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ST. JOHN'S GROWTH.

The customs returns continue to show that St. John's trade is steadily growing. While it cannot be claimed that St. John has yet taken its true position as a manufacturing centre, the steady increase in the trade of St. John is a matter of congratulation. The customs returns of course, show only the foreign trade, but the continual additions to the railroad terminals are proof also that the domestic trade of the city is on the increase and that St. John is gradually taking its true position as the principal distributing centre of the Maritime Provinces. While there is evidence in one or two lines of commerce that the policy of some of the leading houses is to have several distributing points, where stocks are carried, the general tendency in other branches is towards centralization. Expense is saved by this policy and as the distances to points in the Maritime Provinces are not great there is no serious handicap in doing business from one centre instead of from numerous branches.

There is no point in the Maritime Provinces so central as St. John. First, it is the centre of population and has a better system of transportation lines than any other place. In referring to transportation lines it is not contended that the system is perfect and could not be improved. On the contrary it is still far from perfect, but it is the best that any maritime city possesses and in time will be further improved. The construction of the Valley Railway is going to do more to improve trade conditions in St. John than is generally expected. The country opened up is one of the very best agricultural districts in New Brunswick and bids fair in the near future to become one vast orchard where thousands of barrels of apples will be grown annually. Fruit culture on a large scale gives plentiful employment and the district extending from St. John to Grand Falls, now but sparsely settled, is certain to become the most populous agricultural district in the Province.

Gagetown will increase in population and there is no reason why the little village of Hampstead, at the foot of Long Island, should not become a town of equal importance with Sussex. The country behind Sussex is no better than that behind Hampstead. Dairy farming, in proper hands, is always a paying industry, and given the necessary transportation facilities, there is no reason why Sussex should have a monopoly of the milk trade of St. John. Already the farmers along the Nerepis, from Welsford to Armstrong's Corner, have secured a part of this trade which has not been with benefit to that district. But there is a larger and more important district. Since the Canadian Pacific have undertaken the operation of the Central Railway from Norton to Fredericton, and will begin operation a month hence, a very large development of the Queens County coal areas is looked forward to. In the same district as the coal fields there are wide deposits of clay suitable for the manufacture of paving and fire brick, vitrified sewer pipe and similar products. Industries to work up the raw material are already planned and it would not be surprising to see a city of considerable size spring up on the shores of Grand Lake. Chipman has grown in importance in recent years and may become an important centre, as it is the junction point of the National Transcontinental and Central railways. There is nothing longer to hamper the growth of the trade of St. John and the splendid feeling of optimism so manifest in all classes of this community are a sure sign that the progress of the city will be rapid.

Between Fredericton and Woodstock there lies a country of vast possibilities. It has not yet been developed of its lumber and its agricultural resources have already been proved. There are numerous splendid water powers in that section and numerous industries already exist, the importance of which will be greatly increased by the transportation facilities that the Valley Railway will provide. The country between Woodstock and Grand Falls is the very finest agricultural section of New Brunswick. There is scarcely an acre that is not now under cultivation of some sort along the whole line of the new railway until within a few miles of Grand Falls. The trade of this section belongs to St. John and St. John will get it.

Reference has been made to the fact that manufacturing has given the go-by in St. John. This is true of the past only. Every leading industry is now being enlarged—some of them on an unprecedented scale. The growth of the McAvity concern and the fact that an area of several acres is necessary for the buildings to be erected comes as a revelation to the people of St. John. The industry is one of the most important in the city and one of which every citizen is naturally proud. The enlargement of the Simms brush business and the establishment of another factory producing similar wares are good signs. Of the new industries, the automobile factory will be in full operation in a few weeks from now, and the opening of spring will witness the beginning of actual construction on the new sugar refinery. All these things are pleasant to think about. They make a new era for St. John.

Mention has been made of but a few of the things that are actually settled. There seems but little doubt that a great steel works will be established at St. John and along with it a shipbuilding plant. Such industries would give employment to thousands and would practically double the population of St. John, as kindred industries would surely follow. No city in Canada has a brighter future than St. John, and there is every reason to believe that all the people realize this and are determined that no mistakes shall be made that will interfere with the future rapid development of St. John.

THE WORKMEN'S LICENSE.

There is a general scarcity of labor in St. John at the present time. This applies to all the mechanical trades and to factory help also. It is particularly noticeable in the mechanical trade, where it has been found necessary to bring in men from outside to do the work on the new construction work now under way. In the building trades there is much more work on hand than usual and the outlook is that the demand for labor in these trades will be much larger next spring than it is now. The extensive harbor works in progress naturally give large employment and as there are practically no vacant houses in St. John at the present time, dwellings will have to be provided for the new people who are coming here. The housing problem is not an easy one now. It will be more difficult next spring when the demand for houses at

moderate rents will be made greater than the supply. Some provision must be made and the only way is to encourage men who know how to wield the saw and the trowel to come here and live; there will be plenty of work for them.

At the present time St. John exacts a license fee of \$7.50 on every person who comes to the city to work and whose name does not appear on the assessment list. For several years after its enactment this section of the assessment law was a dead letter. Then when the winter port business began to assume importance, an effort was made to compel those who resided outside the city limits, in the County of St. John, to pay the license. The matter resulted in a strenuous fight in the Legislature and as a result the residents of St. John County were made immune from the law.

The reason given for such a law was that the average tax of a resident workman in St. John was \$7.50 and therefore anyone coming in from outside to compete should not have any advantage over the native whose name appeared on the assessment roll. This was quite logical at the time, but things have changed. The rates have been reduced so that the workman who formerly paid \$7.50 now pays but \$5, so that the newcomer is handicapped to the extent of \$2.50 and is sometimes benefited by the franchise system. In 1910 the city received from business licenses \$1,827.50 and in 1911 \$1,745.00 less what was paid in commissions for their collection.

The responsibility for a condition of affairs which ought never to have existed lies at the door of those who demand the taxation of small incomes. Had no tax of this kind been levied it would not have been possible to get the Legislature to grant authority for the license. The time has now come to repeal both the small income tax and the license. We want workmen and laborers in St. John and do not want their first acquaintance to be with a policeman demanding the sum of \$7.50 before the newcomer has earned a single dollar. Such methods of gaining revenue belong to a period several generations back. The civic commission have done many wise things. They could do nothing wiser to forget there is such a law on the statutes until they have an opportunity to repeal it some time next February. When they are considering this question, if they have not time to prepare a new assessment law they should reduce the poll tax to a nominal figure. If it was cut down to \$2 and its collection ensured the Chamberlain will tell them that the city finances will not suffer seriously.

THE EASTERN WAR.

The announcement that an armistice of fifteen days has been agreed upon between the Turks and the allies, during which terms of peace will be discussed, is the gratifying news the cable brings. The war has not been a lengthy one, but when the whole story is told it will be discovered to have been a very sanguinary struggle, in which thousands of lives have been sacrificed and the treasures of all the nations involved depleted of their gold. The losses in battle alone have been great, but because of the lack of proper hospital and sanitary arrangements the deaths from disease have been greater than any war of the same duration in history.

The latest news from the front regarding the slaughter of non-combatants by the irregulars of both armies has startled the world. Whole villages have been desolated and thousands of innocent men, women and children have been put to the sword. It is a gruesome record for the twentieth century—an exhibition of savagery at which the world stands aghast. The whole fighting forces of the allies were necessary in the field and the invaded country was entirely at the mercy of ravaging hordes whose lust for human blood was so great that neither age nor sex was respected. If the stories of rape and murder told by those who pretend to know, are but half true, neither Moslem nor Christian in that land of blood can be held blameless. The Turk has in the past been guilty of many atrocities and these seem to have been avenged with a savagery of the worst description. Let it be hoped, at least, that the stories now being sent from the seat of war are greatly exaggerated.

What the outcome of the conference between the belligerents will be cannot be foretold. There is much to settle between those actually involved, but it must be remembered that the peace of Europe is not yet assured, although the signs that a satisfactory arrangement can be reached are much better than a few weeks ago.

Current Comment

All Eyes on Wilson.

(Montreal Star.)

All eyes will now turn toward the Princeton President. He is an academic radical. This will not make him any more pliable or yielding; for he is likely to be very sure of his conclusions. It is quite within the possibilities that the "stand patters" who have preferred Wilson to Teddy, may come in the way of the worst deal taken the Rough Rider rather than the Ready Reckoner. On the other hand, he showed through the campaign that he was a fairly good judge of political weather, and he may have a "weather eye" out for squalls. In any case, we will see what we will see.

The Man to Watch.

(Ottawa Journal.)

"The proportion in Britain and Germany with nothing to gain by a war is overwhelming and the proportion finding this out is growing rapidly." So discovers the Toronto Globe. Who in thunder in Britain thinks there is anything to gain by a war? Germany has nothing that Britain needs or wants. It is the proportion of war-pioneers in Germany who need attention. Germany attacked Denmark without notice. Germany attacked Austria without notice. Germany attacked France without notice. Britain has not attacked anybody for half a century.

Customs Hospitality.

(New York Times.)

The Ellis Island authorities made themselves more than a little ridiculous when they tried to deport two Turkish women because they were supposed to harbor illicit thoughts. Both women have been living in America for eight years and one of them is married to a New York merchant. On their return from a recent visit to Damascus they were asked if they believed in polygamy, and being Turks they replied that they did. The women had not practiced polygamy and had no intention to do so, but none the less they were ordered to be deported and their case is now upon appeal.

Better Boys.

(Victoria Colonist.)

A London schoolmaster says the schoolboy of today is a very great improvement upon his predecessor of the last generation, and that he is convinced that there is growing up in England a type of man which for courage, honor and general intelligence never had a superior anywhere.

One is a Real City.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

According to pessimistic statistics Montreal is the wickedest city in Canada, having sent 293 to swell the population of that seat of correction. Hamilton, with 35 is none too good, just "bechuck and betwene," so that our horns of righteousness may not be unduly exalted.

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NEWS IN SHORT METRE

LOCAL.

Evangelical Alliance.

The St. John Branch of the Evangelical Alliance met yesterday morning in monthly session in the St. Andrew's church rooms. Rev. David Hutchison, the president, was in the chair, with Rev. Chas. H. Appel as secretary. Reports from the committee on the Week of Prayer services and the commission appointed to look into the moral and social conditions of the city, were submitted. Rev. G. A. Ross spoke on "The Redemptive Functions of the Church." It was decided to ask the Baptist ministers' meeting to nominate a chaplain for the Boys' Industrial Home.

Left Large Estate.

The last will and testament and codicils thereto of the late Henry A. Calhoun, of Rochesay, has been proved. The estate is sworn to by Mrs. Calhoun, and \$5,000 realty. The sum of \$25,000 was left to Mrs. Calhoun. John A. Calhoun, of Philadelphia and E. G. Kaye of this city are appointed executors. J. Roy Campbell, executor.

Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Song Lee, a Chinese arrested by Detective Lucas for loitering on Pond street, was remanded. Some of his fellow countrymen explained that Song is accustomed to escort a young lady who works in a restaurant to her home. Three drunks were remanded and an \$8 fine struck against another, Daniel Donahue, who escaped from the Municipal Home, will be sent back.

A City Appointment.

Chas. A. Emery, deputy registrar of deeds and wills, has been appointed to the clerkship in the office of the board of assessors, made vacant by the resignation of Hugh H. McEldan who is leaving for Fort William. The appointment was made yesterday by the chairman of the board of assessors in whom the power of appointment is vested. The assessment act. The appointment will be approved by everyone who knows Mr. Emery.

C. P. R. Staff Complete.

The C. P. R. staff for the winter season is now almost entirely complete. Louis Sarasin will again be in charge of the position of Inspector of Inland Revenue, and William Brown, recently selected for the position of Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue, received their notice of appointments yesterday. It is specified they are not to go on duty until May 1, but it is thought there may be a mistake in the date.

Receipts from High Tea.

In St. John the Baptist church on Sunday Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G., administrator of the diocese of St. John, announced that the amount raised at the high tea held recently was \$1,269. He said that it would go towards the fund which is to be used to build a hall for the young men of the parish.

PROVINCIAL.

Cold Weather at Chatham.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 2.—The thermometer dropped to two above zero last night, and the river froze over, but this morning the ferryboat and the steamer to Newcastle are both running and the ice is not expected to hold. An ore steamer passed up river yesterday and will take out its load of ore today. This will further break up the ice.

GENERAL.

Roosevelt's Wedding Anniversary.

New York, Dec. 2.—Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt quietly celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of their wedding by a family gathering at their home in Oyster Bay.

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