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## A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

More than one speaker at recent Rotary Club meetings has put up a plea for a better understanding between Canadians and their neighbors to the South, and some of them have been rather inclined to blame the Press for conditions as they now exist. But Press references are not wholly responsible for the feelings of irritation that sometimes arise between the English and American. Proper stress is not laid on the fact that many of the best books in use in the schools of the United States have been frankly anti-British. Within the past two or three years efforts have been made to rid these books of their hostile slant or to abandon them altogether for general reading. We presume the average American learns about all he is ever likely to learn about history when he is at school. The average American is not a college graduate. When he leaves the public school he begins to hustle for a living and thereafter is too busy to study history. He is apt to grow up with the conviction that at the time of the American War of Independence, England was a tyrannical, brutal and stupid nation. He may presume that she has since improved in some respects, although he never will get it out of his head that a monarchical form of government is old fashioned and inclined to autocracy. In the present situation in Ireland he probably imagines that he perceives a resemblance to the American struggle for independence. The fact that it is more nearly parallel to the Civil War may not occur to him.

This American is as likely as not to be of British stock, and with no strong natural prejudice to Great Britain. He is to be influenced easily enough either by such a newspaper as one of those controlled by W. R. Hearst or maybe by some personal friend who happens to be a Sinn Féiner or a German. The average American does not read a newspaper like the New York Times, the Tribune or the Post. Great as is the influence of these papers, they are read by few persons compared with those who read the American or the Journal. They are papers for reasonable people, who have a just conception of the British Empire, who may have travelled in Europe and perhaps have strong personal friendships with Englishmen. Such papers have too great a sense of responsibility to be guilty of the pin pricking to which Lord Northcliffe objects. If they did they would lose their readers. For instance, a single indiscreet editorial in the New York Times in the course of the war did that admirable paper damage that would trouble their docile readers. They could probably turn round tomorrow and become pro-British or anti-German without disturbing their circulation. In considering average American opinion as regards Great Britain we must also take account of the tens of millions of American citizens who have no Anglo-Saxon blood in their veins at all. To them Britain is more of a foreign country than Germany, Austria, Russia or Italy. These are really the American masses. They do not object to a pin-pricking policy. Probably they rather like it. That is why Hearst and his like find that it pays.

## CANADIAN GRAIN MOVEMENT

A Senate committee is trying to discover why the bulk of Canadian grain for export is carried on United States railroads and shipped through United States ports. After all the public expenditure over railways, terminals, canals, harbors, channel dredging, and aids to navigation, on Canadian routes, the Senate apparently wants to know why the grain movement from the north-west goes south across the border, to the Atlantic seaboard. While Canadian railroads lack traffic, and Canadian ports lack business, 70 per cent. or more of Canadian wheat exports furnished traffic and business in recent months for United States routes.

It might have been more to the advantage of Canada if the Senate had started to study this situation before Parliament voted to begin building the new \$50,000,000 Welland canal. In the session of 1913, before the first vote had been put through to start this useless expenditure, information was obtainable with regard to this tendency of the Canadian grain movement to follow United States lines. But the vote went through nevertheless, both parties being content. An inquiry before starting the new canal would have inspired caution. It would possibly have saved \$50,000,000 of the Canadian people's money.

The Ottawa Citizen now wants to know if any member took the trouble to ask for a better understanding between Canadians and their neighbors to the South, and some of them have been rather inclined to blame the Press for conditions as they now exist. But Press references are not wholly responsible for the feelings of irritation that sometimes arise between the English and American. Proper stress is not laid on the fact that many of the best books in use in the schools of the United States have been frankly anti-British. Within the past two or three years efforts have been made to rid these books of their hostile slant or to abandon them altogether for general reading. We presume the average American learns about all he is ever likely to learn about history when he is at school. The average American is not a college graduate. When he leaves the public school he begins to hustle for a living and thereafter is too busy to study history. He is apt to grow up with the conviction that at the time of the American War of Independence, England was a tyrannical, brutal and stupid nation. He may presume that she has since improved in some respects, although he never will get it out of his head that a monarchical form of government is old fashioned and inclined to autocracy. In the present situation in Ireland he probably imagines that he perceives a resemblance to the American struggle for independence. The fact that it is more nearly parallel to the Civil War may not occur to him.

It is not at all likely that any one in New Brunswick—or out of it for that matter—for one moment ever believed the story that was afloat a week or two ago that Mr. Veniot had been approached with a view to his becoming a member of the Melchior cabinet. Naturally of course when the subject was mentioned to him, Mr. Veniot would regard it as being too far-fetched a joke to be worth while denying, with the not unlikely result that some people might be disposed to place some credence in the report for that reason. However, Mr. Melchior himself was emphatic enough on the question in the House last night, when he declared that as far as he at least was concerned, there was not a word of truth in it, nor had any one else authority from him to approach Mr. Veniot. This gentleman probably has even less desire to enter a Conservative cabinet, than the latter would want to have him—and that would be little enough any way. When Mr. Veniot enters a Conservative cabinet, the story of the lamb lying down with the lion will be put in the shade.

The proposals for Maritime Union are not regarded with any particular favor by many people, and one of the chief arguments they adduce in opposition to it is that Nova Scotia being the more populous and aggressive province, would be continually attempting to overshadow New Brunswick and impose policies on the latter which may not always be beneficial to her, however much so it may be for Nova Scotia. An instance of this is found in the demand of the Bluebonnet province that the Canadian National Railways use only Sydney coal, which costs \$6.50 a ton at the mine. It is alleged that the miners cannot be kept going without. The Minto mines in this province can supply equally suitable coal for little more than half the price of the Sydney coal, and it is of just as much importance to the miners in this province that their work should be preserved for them as it is to the Nova Scotia miners that they should be kept employed. There does not appear, from the New Brunswick standpoint, to be any particular reason why her sister province should receive any better treatment than she herself does.

We have received a copy of a new quarterly, The Dalhousie Review. When we say that it is under the editorship of Dr. Herbert L. Stewart, with an Editorial Board which includes in its membership some of the ablest writers and thinkers in Nova Scotia, we have said sufficient to indicate the class of magazine it is. It is somewhat of a novelty for the Maritime Provinces which hitherto have had to be content in their search for literature of that particular class, with productions that have their place of origin in Upper Canada. The standard set by the first number is a high one, the articles are broad in ideal and comprehensive in range; and the magazine will appeal as strongly to the student as to the more learned members of society.

Sir J. Martin Harvey's address to the Canadian Club yesterday will linger long in the memories of all those who were privileged to hear him. He brought a message from the Motherland that will be appreciated on this side, for it told of the gratitude which is felt in that land for the part which Canada's sons played in the late world struggle. He will be able on his return to take back the message that Canada while proud of her sons' practical achievements, is prouder still to be able to feel that when they were called upon they answered promptly, and are ready to do so again should occasion arise.

Le Madawaska, "a journal of the home," that has its origin in Edmundston, declares that "The Standard is not fit to enter a respectable house." When we regard our subscription lists we are appalled at the number of disreputable houses there are in this province—and this condition is getting worse every day.

The continuance of the British miners' strike is now bringing effective protests from the miners' wives. The present strike is bringing disaster to hosts of others entirely innocent of offence.

Only one man in 200 is more than six feet in height.

## TRANS-CANADA.

(A Lightning Impression.)  
 By Frank B. O'Neill.  
 (With Sir John Harvey on his Canadian tour.)

All aboard!  
 To hear the clanging of the engine-bell, the queer calling of the black porters;  
 To mount the train on a trip Trans-Canadian;  
 To accommodate yourself to the car, preparing for the 4,000-mile journey from Atlantic to Pacific;  
 To stroll up and down the train—thru' the sleepers, the tourists, the diners, the observation car;  
 To observe!

The curious settlements of the East, unfinished, untidy, embryos of great towns, hastily hatched;

The old-time city of Montreal, the parent of the Dominion, kindly and courteous, half-British, half-French, surrounded by the mighty St. Lawrence, guarded by Mount Royal, the home of winter sports; Ottawa, beautiful in situation, social, dignified, quietly political; Toronto, the city of wealthy trade, of bustling business perpetually growing, touched with Yankeeism;

The numerous small towns of Ontario, each with its individuality, each fired by rivalry;

To skirt the Great Lakes, miles upon miles and hundreds of miles, winding round their dentured shores;  
 The blue bays, the deep-green wooded slopes, the rocky cliffs, the loe-bound creeks;  
 The trout leaping in the feeding streams, clear as crystal, defying frost.

The unending beauty of the unending snow!

The virgin cloth broken only by the tracks of animals;

The spangles sparkling in the sun; The tiny tufts topping the tiny trees.

The Prairie!  
 The interminable treeless expanse, league succeeding league—flat, stale, but profitable, soon to be covered by whispering waves of wheat, providing the Empire's bread;

The great cities of the Prairie, rapid in development, large in imagination, open-handed in hospitality—from Winnipeg to Calgary.

The astounding atmosphere of the West!  
 Free, adventurous, speculative, self-reliant, buoyant, optimistic—Canadian.

The wonders of the Rockies, magnificent, massive, myriad;  
 The towering peaks of imaginative shapes the roaring torrents, tumbling over heaving rocks;  
 The mountain valleys and lakes, the hunt of the caribou and elk, the beauty spots of giants;  
 The impetuous railroad of indescribable ingenuity!

The balmy breezes of British Columbia, with its wonderfully watered valleys, its rich vegetation, its blue Pacific;

Beautiful Vancouver!  
 The even more beautiful Vancouver Sound, with its countless isles and inlets—its extraordinary color;

The calm content of Victoria, the haven from life's labors, comfort able in its climate, glorious in its surroundings;

Most British in sentiment, the farthest from the Motherland—a fitting finish to the Empire in the West.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

A Thankless Task.  
 Premier Melchior's criticism of Hon. Mr. Doherty's trip to England, in an effort to remove the cattle embargo, will not lack endorsement. It is a thankless task, offering to teach your grandmother how to suck eggs—Hamilton Spectator.

Hard Time Coming.  
 The United States Senate has ratified a treaty making wife desertion an extraditable offence. The Canadian Parliament will be asked to ratify it also. Punch's advice to those about to marry will also apply now to those about to desert their wives, and cross the border.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Wonderful.  
 "The great British Dominions have a unique and essential role as a link between the mother country and the United States"—Toronto Globe  
 "What a grand and glorious conception for our continent! Canada of ours and for the island-continent of Australia—to serve as 'links'! As though they were of no importance in themselves!"—Hamilton Herald

## THE LAUGH LINE

A man usually drops his prosperous look when a bill collector calls.

Nothing seems to please a loafer so much as an opportunity to bother a man who is busy.

Sign in a grocery store: "Man is made of dust; dust settles; be a man."

An Oily Spouter.  
 "How about that oil company you invested in?—Did they find a gusher?"  
 "Only the one that wrote the prospectus."—Boston Transcript.

Doubling Up on Hubby.  
 Mrs. Eve—"Does your husband remember the anniversary of your marriage?"  
 Mrs. Wye—"Never; so I remind him of it in January and June and get two presents."

He called one day on an old school friend, and was shown into a room where his chum's sister was busy arranging a quantity of dried grasses which had been collected.

"What a quantity of dried grass you have collected, Miss Richelieu!" he said. Then his humor burst forth. "Nice room for a donkey to get into!"

"Then make yourself at home, Mr. Smithson," said the girl, pleasantly.

When he arrived home, all the humor was gone out of him forever.

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I was wawking home from skool today, being kind of monotonous, and I thawt, G. I think I'll wawk backwards for a change.

Wich I started to do, wawking 20 steps backwards and then looking around to see how strate I was wawking and then a wawking 30 more steps, and I kept on doing that till all of a suddin I bumped into something and I quick turned around and it was some man, being a kind of a fat man with thin legs.

Excuse me, I sed.

Excuse my eye, wy the mischief dont you wawk fruntwards like a regular human being instead of wawking backwards and tramping into peoples feet in this manner? sed the fat man.

Excuse me, I sed and kepp on wawking fruntwards as quick as possible, and down at the corner I looked around and the fat man was still brushing off his shoes with his handkerchief, and wen I got in the next block I started wawking backwards agen, and pritty soon I bumped into something else, being a thin lady with a natural mad ixpression looking even madder on account of being bumped in to.

Excuse me, I sed, and she sed, I'll give you a smack in the face, thats wat I'll do, have you got the sents you were born with, wawking like a clown in a circus?

No mam, I meen yes mam, excuse me, I sed. And I kepp on wawking fruntwards agen as if that was the only way I ever wawked, and wen I got in the next block I thawt, Well I'll try it once more and if I bump into one more thing thats the last I'll do it.

Wich I hadent hardly started agen wen I bumped into something else, being a tree and giving myself sutch a farse bump on the hed I could feel a lump ware it hit, and wen I got home I gave ma the lump to feel and she started to get simpatheetic but as soon as I told her how it happened she stopped and started to get mad insted.

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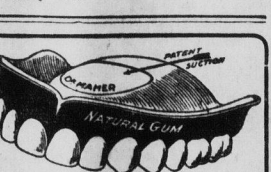
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 The funeral of Berice Moore to place yesterday afternoon from parents' residence, 123 Erin street, the Methodist burying ground. Service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Davidson.

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