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## ST. JOHN WANTS TO KNOW

The report that a delegation of Conservative business men is to wait upon Hon. Mr. Hazen follows closely upon the resolution passed by the Borden Club. It is all very well to assure the people of St. John that the Grand Trunk will ultimately use the terminals at Courtney Bay. No doubt that is correct. But that is not the point that is causing public anxiety. As the present government is carrying out the plans of the Laurier-Pugsley administration and expending \$12,000,000 at Courtney Bay, it naturally follows that the Grand Trunk Pacific is expected to bring its traffic to that point in the course of time.

But the Grand Trunk Pacific will be hauling through trains from the west next year, and the car ferry at Quebec will then be in operation. How is that freight to reach St. John? What facilities will be ready here for handling it if it does come through?

We were told some time ago that the Grand Trunk Pacific would enter St. John over the Valley Railroad, by means of a branch line from Napadogan to Fredericton. But, as a matter of fact, the route of the Valley Railroad below Gagetown is not known. For no good reason, so far as the public knows, its location has been delayed month after month, although it must be clear that time thus lost cannot be made up.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, although it acquired a tract of land at the head of Courtney Bay, thanks to negotiations between the Liberal government and the late C. M. Hazen, has not yet even located its passenger station, its grain elevators, its immigration sheds, or the other buildings absolutely necessary in handling traffic here. Thus, even if Grand Trunk Pacific freight were to come by way of Moncton, there is no provision for it unless it is turned over to the already overworked terminals of the Intercolonial or the C. P. R.

All of the official and semi-official explanations of these matters up to date have been most unsatisfactory. There is also the matter of the winter mail steamers. St. John is still in doubt as to whether or not it is to have its share of the direct mail service.

If the Borden Club, or a delegation of Conservative business men, should succeed in securing from Mr. Hazen personally satisfactory information about these matters, the public would undoubtedly be glad to have it; but the public wants definite and specific information and not the generalities which, thus far, it has been compelled to accept in the absence of the required facts.

## THE BACKWARD PUPIL

At this time when parents are discussing the examination results in the schools, probably as much thought is given to the backward pupil as to the boy or girl who comes out at the head, or near the head, of the class. There is a very general feeling that the schools should break away, more or less, from the old system of prescribing the same dose for every mind. Virtually every public school contains pupils brighter or more diligent than the average, who go ahead of the grades where they would normally be found; also it contains pupils who fall behind their grades. On the face of the returns, the latter greatly predominate. Investigation has shown that in some cases the schooltime lost by the backward, compares with that gained by the forward as thirty to one. In fact, the ratio has often been said to be one hundred to one. If this be true, what about the pupils, constituting two-thirds of the whole, who are not backward? How much is their school progress retarded by the less apt or less studious? The tendency must be to fix the grades according to the average progress—an average that is pulled down by the backward pupil, even though he falls below the average and misses his grade. This would seem to be a mistake; for even in schools where thirty pupils fall behind their grades to one who goes ahead of his grade, it is safe to assume that others could go ahead of their grades if the work were so cut out as to call forth their best efforts.

## THE REAL DANGER

A great deal of the talk about war between Japan and the United States over the California land dispute is by people who have not carefully studied a map of the world. A mere glance at the map is sufficient to show one that if trouble does come, the blow will fall not on California, but on Manila. One is three weeks off for transports; the other four or five days. Indeed, the Japanese at Formosa are barely two days sail from the Philippines. California, to an invader offers no permanent possible gain, only fearful cost and ultimate loss. The island of Luzon in the Philippines is but a few hours away from the Formosan coast and there would seem to be the soundest reason why the United States should fortify it and also make impregnable the entrance to Manila Bay, which is within easy striking distance of two great military and naval powers. So far, this has not been done.

It is probable that Japan has plenty at present to occupy her attention at

home. Missionaries tell us that the subjugation of the savage natives of Formosa is barely, if quite complete. Japanese energy is also busy establishing and developing the framework of government in Karafuto and Korea, and finds the task ample. There is no doubt that at least two of these territories would be immediately annexed, should Japan enter into a trans-Pacific war. Added to this, there is the striking fact that with a population half that of the United States, Japan has a national debt substantially the same. Its burden, therefore, is much heavier if the greater rate of interest and the relative poverty of her people be considered. Her taxes have grown tremendously in the last ten years, and it is doubtful if she is looking for a chance to waste her forces and means. Few men who have given subject thought believe that Japan is crazy enough to attack the United States. At the same time one wonders at the weakness of the latter country's Asiatic fleet. The only real danger at home that the United States and European countries have to fear from Japan is a commercial one.

Let's see—has not the Board of Trade a transportation committee? Does the board see no opportunity for useful activity in connection with the G. T. P. and the Valley railway?

The public by no means regards the question of the open door at City Hall as settled by the action of the Mayor and Commissioners in ignoring Section 12. They have no right to ignore it.

This appears to be delegation day. The patronage committee of the Conservative organization is to confer with Mr. Hazen today. Recent fulminations by the New Freeman will be one of the topics. There are other irritating patronage questions, including the failure of the Minister of Marine to keep all of the lazers and fishes for the home market. Mr. Cochrane's recent activities in New Brunswick have not helped to make Mr. Hazen's pathway any smoother; and it was rough enough before Mr. Cochrane arrived.

## FAMOUS FRENCH BUGLER

Once Blew a Charge When Ordered to Sound a Retreat

The story of the drummer boy at Marengo, who, when asked by Napoleon if he could beat "a retreat," replied, "No, Sir, I only know the charge," was almost repeated in the life of Bugler Roland, the oldest member of the Legion of Honour, who has just been made an officer of the Legion at the age of 94.

Roland was decorated with the cross on August 21, 1846, for his heroic conduct in Africa during the skirmish of Sidi Brahman. In the course of the fight the French soldiers had exhausted their ammunition, and with his last shot Roland fired his ramrod instead of a bullet at the advancing Arabs. He was then taken prisoner and brought to the Emir Abdel-Kader.

The Emir was squatting on a rich carpet under an olive tree. On seeing the prisoner with his bugle he pointed to the small cluster of French troops that were opposing the Arabs, and asked him if he knew the tune that the Christians blew to order a cessation of the combat. The bugler said that it was the "retreat."

"Then take your bugle," said the Emir, "and blow the retreat."

Roland pretended to obey, but instead of the retreat he blew the charge with all his might, and the Arab camp was carried.

## TO PROMOTE PEACE

The maritime provinces will shortly receive a visit from E. R. Scannell of the R. C. I. F. C. I. S. of Toronto, who has recently been appointed organizing secretary of the Canadian Peace Conference Association. Mr. Scannell will at once enter upon the work of carrying out the recommendations made by the International peace conference held at New York for the erection of monuments commemorating the century of peace and the establishment of educational interests looking to an increase in good will. The latter phase of the work will include the interchange of professors in Anglo-American history; the endowment of traveling scholarships to enable capable men to write essays on the hundred years of peace; and the preparation of a history from which text books may be prepared or revised.

The average Australian eats every year 264 pounds of meat, which works out an average of two sheep and one-fifth of a bullock for every man, woman and child in Australia. He eats more than twice as much meat as the average Englishman, three times as much as the average Frenchman and four times as much as the average German or Swiss. He eats, in addition, about 875 pounds of wheat, 250 pounds of potatoes and almost 100 pounds of sugar. If he is a Tasmanian he eats a quarter of a ton of potatoes in a year.

Miss Florence Gibbons, who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles Leford, High Street, was a passenger from England on the steamer Corinthian, on which a Bermuda boy lost his life during a storm.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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James N. Armstrong, North Sydney member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia was born at Sydney Mines on June 28, 1854. He is one of the most widely-informed public men in eastern Canada.

Judge Morgan, judge of the County of York, Ont., was born on June 28, 1838, in St. Vincent, W. I. and came to Canada in 1864. He practised law in Newmarket until elevated to the bench in 1885.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Rev. T. Albert Moore, a prominent figure in the Methodist Church in Canada, was born in Acton on June 29, 1860. He has held important pastorates in Ontario. He became general secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance in 1908 and later was appointed secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee of the Methodist Church.

Hon. John Yeo, one of the senators from Prince Edward Island, was born seventy-six years ago today. He is a shipowner and farmer. He sat in the provincial legislature for many years. He was elected to the commons in 1881 and 1896 and was called to the senate in 1898.

LIGHTER VEIN

AFRAID TO SAY.

The Star—Honestly, who do you think of my acting in my new play? The Critic—Don't ask me. You're younger and so much stronger than I am.

A MASTER TRULY

"Of course, you admire Shakespeare?" "I should say, you admire Shakespeare!" replied the manager of modern methods. "Anybody who could make the success that he did without introducing ragtime or turkey-trotting was a wonder!"

NOMADIC LIMERICKS

There was an old, cranky globe-trotter Who, in truth, was like kinds of a roller; When in Iceland he'd scold "Cause the weather was cold, And in Italy wish it were hotter.

A Yankee, while on a Cook's tour, Went to Carlsbad to tackle the cure. He spent all his hoode In a sale a la Sprud, And came home exceedingly poor.

A brawny young athlete named Sackey Successfully climbed Cotopaxi; As he entered the crater He yelled: "See you later! I shall not return home in a taxi!"

There was a New Yorker named Jinks, Who in Egypt exclaimed to the Sphinx, "If you tell me your history, Without further mystery, I'll buy you a couple of drinks!"

—Addison F. Andrews in Life

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