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ASSAILING MR. VENIOT

In the face of the tribute paid to Hon. Mr. Veniot by the New Brunswick Automobile Association, the emphatic approval and endorsement of his work by the Dominion Highway Commission, and the testimony of the roads themselves, the Standard attempts to belittle what he has done and to break the force of the evidence that this province has at last a real minister of roads with a real policy of improvement. The Standard realizes that when the next appeal is made to the people the contrast between Mr. Veniot's record in road construction and that of any minister under the old government will be one of the most powerful arguments against the return to power of a government led by Hon. James A. Murray. Hence it distorts and denies and misrepresents, in the hope that some reader will be persuaded that Mr. Veniot wastes money instead of improving the roads. The partisanship which withholds all credit from a government for what it has done is not the sort of partisanship that will benefit the people. Mr. Veniot frankly admits that he sometimes makes mistakes, but his record is one of intelligent and zealous labor along approved lines for the betterment of the roads. Perfection is not attainable, but his record as an administrator calls for neither apology nor expense, and that is really what worries the Standard.

MORE ABOUT THE ROADS

"There are no ifs or buts about it—give them the roads and the tourists will come." These are the words of Mr. A. G. Batchelder, executive chairman of the American Automobile Association, Washington, spoken at the banquet in honor of Hon. P. J. Veniot on Wednesday evening. He added that the last message given him by three prominent Maine men in Bangor the night before was as follows:

"Tell our friends in New Brunswick to put that road from St. John to St. Stephen in first-class condition and we will meet them with a like road from Bangor to the border."

Mr. Batchelder said that the American Association was constantly receiving enquiries as to whether tourists could go from Maine through New Brunswick to Quebec, and the number so coming would depend upon the state of the roads. If assurance could be given that the trunk roads in this province were good roads the tourist motor cars would come in thousands, and they left a golden stream in their wake. His remarks were emphasized by Mr. P. J. Veniot's statement that it is estimated these tourists left millions of dollars in Maine last year; and that on a certain Sunday five thousand cars passed a given point on the main highway a few miles east of Portland, the number including two hundred cars from Maine and great numbers from many states of the union. There would be a similar stream of cars from Maine to St. John and on through the province if the roads were in first class condition. Mr. Batchelder pointed out that despite the great efforts to build roads and attract tourists to other parts of the United States the New England states still get the cream of the traffic, and these provinces can get a large portion of it if they can be advertised as having good roads. Indeed Hon. Mr. Veniot was able to show that a considerable number of American cars came into the province last year, and they are but a small vanguard of an army, that will come when we have smooth roads.

Because Mr. Batchelder was the last speaker, the press reports of his exceptionally bright and instructive address, one of the most interesting heard here for many a day, were confined to a too brief summary. His official duties take him all over the United States and into Canada, and he is familiar with every phase of the good roads movement on this continent. When he stated that a billion and a half of dollars will be spent on roads in the United States next year we can appreciate the significance of his remark that the wave of enthusiasm for expenditure on roads, in the states bonding themselves for huge amounts, has reached a velocity that cannot be stopped. To confirm what he said about road construction in Maine and elsewhere we may quote the following from the Augusta correspondent of the Bangor Commercial:

"Four million dollars for the construction of roads will be available in Maine for the year 1920, half of which will come from the state and the other half from the federal government, so it is expected that 150 miles of state highway for which surveys have been in progress for the past two months, will be constructed during next year. These new pieces of road will be so located, that they will largely make connection between sections of state highways already completed. Information recently received at the department from the Bureau of Public Roads at Washington indicates that the expenditure throughout the country this year for hard surfaced highways, exclusive of gravel, sand, clay and similar types, will total approximately \$128,000,000. The largest total amount for like purposes was \$163,000,000 in 1916. Available funds for the year 1920 from state and federal governments now in sight amount to \$638,000,000, which indicates by far the largest

activity ever prevailing in highway construction work in the United States."

Mr. Batchelder gave a very interesting account of the development of road policy in the United States from municipal and state-aided work to the days of federal aid, and the movement now before congress to create a National Highway Commission for the purpose of ensuring great national highways throughout the republic, linking up on the north with those of Canada and on the south with those of Mexico. He dwelt upon the influence of international intercourse over these roads in bringing about a more general understanding between the people of Canada and the United States; and his eloquent assertion that whatever arguments there might be on varied questions, at bottom the American people fully realize that the Anglo-American peoples must stand together, and the latter take their share of responsibility in regard to world affairs, was greeted with hearty applause.

One of the most interesting portions of the speech of the visitor from Washington was his discussion of the changed attitude of the farmers of the United States toward expenditure on roads. The National Grange is now in favor of a National Highway Commission, and of a national system of roads. The old prejudice against owners of automobiles as seekers after their own pleasure has broken down, for the farmers themselves are users of cars and trucks, and realize the value of a progressive good-road policy. He was sure the same change in sentiment would occur in New Brunswick. In his view property should be taxed to aid in the construction of roads, releasing the funds from automobiles for their upkeep. His whole address, based on a wide knowledge of his subject, was very timely and instructive, and the New Brunswick Automobile Association did the province a good service when it invited him to come to St. John and deliver so stimulating an address on a subject of such great importance.

Major D. King Hazen held the sustained interest of the Canadian Club last evening by a very instructive as well as entertaining address on the subject of The Allies Venture Into Northern Russia. His lecture now understood that situation more fully, and doubtless share his view that the Allies did wrong in withdrawing and leaving their Russian friends there open to attack by the murderous Bolsheviks. It is of course possible that the latter will be kept busy elsewhere, but that will not be due to any action by the Allies. They went to Murmansk to prevent its being seized and used by the Germans. They ought now to protect the people who helped them.

It had been hoped St. John would be well represented at the meeting next week of the maritime branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, to be held in Halifax, but apparently the delegation will be small. Amateur sport needs a revival in St. John. The Commercial Club must take a hand. All that is needed is sustained leadership by a group of men who are in earnest and have some leisure time to devote to the promotion of clean sport, linking up the various organizations for real team work.

Those who remember when medical inspection of schools was regarded as a fad must derive a great deal of satisfaction from the reports Dr. Mabel Hargrave submits regarding the work now being accomplished. So many children are helped to be more efficient that the economic value of medical inspection is itself enough to justify the expenditure made.

Twelve hundred miles of road in this province were patrolled last year. By degrees all the trunk roads will be guarded, and when once put in good condition will be kept smooth by constant attention. That is the only way it can be done, and the patrol system is really a money saver.

Hon. Mr. Veniot will deliver addresses in different parts of the province on the subject of road construction and repair. This is a wise course and will tend to arouse keener interest in the whole question.

St. Stephen is talking about a town manager and a building society as possible developments in that enterprising town. St. Stephen long since put itself on the map by establishing industries whose products went—and still go—to all parts of Canada.

The St. John Council of Women is naturally and deeply interested in child welfare, and when it makes an appeal there is a wide-spread and generous response.

Canada in 1910 produced 32,869,264 ounces of silver, valued at \$17,880,455, or 53.59 cents per ounce. In 1918 the production was 20,780,000 ounces, valued at \$20,000,000, or 97.10 cents per ounce.

The new premier of Ontario declares that women should be represented on school boards. Experience in St. John upholds this view of the case.



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IN THE DEPTHS

The future looks gloomy; my eyes have grown rheumy, from viewing with pain and alarm; I size up the morrow loaded with sorrow, it hasn't a grace or a charm. Oh, double demerol is more a condition than theory in all I behold; our bulwarks are shaking, palladiums breaking—what wonder my tribulations are cold? For I'm feeling runny with cramps in my tummy, from eating too largely of pie; the pains of the colic inside of me frolic, and gladly I'd curl up and die. So sadly I'm viewing the future and chewing a rag in a desolate way; and no one who hears me, who pauses and hears me, should care seven cents what I say. My message prophetic would be less pathetic if I had no spam or ache; but gloom is the master of any forecaster who mixed up his pie and his cake. The prophets of evil who spied about weevil when they should be talking of wheat, would doubtless be cheery if they were not weary of pain in their stomachs or feet. The way we are feeling thus governs our spicing, our outlook, and all that we do; a seer can't be sunny, for marbles or money, when he is tied up with the flu.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

THE GREAT FRONTENAC

Among the great names of the pioneer days of Canada there are few of more outstanding worth than those of Count de Frontenac, a bold and valiant French warrior and a wise ruler of the new land. He was born in France in 1622 and died on Nov. 28, 1688. At an early age he entered the French army, where he distinguished himself for his heroism and gallantry. One writer says quaintly that he "covered himself with scars and glory." At the age of seventeen he was a cavalry colonel and after only twelve years with the trooper he was a lieutenant-general. In 1672 he came to Canada as the successor to Count de Courcelles but after a somewhat stormy career here he was recalled ten years later. In the early years of his administration he built Fort Frontenac—where Kingston, Ont., now stands. Later it was rebuilt in stone by the valiant La Salle. In 1678 he was reappointed governor of the colonies and at once started a vigorous campaign against the English settlement in New York and the Iroquois allies. The English made several invasions of Canada.

In 1690 he defeated Admiral Sir William Phips and the English fleet before Quebec. So great was the prestige of his victory that Louis XIV. caused a medal to be struck in commemoration of the brilliant work of his colonial governor. He died in Quebec in 1688 and was buried in the old Recollet church there. He was the delight of the French, the terror of the Iroquois and his activity was equalled only by his courage. When he died the entire French colony mourned long for its great leader and defender.

AT DUSK

The flame-winged Summer doffed her silk and lace, To play the truant where the sweet bird sings. The rain beats down with swift and flashing wings Upon the fields of toil and market place. Wings of the night beat 'gainst the dark'ning way The town is still—the bird no longer sings. Yet—all my life is full of whisperings From the soul of life, that calleth up the day.

The house is full of memories today Of sumptuous Summer, tossed by wind and rain. She wandered far when all her flowers were slain— Deserting Autumn fields of brown and gray.

His—are the fields that creeping dusk enfold. Ours—the broken dreams by many winding streams. His—the living breath that ever stirs gleams Through rose-flushed morning and the evening wind. —Charlotte Carson-Talcott in The Mail and Empire.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Poet—"Here is a poem I have just indited." Editor (reading)—"Guilty!"—Boston Transcript.

"Are you wearing your last year's clothes?" "It all depends on how you figure. If you count from when they were ordered they're last year's clothes, but if you count from when they'll be fully paid for they're next year's clothes."—Washington Star.

Helen—"I think Jack is simply wonderful." Maud—"Yes, the trouble is he thinks so, too."—Boston Transcript.

A Fatal Weakness.

"He never speaks when he has nothing to say." "Then he would never do for a stump orator."—Baltimore American.

Soothing Syrup.

"Then you won't endorse me for the office?" "I can't do that," said the party boss, "but I'll have you prominently mentioned."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Chance to Escape.

"Anyhow," remarked the blunt friend, "this last bout of yours will never get you arrested for speeding." "No," answered Mr. Chuggins, "that I'll get arrested just the same, only it'll be for standing still in the wrong place."—Washington Star.

A Test.

"There's one good thing about prohibition." "What is it?" "They won't be able to pan off old motion pictures on us now. The drink-dealers will give them away."—Judge.

Smallpox at Nash Creek.

A case of smallpox at Nash Creek, Restigouche county, was reported to the department of health on Tuesday night by Dr. J. W. Desmond, district medical health officer for the eastern district, who has gone to Nash Creek to see that all precautions are taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Interesting Reports at Meeting of Childrens Aid Society

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held last night in the board room of the Children's Home, 65 Garden street, with A. M. Belding in the chair. The annual reports of the president, treasurer and secretary were read and on motion filed. The election of officers resulted as follows: A. M. Belding, president; Mrs. David McLellan, first vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Doody, second vice-president; Mrs. Colby Smith, third vice-president; Rev. George Scott, secretary; James Patterson, treasurer. Three additional members of the board of management were elected as follows: In the January term, Mrs. Walter Bonnell and Mrs. J. Hunter White. The other members of the board are: Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Mrs. John Keefe, Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mrs. David Hutchison, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Edward Finigan, Miss C. Pratt, Miss G. O. Robertson, Mrs. J. E. Secord, Miss Cora Sinclair, Miss Annie O'Neill, Mrs. T. L. Coughlan, Mrs. A. J. Mulcahey, M. E. Agar, Rev. W. R. Robinson, J. King Kelley, Rev. S. S. Poole, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Rev. J. C. B. Appel, Rev. H. A. Gowin, Rev. Neil McLaughlin, W. F. Hatheway, Sheriff A. A. Wilson, T. H. Estabrooks, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Councillor O'Brien, Hon. W. F. Roberts, Rev. W. M. Duke. Rev. W. M. Duke presented a card index system to the society and the meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to him for this valuable gift. Before adjournment, Rev. Neil MacLaughlin and Rev. Father Duke spoke of their appreciation of the work which the society was doing and expressed satisfaction regarding the nature of the reports presented.

ST. DAVID'S TEA AND SALE GREAT SUCCESS

The tea and sale in St. David's church yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Women's League, was a huge success. This was the first affair in the new building and large numbers of people took advantage of the opportunity of helping along the work. The proceeds which reached a substantial sum are for the organ fund as the league have pledged themselves to raise \$8,000 for this purpose. The various booths in the school room were prettily decorated and were in charge of the following: Home Cooking—Mrs. W. A. Simonds, Mrs. H. A. Brown, Mrs. J. A. McAlister.

Apron table—Mrs. A. Douglas Malcolm with assistants, Mrs. A. W. Petch, Mrs. Alex. Corbett and Mrs. S. L. Kerr. Candy booth—Miss E. Milligan, Mrs. E. A. Mason, Mrs. T. C. Ledingham, Miss E. Milligan, Miss Elizabeth Henderson, Miss L. Baird, Mrs. D. W. H. Magee. Baby's booth—Mrs. G. Wilfred Campbell, Mrs. Herbert Barton, Mrs. Eustace Barnes, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Mrs. Bruce McPherson, Mrs. J. Veardigh, Mrs. J. Malcolm, Mrs. D. Malcolm, Miss M. Macanay, Miss Constance Campbell. The fancy work booth—Mrs. A. R. Campbell, Mrs. O. H. Henna, Miss Elizabeth Willet, Mrs. R. Melrose, Mrs. David Macellan, Mrs. G. T. Harding, Mrs. E. A. McFadden, Miss Stella Payson, Miss Bessie Carmichael and Miss Ethel Shaw and Mrs. Massey Dunlop. The tea tables were presided over by Mrs. A. Morrison and Mrs. S. Kerr, assisted by Mrs. Alexander Watson, Mrs. D. E. French, Mrs. W. H. J. Bingham, Mrs. G. Shaw, Mrs. W. H. Nasc, Mrs. W. H. Sterling, Mrs. F. McKelvie, Mrs. Northrup, Mrs. Smith, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Piles. More than 500 tickets for the tea were sold.

MISS AGNES LAWLOR HOME AFTER WAR WORK

After nearly two years of service with the nursing services of the American army, Miss Agnes Lawlor of this city, returned home on Wednesday. About eighteen months of her time was spent in France, first with the replacement unit and later with Base Hospital No. 94, which was located at Romorantin, in the central part of France. Miss Lawlor arrived in New York on last Friday on a twenty-seven day furlough, after which she will receive her discharge and will then join the services of the American Red Cross in the middle western states. Many friends in the city are extending a hearty welcome to Miss Lawlor.

JOSEPH SEAGRAM LEFT \$4,000,000 TO SONS

Toronto, Nov. 28.—It is reported that the estate of the late Joseph Seagram, distiller, amounts to \$4,500,000. The beneficiaries are said to be his four sons, Edward, Thomas, Joseph and Norman.

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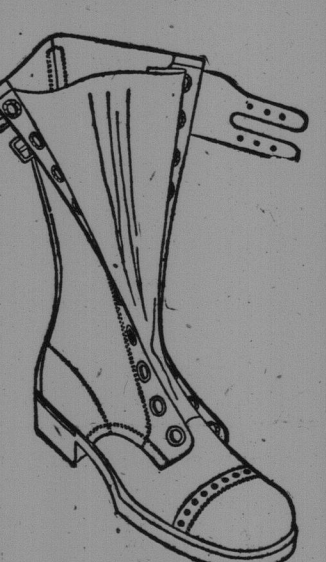
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TORONTO GIRL HAS BEEN SLEEPING FOR WEEK.

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Wife not very ill—but never real well

A Message to Husbands

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But, nevertheless, it is an obvious fact that there are in Canada to-day thousands of wives who, while not being sufficiently ill to go to hospital or require a trained nurse—yet are weak, anemic, nervous and run down, and in this condition they are not happy—their husbands are not happy, and the home life is not what it ought to be.

Good health in a wife makes not only for the ease with which she manages household affairs, but reflects a contentment and calm over the rest of the members. Husbands! Remember that good health is a valuable possession, and in two sizes: \$1.00 and (extra large bottle) \$1.75.

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