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THE WINTER PORT OUTLOOK

While the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters in Montreal, yesterday, authorized the statement that the Empress steamers will not come to St. John this winter but will make Halifax their terminal, there is no ground for the fear that there is no Atlantic business through this port will aggregate less than in other years. If the Empress steamers do not come their places will probably be taken by the steamers of other lines. Evidence that this will be the case is already furnished in part by the larger number of sailings scheduled for St. John by the Donaldson line management, and it is likely that the total number of sailings for the winter will be practically as large as before.

One thing certain is that the C. P. R., in withdrawing the Empress steamers from St. John, was not actuated by "political exigencies," as one newspaper seems to fear. St. John received absolutely fair treatment from the Borden government in being placed on an equality with Halifax as a main port, and this is a concession no previous government ever extended to us. There should be no two opinions on that score.

Meanwhile there is nothing to be gained by merely deploring the fact that the Empress will not come. It is altogether probable that when the returns are made up at the close of the 1913-14 winter port season it will be found that more freight traffic will have passed through this port than in any previous winter.

If the port facilities are not adequate to cope with the increasing traffic they are being improved as rapidly as possible, and in this, too, fair minded citizens will agree that the government has not been idle. The provision of the new grain conveyors, and the erection of the new C. P. R. elevator, will make a great difference in the facility with which grain can be handled, and in this respect the situation will be better than last year. Undoubtedly more wharves will be needed and undoubtedly the government will provide them, but everything cannot be done in a day. The export trade of Canada has grown so enormously that Montreal and Quebec in summer experience as much congestion as St. John did last winter. This condition will be remedied to a great degree, but the fact that there is, and has been, more trade than these ports can care for, is not a bad sign but rather should be construed as an index of prosperity.

MR. FISHER IN CHATEAUGUAY.

Commenting upon Hon. Sydney Fisher's nomination in Chateaugay as the Liberal candidate in the bye-election on Oct. 11th, the Mail and Empire says:—"After all the strong local Liberals had refused the nomination, Hon. Sydney Fisher has been accepted as the Laurier candidate in the bye-election contest that is to take place in Chateaugay on the 11th of this month. Mr. Fisher's nomination throws a damper on the Laurier party's spirits, which were already low enough. The rejected of Bromes will not be a winner in Chateaugay."

The Montreal Gazette, taking the same theme, remarks:—"The situation is not discouraging to the Conservative nominees, Mr. Morris. The action of his opponents shows that they regard as grave the situation in a county where the Confederation has been held for them, but of late by a narrow majority. It creates a presumption that Mr. Morris has the lead and that Mr. Fisher has ground to gain before he will be on an even footing in the contest. The chances of the ground being gained should be small. Mr. Fisher on Monday referred to himself as being a stranger in the constituency. He is hardly this. It might be better for him if he were. People know him, and know also how he mistook the sentiment of the Canadian people two years ago when the Laurier Government somewhat suddenly dissolved parliament and asked the people's judgment on the reciprocity agreement Mr. Fielding had made at Washington. He was one of seven members of the Laurier Cabinet who met personal defeat on the issue it had raised. He has brought forth no fruits meet for repentance for his political folly. He represents a lost cause that should not be restored."

A BIG PROBLEM.

The statement by Adjutant Cummings of the Salvation Army that "the immorality among young girls in St. John is appalling" again directs attention to a condition which, if existing, cannot too quickly be remedied. It is but fair to suppose that two shocking instances cited by Adjutant Cummings are probably extreme cases, but it is by such that the others must be judged. Reporters, policemen and others, whose business keeps them out at night, know that the number of girls and young women who spend the evening walking about the street

is, unfortunately, on the increase. A walk about KING, Charlotte, Union, Prince William or any of the other principal streets in the evening will prove to most citizens that the promiscuous crowds contain a very large percentage of young girls, unescorted by adults, and who might spend their evenings with more pleasure and profit to themselves in their homes. Even though this be so, it is a very difficult condition to improve as long as parents permit their children to roam the city at night unquestioned and unescorted. The whole responsibility rests upon the parent, and it is through the parent that reform must be effected.

When a girl or young woman comes, unescorted, under the attention of the law, the condition changes. The responsibility and duty neglected by the parent then rests upon the municipality. Shelter and care should be provided for such unfortunate, and Adjutant Cummings is absolutely correct when he urges such action. Any city, or province, or state, is prepared to make expenditures to develop its resources or its manufactures, or its trade, but at the same time most valuable asset, the boys and girls of today who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

Apparently the problem presents three phases—the duty of the parents in keeping children off the streets at night, the proper enforcement of the laws governing the conduct of children who cannot be kept at home, and, thirdly, the care, protection and reclaiming of the "first offenders," particularly girls. In all three phases it is a problem to merit the most serious consideration.

The Canadian Mail speaks the plain truth about the glorious Canadian autumn when it says:—"The autumnal pleasures of Canada need a mission. Of the summer plenty of people have been told. Even the winter, so long spoken of only in hushed whispers, has begun to be known again in its true light as a season of sport and merriment. But the autumn has not received its due meed of praise and description. Only a few, and they of the most enterprising, know what Canada has to offer a visitor in September and October; and even almost up to Christmas."

The price of radium has now reached \$52,000,000 per pound, and coming almost at the same moment with this interesting quotation is the statement that a German scientist has discovered that inferior Rhine wine treated by a process into which radium enters, can be converted into a most exhilarating beverage, superior to the champagne of the choicest vintage. At the present market quotations it will probably be some time before "a little radium please" becomes a generally popular order.

"A stout-hearted Canadian and an understanding Imperialist" is the title by which a London newspaper recently referred to Premier Borden. The St. John Telegraph and Times are the only papers in this portion of Canada who would call Sir Wilfrid Laurier any such name as that.

The weather of the early morning during the last day or two is an effectual reminder to the householder not to neglect the replenishing of the coal bin.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Christians in Turkey.
 (New York Times).

The Turk, if forced to live on equal terms with his Christian neighbors—and that is what must come in the end—will not die out. He will, in the long run, work out a peaceful living. But in the meanwhile the demand of the Christian subjects of Turkey that equal terms shall be accorded cannot forever be denied, as it has been for a half century. Sir Edward Grey intimated that if the Concert of Europe will not deal with Turkey, some one of its members will have to be allowed to do so. If the Turks are forced back into Asia, it will be to assume this task will most naturally be Russia, and next time Russia will hardly be stopped on the heights of San Stefano.

An Effective Arm.
 (Montreal Gazette).

In the New Brunswick woods a hunter has succeeded in killing two bull moose with the one bullet. The explanation is that one animal was standing beside the other when the shot was fired. The incident shows that the sporting rifle is as effective as the one the manufacturers turn out for men to kill each other with in wartime when nations resort to slaughter in an endeavor to find out whose cause is right.

One Woman Who Won.
 (Buffalo News).

A year ago an Oklahoma girl advertised at a cost of \$125 for a husband. She was successful, and Saturday she died leaving her \$19,000 or a net profit of \$18,875. Sometimes we think women don't improve their opportunities. Again we are sure they do.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

John Talon Lesperance, one of the greatest of Canadian critics, a noted author and journalist, was born in St. Louis of French-Canadian parents, seventy-five years ago today. He completed his education in Freiburg, Germany, and then returned to the United States, then on the verge of civil war. Throughout that conflict Lesperance fought valiantly on the side of the Confederacy. After the close of the war Lesperance returned to the land of his fathers, settling first at St. John, P. Q. In 1872 he joined the staff of a Montreal newspaper, and wrote brilliant literary criticisms and editorial articles under the nom de plume of "Talon," and also of "La Clede." Thirty years ago he assumed the editorship of the Illustrated Canadian News, and in that capacity he discovered many new writers of talent and genius. The early verses of Charles G. D. Roberts were early verses of Lesperance, and he also gave the encouragement of print to several other Canadian authors who have since won fame. In addition to his critical and editorial work, Lesperance wrote many charming essays, many verse and a novel, "Le Bastonnais." In his latter years the author was provincial immigration agent in Montreal.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

MAHARAJAH OF BIKANER.

If you should have occasion to address a letter to the Maharajah of Bikaner, the proper form would be: Colonel His Highness Raj Rajeshwar Harendra Shriomani Sri Sir Ganza Singh Bahadur, Maharajah of Bikaner, Bikaner, Rajputana, India.

Moreover, the young ruler of Bikaner, who will celebrate his thirty-third birthday today, is entitled to write after his imposing name the magic letters, G. C. I. E., K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., and A. D. C.

The Maharajah rules, with the assistance of British officials, over a country 22,000 square miles in extent. Bikaner is in Rajputana, south of the Panjab, and has a population of about a million. The Maharajah is surrounded by grandeur and pomp, most of his subjects are desperately poor. They live chiefly by pasturage, breeding camels and horses that are famed throughout India. The Maharajah's army consists of 1,097 men, of whom 371 are mounted on camels and 318 on horses.

His Highness was born Oct. 3, 1880, and succeeded to the throne at the age of seven, although he was crowned with full ruling powers until his eighteenth birthday. He served with the British army in China in command of a regiment of Indian troops, for which he was decorated. He was also awarded a decoration for his public service in India following the great famine in the district of Bikaner, a well educated, and a thorough sportsman. Polo, tennis and motoring, as well as big game shooting, are among his recreations.

THE PASSING DAY

A PORTUGUESE ANNIVERSARY.

A great patriotic festival, beginning today and extending over Saturday and Sunday, will be held in Lisbon to celebrate the third anniversary of the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of the republic. Portugal's long history has been marked by many and radical changes in government, but none so sudden and decisive as the revolutionary outbreak in Lisbon on October 4, 1910, which in a day changed the monarchy of the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha-Braganza into a republic. On October 5th the palace flag was hauled down and replaced by the red and green banner of the republic, and young King Manuel fled to England. Anciently Portugal was known as Lusitania. After a nine years' struggle the Lusitanians submitted to Roman domination about 137 B. C. Just twelve centuries ago this year, in 713, the country was conquered by the Moors, and for a long time they reigned over the land. After many bloody wars between the followers of the Cross and the Crescent, in the twelfth century Alfonso Henriques, a crusader on their way to the holy land, defeated the Moorish kings, captured Lisbon, and was proclaimed king of the first of the century Denks, called the father of his country, built forty-four cities and towns in Portugal. In the fifteenth century, John I, the Great, carried his arms into Africa and seized Madeira and the Canaries. Lisbon was made the capital in 1493. This century was the golden age of Portugal, the exploits of the great Portuguese navigators, Vasco de Gama and Pedro Alvarez Cabral. Cabral discovered Brazil, and said the foundation of what was long under the domination of Portugal. A little later Magellan, another Portuguese navigator, became the first to circumnavigate the earth. The Portuguese also established settlements in India. In 1580 the Spanish king seized Portugal, but in 1640 the Portuguese threw off the yoke, and placed John, duke of Braganza, on the throne. Lisbon was earthquake in 1755, and the independence of Portugal was proclaimed in 1763. The Spanish and French invaded the country in 1763, but the independence of Portugal was saved by the aid of the English. In 1807 Napoleon attempted the conquest of Portugal, and the royal family fled to Brazil. England again went to the rescue, and Wellington defeated the invaders. In 1821 Brazil declared its independence of the mother country, and after a century of poverty and New, after a century of poverty and that degree of prosperity which belongs to it by reason of its soil and the richness of its climate.

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 Mrs. Newby: "No, darling; not when you have your arm around me."

Hubby's Turn.
 He: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Don't you forget that."
 She: "Then you come in and rule the world a while, I'm tired."

The Deadly Serum.
 Oh, sad is the wall of the scientist. At the tragedy we hoo-hoo. I found the serum that killed the germ. But it killed the patient, too!"

Too Rapid.
 "Isn't it queer the 'movies' never show us any of these Central American revolutions?"
 "Not a bit. As a matter of truth, they haven't perfected a film machine yet that can revolve as fast as the revolutions."

Double Trouble.
 "We've got a great road now," said an enthusiastic Western railroader to his friend. "We've got it double-tracked clear through to Chicago."
 "H'm," said the friend. "I don't yet what you want a double track for. You can't keep your trains on one."

No Small Sorrows.
 "A man likes big and heroic enterprises."
 "That's right," replied Mrs. Corn-tassel. "Alexander wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. But you never hear of a man shedding a tear because there's no more wood to chop or water to carry."

Quite Obvious.
 "My dear," said Mrs. Snags to her husband, "what is a canard?"
 "Don't you know what a canard is?" queried Snags, rather sneeringly.
 "Why, the word itself conveys its own meaning."
 "Does it? Well, really, I can't see it. What does it mean, dear?"
 "Why, a canard is something one canardly believe, of course."

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Marriage of Duchess of Cornwall, will Take Place this Month.

London, Oct. 2.—Although the royal wedding between the Duchess of Cornwall and Prince Arthur of Connaught will not take place until late in the month, preparations are already under way for the event. The Duchess of Cornwall is always closed at this season, and the royal family is in the North, undergoing the necessary alterations for the ceremony. Before leaving London the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Devonshire will be employed in preparation.

Like the Queen, the Princess Royal and her daughter-in-law, the Duchess of Cornwall, will be wearing the same somewhat modified form of the present rather skimpy skirt will prevail in the bride's dress. The Duchess of Cornwall is always closed at this season, and the royal family is in the North, undergoing the necessary alterations for the ceremony. Before leaving London the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Devonshire will be employed in preparation.

Plato will be lacking in the household, the regiments with which the bridegroom is connected and the tenants of the royal estates contributing generously to this department of the expenditure. To prevent embarrassing duplication, the royal couple will be allowed some choice in family gifts. When the present king married, the royal couple received nineteen plant Royal relatives will confine their presents largely to rare and virtually priceless jewels. Some of the members of the royal family are said to have been blessed on a gift which will consist of a crown of diamonds in dual stratum leaves.

The ceremony will be a semi-private affair, the invitations being sent by the Lord Chamberlain in the name of the Princess Royal. It is expected that the German Emperor, the German Crown Prince and Princess, the King and Queen of Sweden, the King and Queen of Spain and all members of the English royal family will be present. The wedding breakfast will be served in St. James's Palace, the accommodation being so limited, the guests will probably be confined almost entirely to royalty, but a great reception will be given the night before at Clarence House to the friends of the couple.

It is not expected that the Duke and Duchess of Kent, which will undoubtedly be the title of the new Duke of Devonshire, as he is anticipated that Prince Arthur will succeed his father as Governor-General of Canada.

J. L. AULMODE DIES IN WOODSTOCK

Well Known Newspaper Man Passes Away in Woodstock—Was a Native of Woodstock.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Oct. 2.—A telegram received today from Edmonton, Alta., announcing the death of J. L. Aulmode, deceased, was the son of J. L. Aulmode, of Woodstock, and received his education in this town. After finishing his studies at the University of Toronto, he was employed on the Toronto Post. Returning home he played one summer with the local team after which he accepted the position of editor and manager of the local County News.

About a year ago his health began to fail, and for the middle of the year he was in the Canadian West. He employed as clerk in railway connection work, but not feeling well he entered the hospital in Woodstock, a few months ago where he remained, his death. He was an all-round athlete and was the best baseball pitcher in the town. He was a news editor in the employ of the Toronto Post he was considered one of the best reporters.

The deceased, who was 23 years of age, survived by his father, brothers, T. Emmet Milmore, of a paper in Murray County, Georgia, and Augustus of Boston, and two sisters, Misses Mary and Frances, more of the teaching staff of the schools. The remains will probably arrive here next Thursday forenoon.

Another Index.

The finance committee of the Council which met yesterday received a communication from the Bar Association asking that steps be taken to consolidate the index in the office. This will involve the map of another volume as a loose leaves have collected since last index was made up. The committee decided to recommend a survey with the request.

VERY HEAVY DAMAGE RESULT OF COLLISION

Quebec, Oct. 2.—According to the Harbor Commission, the damage to its property at the Gilmour wharf by the ramming in of the ship Whakatake will amount to some \$20,000. The Whakatake herself sustained about \$20,000 damages. An arrangement has been made between the interested parties for payment out-of-court.