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MUST BEGIN OVER AGAIN

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is perhaps the most informed man in Canada in regard to the port of St. John. There are doubtless many men who know little or nothing about it, but Mr. Lemieux has accumulated a mass of misinformation which for a man of his standing in public life is altogether unpardonable. Yesterday for the second time during this session of parliament he made an unwarranted attack on this port. It is to be regretted that Mr. Lemieux did not come down with the parliamentary party last winter. The government would do well even now to place a special train at his disposal and have him come down to secure on the spot the information he does not appear to be able to absorb at Ottawa. A good deal of time is wasted at Ottawa, and if Mr. Lemieux's knowledge of St. John were a fair sample of what members know about a subject when they rise to talk about it, the sooner the house were dissolved the better for it and the country.

But Hon. Mr. Ballantyne also made some extraordinary statements. We quote from a report of his speech:

"It is true that a year ago authority was given by parliament for the taking over, under conditions clearly specified in the legislation introduced for that purpose, of the port of St. John and placing it under a commission. But effect could be given to that legislation only after the city of St. John holds a referendum in which the majority of the people declare themselves in favor of nationalizing the port and placing it under a commission. Such a referendum has not yet been held, therefore the port has not been nationalized."

To place upon a port the burden which the harbor commission act would place upon St. John would be to place upon it, but make it too expensive a port in which to do business that the trade would go elsewhere. Hon. Mr. Ballantyne is playing with the word nationalization, and giving it a meaning entirely foreign to the which it should convey. If the revenues of the port must meet all interest and sinking fund charges as well as the cost of management under a commission it is not nationalization; and that is exactly what the harbor commission act provides. If it is intended to mean something else, let Mr. Ballantyne have it amended to state what it does mean.

St. John is in a very unfortunate position. It is represented in parliament, but the wrong impression conveyed by Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Ballantyne goes unchallenged. Neither the city nor the province has a member in the government. It is quite clear that a delegation should go to Ottawa and demand a hearing. The pussyfoot method will not do. The interests of St. John are the interests of the trade of Canada. The citizens are asking no favors. They have a right to ask the nation to equip this port for the nation's business. The City Council, Board of Trade and Commercial Club should act promptly. And as a beginning the city council should throw out the ill-considered harbor commission scheme. Then Mr. Ballantyne would no longer be able to say the government was waiting for action here.

THE AMERICAN VISITORS.

What delightful weather and the hearty good-will of the citizens could do to make the visit of the American journalists to St. John a pleasant experience has been done. They have seen the city and the river under the most favorable conditions, and last evening they enjoyed the hospitality of the city. The most outstanding impression one gained from mingling with the visitors was that they like Canada and are strong advocates of the most friendly relations between their country and the British Empire. When a St. John man remarked that there was a feeling in Canada that the Hearst publications should be banned here, a member of the party emphatically declared that those papers did not express the views of the American people. Several members expressed their great surprise at the varied resources, the lovely scenery and the general attractiveness of these provinces. "We study our geographies," said one, "but it requires a visit such as this to give us a clear knowledge of what you have in this part of Canada." One member said he was impressed by the respect for law and order which appeared to prevail wherever they went in Canada. Another said he had experienced a feeling in St. John that he felt as if he were among his own people. This was not said lightly, as a compliment, but as the expression of a genuine feeling, from a gentleman who comes from the middle west.

At the dinner last evening the brief speeches were all keyed on friendship and good-neighborhood; and these people, representing all parts of the United States, will every one of them be a stronger advocate of close friendship between the two countries because they are seen and understood what this country is and what it stands for in the unity of nations. Our own people, so having met or learned something of the real sentiment of our neighbors to the south, will give less heed to any

who would foster prejudice or incite ill feeling. There is much more in such a visit than appears on the surface.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

All arrangements having been made for its nine days' convention, the National Council of Women is now in session. Its deliberations will cover a large field in relation to human welfare, and the various subjects will be debated by women of keen intellect, broad sympathy and a compelling desire to serve the best interests of the womanhood and childhood of Canada. It will be a great pleasure as well as a source of inspiration to the women of the local societies affiliated with the National Council to share in this important convention, which opens under most favorable auspices. The local council is a very active body, and its members are imbued with the same national spirit and the same strong desire to promote the general welfare that marks the womanhood of the other provinces. Such a convention, of a truly national character, is an event of universal interest, and St. John extends a most cordial welcome. Many of the visitors are of national reputation, and are active in many fields of worthy effort for the public good. Their views and their counsel have behind them the force of experience and of much good work accomplished. The new status of women in Canada and the world lends an added significance to such a convention.

An Ohio journalist with the visiting press party is an enthusiastic admirer of Senator Harding, the Republican candidate for the presidency. He says Mr. Harding is of the "safe and sane" sort. He is in favor of the peace treaty with some reservations, and emphatically opposed to the United States meddling with the internal affairs of the British Empire. In the view of this personal friend and supporter Mr. Harding would make an excellent president.

Asked what he thought of the attack of Mr. Gompers on the Republican platform, a western member of the American press party, evidently a Republican, remarked that it had long been recognized that Mr. Gompers was a Democrat first and a labor leader second. The speaker did not anticipate much labor support for the Republicans in any case.

LOCAL NEWS

Delegates to the first convention of the Catholic Women's League in Montreal left St. John this morning. Mr. John Owens will be the delegate from the St. John Girls' Guild, Miss Sarah Lynch, the delegate from St. Elizabeth's Society, and Mrs. W. E. Scully, the delegate from St. Monica's Society.

At a meeting of the Loyalist Chapter of the I. O. O. F. at the home of Mrs. Fred Foster, Leinster street, last evening, Mrs. Heber Vroom, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. MacKeigan, Miss Katherine McAvity and Miss Muriel Sadler were hostesses. Mrs. Vroom gave an account of the annual meeting at Calgary at which she was a delegate.

Jerome A. Morris, manager of the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia in St. John West, has been transferred to Chatham and will be succeeded by R. M. Owens, manager of the branch at Petford. R. A. Sutherland, manager at Chatham, has been appointed assistant manager at Havana, as before stated.

The case against Samuel Lunney and Arnold Arthur, charged with taking a boat owned by John J. Hudson, without permission, on Lindsay street, last evening, before Stipendiary Magistrate A. L. Allingham. Both of the defendants testified and said they did not know that the boat belonged to Hudson. The magistrate adjourned the case for argument by counsel. C. S. Hanington conducted the prosecution, and J. King Kelley, K. C., appeared for the defence.

TOO POOR TO BURY CHILD; BODY LEFT IN SHED.

Montreal, June 15.—Cleaning out a shed at the back of his house in St. Christopher street, Vincenzo Rassa found the body of a five-month-old child. Investigation showed that the remains were those of the child of Mr. and Mrs. G. Corpanello, former occupants of the house. Mr. Corpanello said that he put the body in the shed because he could not afford to have it buried.

ROWELL TO ADDRESS NEW YORK CANADIAN CLUB.

New York, June 15.—(Canadian Press) It was announced today that Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council of Canada, will deliver an address at a special luncheon of the Canadian Club of New York on Dominion Day, also that Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, has accepted an invitation to speak at a dinner to be held by the club next fall.

Awaits Own Corps.

St. Louis, June 15.—Herman H. Phillips, of Berdan, Ill., formerly of Company E, 160th Infantry, is now awaiting the arrival of his own body. It is coming in a government coffin directly from the cemetery in Chateau-Thierry, and Phillips is wondering what he will do with it. He recently made a trip to Washington, but was unable to convince the officials he is not dead.

Band concert at Seaside tonight. Special programme. Cornet solos.



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FAVORS.

When I was sick, with chills and fever, Jones did my chores, day after day; he whacked up kinsling with a cleaver, and fed the cow and hens their hay. I told him he was sure a treasure, a model neighbor, nothing less; he said it always gave him pleasure to help a comrade in distress. Recovered from my ills and sorrows, I changed my mind considerably. Jones, for every day he comes and borrows, a gun, an egg, or seven bones. He borrows till he makes me dizzy, and I am dropping down on my knees; he borrows rugs, he borrows bedding, and my bacon, on kitchen fire. He borrows gas for his tin Linds, and wood to feed his saw which to toast, and if he would attend a wedding, he asks me for my Sun-day suit. "When you were sick," he keeps reminding, "show cheerfully I did your chores!" Your eight-day clock you saw me windings you saw me chase the cat outdoors. And so I feel quite free to borrow your aunt, your buckaw or your cow; I'll bring the blamed things back tomorrow, together with your sulky plow." It's doubtless due to moral blindness, but I detest the pilgrim blam who is resolved to do me kindness, who's bound to lend a helping hand.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

THE TRIP TO OHIO.

On June 15, 1920, Le Galliere sent into the Ohio valley an expedition under the famous Celeron de Bienville with the idea of impressing upon the minds of the Indians of that land the great terror that would come to them if they gave any assistance to the English in the war against the French. The party left Lachine, ten miles above Montreal, with twenty-three canoes with officers, soldiers and Canadians and some Indians, in all about 200 people in the outfit. They went via Fort Frontenac, Niagara, Lake Erie and Lake Champlain and it was the 29th of the next month before they entered what is known now as the Allegheny river. There Celeron did what all other explorers did; he took possession of everything in the name of the King of France. All along the way they saw Indian villages and twice they met English traders. They ordered them out of the land but they stayed and continued their trading with the redskins. The party proceeded down the Ohio river where they found hundreds of villages and plenty of English traders very active. They saw so many Indians presents and warned them that a huge army would come and punish them if they gave any assistance to the English but he got little satisfaction in return from the braves. He attended the Miami river but he got little satisfaction as reaching any satisfactory arrangements with the aborigines was just the same. The accused was advised to completely discourage the adventurer and turning his canoes back towards Montreal, arrived in the following November. His trip, as a whole, had been a failure. He had taken possession of land that the French could in no way hold if they tried and he had been unable to make any terms with the Indians. His warnings had been smiled at and he knew that they were really in the service of the British.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Where Cleverness Was Required. Mrs. De Bohm—I think Professor Brayne is perfectly charming! He knows so much, and yet in conversation he doesn't make one feel like a fool. Miss Sniggey—Yes, isn't he clever? Life.

The Law of Supply and Demand. The Customer—When will you be able to supply those goods I ordered, grocer? The Grocer—We expect to have a plentiful supply, ma'am, when the Prices Commission has given its consent to raise the prices.—The Sydney Bulletin.

Father Was Safe.

"Two men got into a fight in front of the bank today," said a man at the family tea-table, "and I tell you it looked pretty bad for one of them. The other was a young fellow, whose respect for his father's bravery is immeasurable, proudly remarked: 'He couldn't knock any brains out of you, could he, father?'—Boston Post.

MAGISTRATE PUTS A BAN ON LEMON EXTRACT.

In the police court yesterday afternoon a case against Mrs. Ellen Travis, charged with selling liquor within the meaning of the prohibition act, was resumed. The accused was charged with selling lemon extract. Mr. Barry, said that after reading a former judgment in a case his client was guilty of the offence and said that if the sale of lemon extract was to be stopped he thought that the wholesalers should be taken to task as well as the retailers. He also said, if this was the case, there are several patent medicines he thought would be barred.

His Honor said that at first he was disposed to exact the maximum fine of \$400, but as the accused was a woman he would not insist on the whole amount. He wished it understood that anyone dealing in lemon extract would be liable and he cautioned that if anyone were found with a bottle of lemon extract on him, he would be liable to a fine of \$200. "It is worse than gin, rum, whiskey, or any other liquor," said the magistrate. "If old Blakely Coughlin, who was kidnapped two weeks ago, to help her find the baby. When she concluded writing the appeal, the mother collapsed. 'I appeal to every mother and child in the United States to help us find my baby,' Mrs. Coughlin said. 'Surely someone will see and know my boy. If there is a strange baby in your neighborhood, please, oh, please, find out who he is and where he came from, for he is my child.' Mrs. Coughlin appended a description of the stolen baby.

THE JONES BILL AND BRITISH SHIPPING.

London, June 15.—Premier Lloyd George has informed the house that the government has sent representations to the ambassador at Washington concerning the effect of the Jones bill on the British mercantile marine. The government, said the premier, is inquiring into the question of the export of wheat from Argentina. He expressed the belief that alignments could not be resumed.

BORDEN ON OUR RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

New York, June 15.—(Canadian Press) The second issue of the Maple Leaf, official organ of the Canadian Club of London, was issued today. It contains messages of greeting from prominent Canadians. Sir Robert Borden says: "In ideal institutions, traditions, language and literature—in every varied form of national activity—in the common purpose of progressive democracy and by splendid comradeship in the supreme struggle for liberty and justice, the two countries are inseparably associated with each other. Everything that tends to clearer comprehension, to the removal of any lingering distrust and misunderstanding, to closer co-operation and progress along the paths upon which our best beliefs would guide us, cannot fail to benefit the people of each country and to assist in safeguarding the world's peace."

NO STRIKE OF TORONTO POSTMEN

Decision Is to Draw Up New Schedule of Wages for Presentation to Dominion Government.

(Canadian Press) Toronto, June 15.—There will be no strike of letter carriers or postal clerks in this city. The threatened strike faded away last night at a meeting of civil servants representing the various branches of the post office here. It was a round table conference on a proposed federation of local civil servants, but it had been announced that the question of the letter carriers going on strike would be decided there. Instead of striking, the letter carriers will draw up a schedule of wages, which they will present to the dominion government in the hope of receiving better pay than obtained at present.

SHOES CHEAPER IN MONTREAL

Slump of About Ten Per Cent, But Manufacturers Do Not Regard It as Permanent.

Montreal, June 15.—A slump of approximately ten per cent in shoes has been registered by manufacturers to be a permanent change for the better. The tax on shoes is given as a reason for the slump. Cheap hides, due to accumulation here on account of transportation troubles are also a contributory factor.

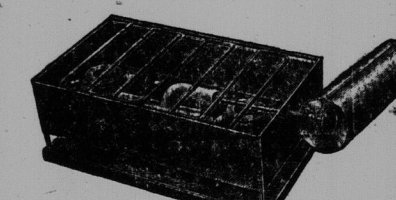
OTTAWA G. W. V. A. TAKE NO ACTION IN DEMAND FOR A GENERAL ELECTION

Ottawa, June 15.—Ottawa's G. W. V. A., by a vote of 14 to 8, decided last night to take no action on a manifesto issued by President Maxwell of the dominion command calling upon the local branches to join with their fellow citizens in demanding that parliament go to the country. A lively discussion preceded the vote in which the majority was strongly opposed to political action by the association.

APPEALS TO WOMEN TO HELP HER FIND HER KIDNAPPED BABY

Norristown, Pa., June 15.—Mothers and children throughout the United States are appealed to by Mrs. George H. Coughlin, mother of thirteen months' old Blakely Coughlin, who was kidnapped two weeks ago, to help her find the baby. When she concluded writing the appeal, the mother collapsed. "I appeal to every mother and child in the United States to help us find my baby," Mrs. Coughlin said. "Surely someone will see and know my boy. If there is a strange baby in your neighborhood, please, oh, please, find out who he is and where he came from, for he is my child." Mrs. Coughlin appended a description of the stolen baby.

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CALLS THE MINISTRY PROFESSION OF POVERTY

Calgary Divines Sustain Salary Protests Made to General Assembly.

Calgary, Alta., June 15.—A protest lodged by Rev. W. J. Kydd of Alberta at the session of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Ottawa regarding the minimum salary for ministers, found ready sympathy from prominent Presbyterian ministers here when interviewed. It was the consensus that the suggested minimum of \$1,800 a year was even then inadequate if efficient service was to be given, while the present minimum of \$1,200 was entirely insufficient. "I cannot conscientiously invite a young man to enter the ministry," declared Rev. A. McTaggart of St. Andrew's, because of the low salary and the prospects offered him. It is but a profession of poverty," he said. Another minister declared that a "very grave wrong was being perpetrated upon the ministry by the church."

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