, "one of my beaus hugged me so hard he broke one of my ribs." "Humph! Reminds the second old lady, adjusting her glasses and smoothing back her hair in conscious pride, "When I was a young girl one of my beaus hugged me so hard he broke one of my arms."—Life.

THE COPY BOY ON WORK. (Clark McAdams in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.) think of working a day like this when the air is so soft as a baby's kiss! And the cloudless heavens smile and smirk about the man who invented work.

the Fall is come and the day is fair is there a bust of him anywhere Grind it up and give it away to the Sugar Trust.

The autumn wind sings out of space has a monumental any place Goth and vandals rally around and make it a hollow in the ground.

the mellow season is at hand is he esteemed in any land send them again this bitter cup the next two months and show him up

The piping quail intones its lay what he was he up anyway and is there any of his kin remaining if so run them in

the first dead leaves being tall fall Was he a general on an Englishman or Turk curse the man who invented work.

PREMIER BOTHA AND COALITION (Ottawa Journal)

A coalition government for the Union of South Africa would probably have been the best inauguration of the new order of affairs in the south of that continent, tending to wipe out the divisions which have been the success of the party headed by General Botha is the best thing. Any combination which could have been successful against him would have given to a large proportion of the Boer population the idea that the rest of the people aimed to take an undue advantage of them. Botha having been the most moderate and fair of the Boer leaders and deserving most of the consideration of the new Union. This feeling might have rankled in South African minds to a far greater extent than it does at present. So far as can be judged at this distance, a coalition was rendered impracticable by the opposition principally of two men, Mr. Merriman, the leader of the Cape Boers, and Mr. Hertzog, leader of the majority of the Orange Free State. In Mr. Merriman's case, the opposition was apparently due to personal ambition. He had some hope to be himself the first prime minister of the Union. A coalition between General Botha and Dr. Jameson would not only be fatal to that hope, but would relegate Merriman to a lower than even second place. Nevertheless, Hertzog had some hope to be himself the first prime minister of the Union. A coalition between General Botha and Dr. Jameson would not only be fatal to that hope, but would relegate Merriman to a lower than even second place. Nevertheless, Hertzog had some hope to be himself the first prime minister of the Union. A coalition between General Botha and Dr. Jameson would not only be fatal to that hope, but would relegate Merriman to a lower than even second place. Nevertheless, Hertzog had some hope to be himself the first prime minister of the Union.

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OBITUARY Joseph W. Wood The death of Joseph W. Wood, one of the oldest citizens of this city, occurred at Gagetown yesterday afternoon. The deceased who had been spending the summer at the residence of his son-in-law, James A. McGaw, had been ill but a short time. He was in the 85th year of this age. He leaves four daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. James A. McGaw, Gagetown; Mrs. J. F. Cheyne, Westfield; Miss Hannah M. Wood, Pittsburgh (Pa.); Mrs. Olivia W. Anderson, of this city. William J. Wood, of Oakland, is the son.

William Duncan Moncton, Sept. 22—(Special)—William Duncan, an I. C. R. pensioner, who has been ailing and unable to work for fifteen years, passed away quite unexpectedly at his home here this morning, aged 59 years. Deceased was a native of St. John but came to Moncton twenty-three years ago and worked for a number of years on the I. C. R. A widow and one daughter, Eva, survive. One brother, Thomas Duncan, resides in St. John and six sisters—Mrs. John Peters, Mrs. Thos. Dean, Mrs. John McKay, Mrs. Ida Brown, Mrs. Louise F. Tutts, St. John, and Mrs. John McKenzie, Sydney—also survive. The funeral takes place Sunday under the O. O. F. auspices.

Mrs. Katherine Powell The death of Mrs. Katherine Powell occurred at her home Harcourt, N. B., yesterday. She was 88 years old and is survived by three sons, Robert of Butte, Montana, Charles of Boston, and Harry from Quebec, and four daughters, Mrs. Maudie of Mandeville, Mrs. Bate of Vancouver,

Dennis J. LeBlanc The death occurred at Moncton, yesterday of Denis J. LeBlanc, a former well-known I. C. R. man. Deceased was 63 years of age. He is survived by his wife, seven sons and four daughters.

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