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## THE BOARD OF TRADE

The St. John Board of Trade, which meets this afternoon, has about 400 members. Its membership includes business men and professional men, all of whom have a stake in St. John, and should therefore lend their aid to make the Board an effective working organization.

Governments may come and governments may go, but St. John remains, and its welfare is of more immediate importance to the citizens than any mere political considerations.

During the last two years a new spirit of hopefulness and energy has been manifested in this city, and the Board of Trade and its committees have done much to give it practical expression. This should continue, and during the fall and winter the Board should do much valuable work. There is the question of immigration, which is of such vital importance to the province of New Brunswick. The year now drawing to a close has not brought as many desirable settlers as the province should be getting from the old world. Now can the tide of immigration be directed to our vacant lands? Whatever produces that result will greatly benefit St. John, and every other city and town in the province. It may very properly be considered, by boards of trade.

There are other questions of importance coming properly under the head of Board of Trade business, and the Board should be the most vigorous and progressive body in the city. There is a good prospect of securing additional industries within the next year or two. The Board of Trade is especially interested in this subject. Every member should manifest a lively interest in its deliberations.

## HOSPITAL NEEDED

St. John ought to provide an hospital for advanced cases of tuberculosis. Let it be stated once more that this disease causes the death of more than one hundred persons in this city every year, and that every advanced case, especially in a poor tenement, is a centre of infection. There is an appalling sacrifice of human life annually in all countries because the people do not seriously fight the white plague. We have been told that it could be stamped out of this province in twenty years. What are we going to do about it?

It is not necessary to provide a large and expensive institution, but even if that had to be done, it would be worth the price. There is to be a sanatorium for patients in the early stages, but there is very great need of proper provision for the isolation of advanced cases. This question is faced. It has to do with the conservation of human life, which is surely as important as forest conservation or the pruning of an orchard. We have been slow to attempt the solution of this problem, and should now display all the more energy and determination.

## A TAXATION COMMISSION

The provincial government of British Columbia has appointed a commission which is making an investigation of assessment and taxation conditions in that province. Mr. C. H. Lugin, of the Victoria Colonist, and formerly of St. John and Fredericton, is a member of the commission, another being the finance minister of the province. It is evident that the feeling in favor of exempting improvements from taxation is growing more general in that province. Summarizing the result of the first day's enquiry, which took place in Victoria, the Colonist says:—

"The consensus of opinion recorded during the opening day of the commission's activities may be said to be unanimously in favor of the non-taxation of commercial stocks and of a slight extension of the exemption under the income tax. As to the wild land tax, majority opinion favored it, as a legitimate charge against the speculator while with regard to the much-attacked provincial revenue tax, the majority of the witnesses appeared in favor of its retention as a necessary piece of machinery for compelling the alien resident to contribute something toward the expenses of government in this province in which he makes his living, and toward which he otherwise would pay nothing. In the matter of general property assessment, the opinion appeared to be unanimous as to the desirability of exempting improvements from assessment, as an encouragement of building. It was even held that the principle should be extended at the

earliest possible date to farm as well as city properties."

The object of the commission is to gather full information, such as will enable the government to introduce a new law relative to assessment and taxation, of such a satisfactory character as would render other than slight amendments unnecessary for many years to come.

## CIVIC AFFAIRS

The citizens of St. John will experience a great sense of relief when the new form of city government goes into force next April. There will then be an end to the uselessly wrangles over small matters which take up so much of the time of the city council. Questions of petty patronage will not arise. We may at least hope that the first board of commissioners will be composed of men large enough to grapple firmly with the situation in the various departments and leave no doubt in the public mind as to who is or ought to be in control. There appears to be a disposition, on the part of some of the aldermen to magnify small matters and give too little consideration to others which are of real importance. The council should regard itself as a group of business men having real business to transact and should regard long speeches and mere personal allusions as a waste of valuable time.

## THE FERNHILL COMPLAINT

There have been 15,700 interments in Fernhill. Complaint is made that at times through leakage in the pipes the cemetery is soaked in places with water, and if a break occurred the results would be such as one does not care to contemplate. The relatives of the 15,700 persons whose remains have been stored at Fernhill should so vigorously support the demands of the directors that the city council will be forced to take action and guard the resting place of the dead from any possible danger arising from the fact that water pipes traverse a portion of the property. This is a subject which cannot lightly be thrust aside. The season wears on toward winter. What is to be done should be done without delay.

This Turco-Italian may be useful in comic opera, but where is the fighting?

Mr. Borden is receiving much advice from his political friends—perhaps "too much of it." We shall know the result in a few days.

The death of Principal Patrick, of Manitoba Presbyterian College, is a loss to the church, the educational interests of the west, and the country at large. The late Principal Patrick was a very earnest and able advocate of church union. A man of broad mind and ripe scholarship, he was also a keen debater and a man of great energy. He came to Canada in 1900, after a brilliant career in his native Scotland. Apart from educational and religious work he was the author of several books and essays.

The Victoria Colonist has this to say in favor of the prison farm as a substitute for the common jail:—"It does seem to the ordinary person that there should be no difficulty in procuring a prison farm near Victoria. Every day, almost, men are sentenced to short terms in jail. Many of these when released only take up their old habits, corrupting those with whom they associate. Might it not be that a longer term, with steady work, kind treatment and healthful surroundings might strengthen weak wills and cure bad habits? This is what the plan has accomplished wherever it has been faithfully tried."

## WALL STREET NOTES OF TODAY

Wall Street Notes.

New York, Oct. 3.—Americans in London quiet and steady.

President McCormick of International Harvester, invites federal supervision of large corporations. Says his company has nothing to hide or evade.

Strike on Harriman system not affecting traffic, some men returning to work and early settlement predicted.

Fifty railroads and industrial stocks shrink \$2,000,000 in value at close of Sept. 27, compared with high price of 1909.

N. Y. C. lines in August gained \$2,216,705 in net.

Lackawanna trackmen's strike is ended.

Intercontinental Rubber directors pass 1 per cent quarterly dividend on common stock.

Temple Iron company a defendant in anthracite coal cases, in brief filed with supreme court denies any conspiracy against coal roads and says government's case rests on "thought and purpose" of transactions.

Chicago subway re-organizes on plan calls for assessment of \$5 a share.

Twelve industrial advanced 44 per cent. Twenty active railroads declined .04 per cent.

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TOOK THE CONCEIT OUT OF HIM.

The captain of a steamer, having listened for some time to a passenger's boasting of his abilities as a marksman, decided to try to take some of the conceit out of the boaster. "I don't think you could hit this bottle placed on the taffrail at twenty yards' distance," he remarked. "Why, it would be mere child's play," replied the passenger. "Well," said the captain, "I'll bet you a guinea you don't hit it three times out of six!" "It's a wager," came along. The bottle was placed in position. Crack! The passenger hit it, and it disappeared in fragments into the sea. "Trot out another one," he said. "Not at all," replied the captain. "The conditions were that you should hit that one three times out of six. You have to hit it twice more!"

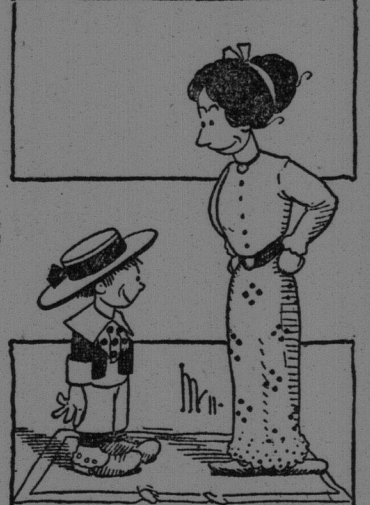


## A CONTRETEMPS

How clear the sunset, as it runs along  
Beneath the ancient bridge, still firm and strong.  
While low it murmured, at this very spot  
Last night Nance Ann Pitt and I talked a lot  
I related some joke to Nance Ann Pitt—  
What, O what in thunderation was it?  
I discerned. She laughed aloud; she shook,  
Seemed choked—plash! went something into the brook.  
"Was that your watch, Nance?" gasped I fearfully.  
"Likely a walnut off the tree," said she.  
After that Nance Ann appeared strangely sore  
On me: her words were scant, she smiled no more.  
I could not understand her sudden turn.  
From chatter flowing like the castle burn.  
So here have I come in heavy despair  
To ruminate upon—Well, I declare!  
In the pebbly shallows what have I found?  
A horseshoe of pearls, with coral around!  
That was what so mysteriously fell.  
Whose nature in the dark I could not tell.  
Well, this to me is astonishing news!  
But I know, all right, I'll get her straight views.  
I know Nance Ann Pitt  
Will have a fit  
When I hand to her  
O, when I hand her  
Her set of false teeth.

—C. B. Roberts.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN



## AN OBEDIENT SON

"Clarence, did you peel that apple before eating it, as I told you?"  
"Yes, mother."  
"What did you do with the peel?"  
"I ate it, mother."



## LOST IN ANTIQUITY

"Mother, did grandpa whip father when he was a little boy?"  
"Yes."  
"And did his mother whip him when he was little?"  
"Yes."  
"And did his father whip him?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, how far back did the thing start, anyway?"



## QUITE WILLING

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She—I don't live on the roof.

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