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MARITIME UNION

The Times today prints the first of a series of articles from the pen of a well-known citizen of the maritime provinces on the subject of maritime union. This is a question that has been considered from time to time in a desultory fashion, and has been the subject of occasional resolutions by the maritime board of trade and other organizations. With the development of new provinces in the west and the growing influence of the west in national affairs, the importance of being able to present with greater force the claims of the eastern portions of Canada has become increasingly evident. There are probably very few thoughtful citizens who would not admit at once that one government for the three maritime provinces would be enough. But they have grown up separately, and many existing interests would doubtless be hostile to the proposed union. Prince Edward Island would object on the ground that it has not received fair treatment and just consideration in the carrying out of the federal compact, and the other provinces would perhaps not be able to refute the latter statement. Nevertheless, maritime union would be in the end beneficial to all, and the difficulties cannot be insurmountable. The Times does not know what line of argument its correspondent will follow, but the series of articles will doubtless be a valuable contribution to the literature of the whole subject.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER

The annual report of the board of trade, referring to the proposed scheme of harbor improvements, says—

"The harbor committee has gone about as far as it can for the present in preparing a scheme to lay before the Dominion government. It found it would be necessary to engage the services of an expert to ascertain from the city's books the value of the land and wharf properties held by the city and private interests which it would be necessary to have before any proposition could be placed before the government. The city was asked to grant a small appropriation to meet the expenses of such an expert but was refused. It agreed, however, to furnish the committee with the necessary information. The committee are now waiting for this information."

The Times learns that the information referred to has not yet been supplied. It is explained on behalf of the city council that just at the time this matter came up the tangled state of affairs at city hall was discovered, and the council has since been very busy getting matters in better shape, and inaugurating a better system of accounts and audit.

The new council will no doubt take up the subject as soon as possible, and give the board of trade committee the information it requires. The matter is one of great importance and no further time should be lost in preparing the scheme for submission to the federal authorities.

AN ONTARIO INSTANCE

Toronto News tells of a progressive adopted by the government of Ontario to that portion of the province which is called New Ontario, which policy is to encourage that great region.

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and Northern Ontario Railway into the wilderness has opened up extensive areas of country which are reputed to be well adapted to agriculture. These fertile tracts have been surveyed off into ranges of townships, stretching along either side of the Provincial railway. The next question is: How are agriculturists to be attracted into it? It is not enough that the railway is making a handsome profit as a carrier of ore and timber. An even greater traffic may be developed by peopling the country with farmers capable of developing its agricultural resources.

To this end it has been considered advisable for the government to demonstrate the possibilities of the country from the agricultural standpoint. Hence, the Demonstration Farm, for the purposes of which has been selected a block of land one mile square, situated at the point where the Provincial railway crosses the Driftwood River, a branch of the Black River, which is in turn a tributary of the Abitibi River. To further identify its location it may be added that the plot chosen lies some miles due west of Lake Abitibi, and thirty miles south of the proposed junction of the Provincial railway with the National Transcontinental road.

"That the farm is 400 miles north of Toronto is indicative of the large extent of this Province and of the hitherto unappreciated possibilities of the far north. If farming can be successfully carried on in that latitude, the clay belt of 16,000,000 acres some distance to the west will become the home of a populous and wealthy agricultural community. One hundred acres of the Demonstration Farm have been cleared of timber this winter, and it is proposed at once to erect such simple buildings as the pioneer settler requires in that region. A practical farmer is then to be put on the place to prove the capabilities of the country.

"The land is of splendid quality and rich promise, and the government would appear to be pursuing the reasonable course in establishing this pioneer experimental station and model farm. The legislature at the recent session set aside \$10,000 for this work. The Provincial railway now runs to Matheson, ten miles this side of the Demonstration Farm, and will be extended past the farm during the present summer. The line is expected to reach the junction with the National Transcontinental road before September, 1908."

THE BAR AN ISSUE

The abolition of the bar-room is to be made an issue in the Ontario provincial elections. A manifesto has been issued by the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, of which Mr. Joseph Gilson, who so effectively championed the Scott Act in Fredericton last week is president. This circular declares that the legislature should enact a law abolishing the bar-room, the treating system and drinking in clubs, and imposing such other restrictions on the liquor traffic "as would most effectively curtail its operations and remedy its evils."

"The present Legislature," it continues, "has not only failed to promote such legislation, but has taken away from the people the right, so long enjoyed and never misused, to abolish bar-rooms locally by a majority vote of the electors. The result has been the entrenchment more securely than ever so far as legislation is concerned, of the bar-room system, with all its concomitant evils. We would call upon the electors of the Province to work and vote only for the nomination and election of such candidates as can be depended upon to do all in their power to secure at the earliest opportunity the enactment of effective legislation against the bar-room evil, and who will hold themselves absolutely free from party dictation in relation to such legislation."

Mr. Robinson acquitted himself well yesterday, as leader of the opposition in the legislature. A vigorous but reasonable opposition will be of benefit to the province. No doubt pressure will be brought with increasing persistence upon the government to serve the ends of one or another individual or group of persons at some cost to the province, and it will be well to have an alert and capable opposition as a check upon demands of doubtful value to the public.

The lockout in the British shipyards is a very serious matter. It involves a quarter of a million men. In Canada there are labor troubles also, the most serious at present being the builders' strike in Montreal. The threatened trouble on the C. P. R. would if it materialized be still more formidable. This is not a good year for strikes.

Hon. L. P. Farris and Mr. J. S. Leighton have been provided for by a considerable government at Ottawa. There is still a formidable waiting list.

One hundred and twenty hotel liquor licenses have been cut off in Ontario. This is a significant indication of the trend of public sentiment.

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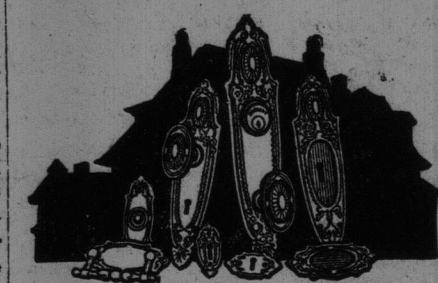
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ness,
With fondling hands that love and rest
combine!

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mine
To wayward selfishness and wrong in-
cline,
With tender and compassionate dures,
Hold thou my hands!

And when I face the dark, and must re-
sign
Love's tender, human touch; must dis-
cuss
Its dear, entwining clasp; when fears
depress,
Those mortal fears I cannot quite re-
press,
For all my faith and trust—O Love di-
vine
Hold thou my hands!

—James Terry White in Appleton's.

IN LIGHTER VIE

NOT VERY ENCOURAGING.
Oholly—"Er, I say, Miss Dolly, I, er—
hem—"
Dolly—"Oh, do you? Why don't you
join our sewing circle?"—Cleveland Lead-
er.

EASILY EXPLAINED.

Farmer—"Why do you weep that way,
my boy?"
Boy—"Cause it's de only way I know
of, mister."

HIS MISFORTUNE.

Wife—"Why, George, dear, what is the
trouble?"
Husband—"Oh, there was something I
was going to worry about and for the
life of me I can't think what it is."—
Puck.

LEGISLATIVE DUTIES.

"Why did you shake your fist at the
Speaker?"
"Well," replied the Congressman, "I
didn't want the whole session to slip by
without my having made a motion of
some kind."—Philadelphia Ledger.

AN APOLOGY.

(Crooked Creek Thunderer.)
We apologize for a typographical error
which appeared last week. We referred
to the editor of our abandoned contem-
porary as a "dying wretch." The word
"dying" was intended.

COUNTING THE BALLOTS.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)
"Every ballot must be counted," the
first speaker had declared.
"I agree with the gentleman you have
just heard," began the one who followed,
"but I go so far as to say that in certain
emergencies, some of them must be counted
twice."

RUSSIA'S DOWAGER
TO LIVE IN ENGLAND

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London, May 1.—Queen Alexandra is
now busy househunting for her sister,
the Dowager Empress Marie, of Russia,
who, before she left for St. Petersburg,
announced her intention of leasing a
country house in England which she will
visit annually.

The Dowager Empress was so enchanted
with her visit, and more particularly with
the freedom from "bomb panic," which
she enjoyed, that she declared she would
like to live here for all time. The Queen
is most anxious that she should live in
England, and has already started inquiries
through real estate agents.

Tentative inquiries have been made
through the agents of the new Duke of
Devonshire, who, his friends declare, will
find it impossible to keep up all his coun-
try properties. Chatsworth will never go
out of the Duke's family, but it is quite
possible that Compton Place, Eastbourne,
will become the English home of the Dow-
ager Empress.

Before leaving England for Russia, after
a two months' visit to her sister, Queen
Alexandra, the Dowager Empress de-
clared "I've had the best time in all my
life." Her visit was without ceremony,
and she and the Queen went about Lon-
don, shopping, sightseeing, etc., un-
checked. The Empress one day, with her
maid, took a long ride on a penny bus,
from Buckingham Palace to the Bank of
England.

DOUBLE LIFE ENDS IN
MURDER AND SUICIDE

Comte de Lanet Shot His Wife
and Himself in Paris Apart-
ment.

Paris, May 1.—The Comte de Lanet
has shot his wife, a beautiful Irish wo-
man, and killed himself in their apart-
ment. In investigating the circumstances
of the crime the police discovered that
for years the Comte had succeeded in
maintaining a mysterious double existence.
To the janitor of the fashionable Paris
flat in which he lived and the trades
people of the neighborhood the Comte
de Lanet was known as an independent
aristocrat.

To those who knew the other side of his
daily life he was a well-known guide
named Silvain, who frequented the ap-
proaches of the Louvre and the best
known hotels on the look out for tourists
desiring the services of a guide and inter-
preter.

The Comte had a place in the country,
and, in the height of the summer, when
the better class of English and American
visitors are scarce in the capital, he used
to spend his leisure there, living like a
country squire.

Of late he had been very despondent
but it was evident his troubles had not
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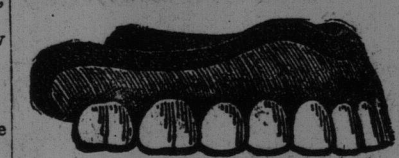
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