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LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET

Mr. Norton Griffiths told the business men of St. John last night that it was up to his company to make good, and they would not fail. He confirmed what he has previously said about the greatness of St. John harbor when it is properly developed, and declared that the more rapid the development the more quickly the trade of the port would grow to proportions far beyond what the citizens now perhaps anticipate. So far as the present contract is concerned, the company would endeavor to sustain their reputation and have the work completed well within the time specified.

Mr. Norton Griffiths also expressed the view that the city should have 100,000 population within five years, because of combined commercial and industrial growth, and this rapid growth should continue. Mr. Burton Stewart threw out a suggestion as to how a portion of this increase of population might be secured, when he referred to the facilities for establishing at St. John a steel plant that would employ two thousand men, who with their families would add ten thousand to the population. Mr. Stewart added that he hoped a little later to present a proposition along this line, and he wanted the people to bear in mind that when they have secured their wharves and dry dock at Courtenay Bay they should as quickly as possible add a steel manufacturing plant.

Mr. Norton Griffiths also had something to say about immigration to New Brunswick. He has been instrumental in settling about one hundred English families each year overseas, and he will now undertake that New Brunswick shall get a share of these desirable settlers. Moreover, his company will be concerned in New Brunswick investigations, and their interest in the city and province will not terminate with the completion of their present contract. The British M. P. struck a popular chord when he declared that steamers receiving government subsidy should make their terminus at a British port on this side of the Atlantic, and that when facilities for docking vessels of the Maritima and Lusitania class are provided the adoption of that policy must be pressed upon the home government.

The citizens of St. John were twice invited to "think imperially" last evening. Mr. Aikens, M. P. of Winnipeg, addressing the Canadian Club, and both he and Mr. Norton Griffiths at the Union Club banquet, referred to the navy of the Empire, the importance of maintaining its supremacy, and the part Canada should take in contributing to that supremacy. There was no mistaking the feeling of the St. John audience, for whether Liberal or Conservative they are in favor of Canadian participation in the defence of the Empire.

Mr. George W. Fowler, M. P., brought to last night's meeting a joint message from Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Hon. Mr. Hays. It was a pleasant feature of the addresses, and Mr. Fowler's tribute to Dr. Pugsley was greatly appreciated and heartily applauded. Col. McLean, in his turn, not to be outdone in political courtesy, paid a high tribute to Mr. Hays, while Mr. Norton Griffiths expressed his appreciation of the leaders of both the old and new governments. All the addresses were marked by good feeling, and by a spirit of optimism which was intensely gratifying to the listeners. Mayor Pritch recalled the words of Dr. Pugsley and President Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific, relative to the development of Courtenay Bay, and observed that they seemed almost visionary at the time, but that was only a year and a half ago, and the picture then drawn is becoming a reality.

Mr. Charles McDonald made a clever point when he observed that so busy a man as Mr. Norton Griffiths should not have been forced to waste valuable hours off Halifax, when it could have been avoided if the Empress steamers were sent direct from Liverpool to the port of St. John. When the great decks are completed, with ample accommodation for the largest vessels, and three transatlantic railways have their terminals here, there will be no question about direct service. In the meantime, the beginning of the Courtenay Bay works may well be marked by a civic holiday.

MR. AIKEN'S ADDRESS

It was plain from the address of Mr. Aikens before the Canadian Club last evening that he is a high tariff man. All of his hearers do not share his views in regard to the relation of east and west trade to Canadian consolidation. A contented people are the least likely to talk about disruption. The people of the west, and of this portion of the east, for that matter, will be more contented when they

have a larger free market for their products.

Mr. Aikens, in his eloquent address, paid a just tribute to the benefit the east has conferred upon the west by sending out its sons and daughters to establish British institutions, and to mould the mixed population pouring into the west every year into a Canadian nationality. There is food for thought in the figures he gave showing how the population of foreign born people, many of them with traditions other than those of the British race, is rapidly growing; and it becomes almost a question which is to be assimilated by the other. Happily, however, a large portion of the new population comes from the mother country and the United States, and may be counted on to uphold Canadian and British institutions. There is, nevertheless, the need of close sympathy between east and west, and any policy which tends to estrange them is not a good policy for Canada.

Mr. Aikens is very emphatic about the navy, and declares that the west is united in favor of Canadian participation in the defence of the empire. On that point the west and the east are at one, though there are differences of opinion in regard to the particular naval policy to be pursued.

Empire Jack, otherwise known as Mr. Norton Griffiths, made a lot of friends in St. John last evening.

The number of outside investors in St. John real estate is increasing. The statements made last night by prominent men should help some.

Mrs. T. J. Bowler gave her audience in the high school yesterday some plain talk about the proper and improper conduct of stores where food is sold.

The candidates of the Citizens' Committee, who represent all those who voted for commission government, had a good meeting in the north end last evening. They are giving the people a chance to hear them discuss the issues in this campaign, and are well qualified for the task.

Because they could not give a particular twist for political purposes, the Borden government have abandoned the tariff commission and the highways bill. Of course they attacked the senate, but the senate amendments were in the public interest and should have prevailed.

Not knowing that Mr. George W. Fowler, at the banquet last evening, would speak in high praise of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the editor of the Standard penned an editorial attacking and belittling the minister of public works. We may fairly leave the Standard to have it out with Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Howard D. Troop was one of the men of a generation, of which there are few survivors, which made the name of St. John familiar in the shipping ports of the world in the days when the commerce of the world was borne by wooden ships. He has passed away at a time when the citizens are looking forward with confidence to greater fame for the port as a builder of vessels of steel. Mr. Troop not only controlled a great fleet of vessels, but was a builder of ships, and when wooden vessels were no longer built he became a builder of steel craft. He was a strong man in a generation of strong men, who bore an active part in the world's commerce, and who greeted disaster when it came with fortitude. The news of his death brings with it, especially to the older citizens a distinct sense of loss.

The Montreal Witness says:—"The McBride government have bought up the whole province of British Columbia by promised railway expansion and road construction everywhere. The riding that did not elect a McBride man could count on being left out of the deal. To this result the Ottawa government contribute by lavish money grants. The result is that the opposition in the provincial legislature is confined to two Socialists. As the government's errors are decidedly of the paternal sort, these men should be poor critics of them. At all events they might as well not be there for all their words will avail. Any protests they may make will be laughed at by the solid party of forty. That province will have a renewed and accentuated opportunity to learn how the British constitution works with no check at all from an opposition, and under which the only conflict will be in disputes over the magnitude of the spoils."

The Christian Guardian, the official organ of the Methodist Church in Canada, on the very day that the provincial Liberal party in Ontario decided to make the abolition of the bar a part of their platform, said:—"We think we see bright prospects ahead of the party in Ontario today that will make its future on an abolition-the-bar policy, and will commit itself to it wholeheartedly and without reserve. That policy is a peculiarly sane and level-headed method of facing the evils of the drug traffic as they exist among us today. It seems preeminently the next step to be taken in temperance reform, at least in this province, and as such it will make a strong appeal to a united conviction in favor of temperance advance." The Christian Guardian expresses the belief that the leader who adopts such a policy "will succeed in arousing such enthusiasm in the moral reform forces of the province as no politician in many years has done."

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THE FUNERAL OF THE MAINE
(Will Carleton, in Harper's Weekly)
Out of the harbor she sought long ago,
Harbor that welcomed, but served not
to save,
Under the clouds, bending piteous and
low,
Crept the great ship to her grave.
Not from the battle's tumultuous breath,
Not from the glory of victory's morn—
But from her travail of flame and of death
Lo! a republic was born.

Not in the arms of this Queen of the
Vrecks,
Lingered the dust of her far-famed
dead,
Forests of palms hailed the flag on her
deck,
Roses above her were spread,
Long had she waited her funeral-day,
Lying in rough state mid sunlight or
moon;
Now the world's plaudits each step of the
way,
Followed her path to the tomb.

Full sixty fathoms we buried her low,
Near the rough sea and the ne'er-
changing skies;
Far from molesting of friend or foe,
Headless of tempest she lies.
Lies in the arms of the ocean-waves free-
ed,
With the wet sea-roses over her spread,
While, with the love of a nation carressed,
Arlington cares for her dead.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
GOOD REASON:
"Maggie! You are the most cheerful
creature I ever met!" cried her mistress.
"Why shouldn't I be cheerful, mum?"
said Maggie. "I haven't a relation in the
world."—"The Sun."

THINGS UNPRINTABLE.
-Willie-Mother always carries when we
have company to dinner.
-Bob—Isn't your father able to?
Willie—Guess he ain't able to without
saying things—Boston Transcript.

AT THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
"I am looking for a man who can do
the chores, sweep, help clean the rooms,
be polite, and never be impudent."
"Say, missus, you're lookin' fer a husband."
—VELOCITY.
Teacher—What's velocity, Johnny?
Johnny—Velocity is what a chap let's
go of a wisp with.

TRUSTING SOUL.
First Diner—"How do you know whether
that's chicken or real you are eating?"
Second Diner—"I don't. All I know is
that it's chicken I'm paying for."

MASTERPIECE GONE TO WASTE
The very seedy-looking young man made
his way with difficulty down the corridor
on the ninth floor of one of the best hotels
and knocked loudly at his friend's
door. Anish was written on his face
and wrinkles on his clothes. He was a
walking sign of what it means to spend
a hard night.
"What's the matter?" called out the
sleepy friend.
"That's a tragedy, a death, the end
of all things—ruination and grief."
"What's that?" asked the friend.
The drowsy man, without opening the door,
leaving against the door and lifting his
voice to a howl, replied:
"I called up my wife on the long-distance
telephone last night and told her
why I had not returned. And now I can't
remember what it was."

NOBLE AND BRAVE
Percy had matrimonial designs on a
beautiful and rich heiress. If he could
only give her a demonstration of his bravery
he knew that he would have a little
justification in proposing to her. At
length a brilliant idea occurred to him. He
was strolling with her along the water-
side when he suddenly turned to his fair
companion.
"I say—Miss Teresa. Could you
saw—manage to fall in so that—
could we use you?"
The fair Miss Teresa looked surprised.
"But you can't swim, can you?" she
said.
Percy was confused for a moment, then
a happy inspiration came to him.
"I'm afraid I can't swim; but I always
carry a police whistle, don't you know?"

SUFFRAGE PROGRESS
Little and Big Gains Made in The
Last Seventy-Five Years

Now, that the question "to vote or not
to vote" is being debated with more or
less earnestness everywhere, it is interesting
to know how women stand in regard
to voting privileges at the present time.
Some tabulated statements compiled by
Alice Stone Blackwell, it appears that women
have school suffrage in twenty-four
places, and municipal suffrage in nineteen.
They have full suffrage in six of the United
States, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado,
Utah, Washington, and California; in all
the six states of the Australian Commonwealth;
in New Zealand, Finland, Norway,
the Isle of Man (parliamentary suffrage),
and Iceland. (Parliamentary suffrage to
women over twenty-five years old). It is
almost seventy-five years since the first
of the suffrage gains for women was
recorded, a tiny gain, but excellent so far
as it went, school suffrage to widows with
children of school age, in the State of
Kentucky. The Province of Ontario granted
school suffrage to women married and
single, in 1920. New South Wales was the
first place to grant municipal suffrage,
in 1867, and in 1869 England gave
municipal suffrage to single women and
widows. The same year, the State of
Wyoming went on record as the first to
give full suffrage to women. In the next
ten years, seven places, including New
Zealand, gave school suffrage, and two
others municipal suffrage. In 1881 Scotland
gave municipal suffrage to single women
and widows, and the same year the
Isle of Man granted Parliamentary suffrage.
The Province of Ontario was the first
part of the dominion to give municipal
suffrage to women, in 1884, and New
Brunswick did the same in 1886. Nova
Scotia and Manitoba following in 1887;
British Columbia and the North West Territory,
both in 1888, and Quebec, municipal
suffrage to single women and widows,
in 1889.

The decade from 1880 to 1890 saw many
gains in municipal and school suffrage,
twelve for the former and eight for school
concerns. County suffrage was given in
Scotland in 1889. New Zealand and the
State of Colorado granted full suffrage
in the same year, 1893. Parish and district
suffrage, to married and single women,
was given by England in 1894, and in
the next two years, South Australia and
two of the United States adopted full
suffrage. In 1899 Ireland ruled that women
could vote for all offices except M. P., and the
same year Minnesota gave a vote for all
offices except M. P., since 1868; in Belgium,
since 1909, women can vote for enfranchisement
of women.

Members of the Councils des Prud'hommes,
to which they are also eligible. The
Austrian Tyrol, in 1909, gave a vote to
single women and widows paying taxes.
In 1910, Rumania gave the Parliamentary
vote to women owning a certain amount
of real estate; in the dominions of the
Czar, of Rumania women were given a
right to have a voice in municipal elections;
the Kingdom of Wurtemberg enabled
women engaged in agriculture to vote
for members of the Chamber of Agriculture,
in which they may also sit; and
New York gave a vote on bonding
propositions to women in all towns, villages and
third-class cities.

Last year, the state of California proclaimed
for full suffrage; Honduras, for
municipal suffrage in its capital city; Iceland,
for full Parliamentary suffrage with
twenty-five years as the minimum age limit,
and Norway for the full enfranchisement.
This year, according to somewhat incomplete
cable dispatches, the new Republic
of China has proclaimed in favor of the
enfranchisement of women.

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of women engaged in commerce to vote
for judges of the Tribunal of Commerce.
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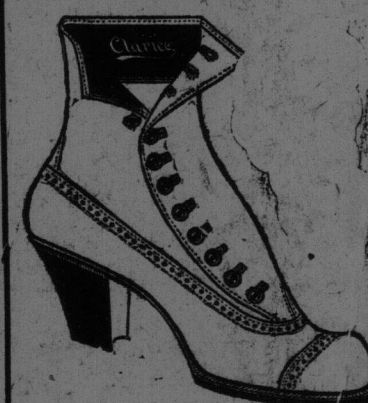
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