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CONCERNING HARBORS.

Municipal ownership and operation of harbors does not necessarily mean stagnation. The Review of Harbors gives four striking illustrations that show exactly the opposite condition. It says: "A glance at conditions in Europe is exceedingly interesting. There, as a rule, the municipalities build, own and control their terminals. For example, take Antwerp, a city with fewer inhabitants than San Francisco and not many more than New Orleans. Antwerp—an inland city—has expended more than \$100,000,000 on waterfront improvements, with the result that prior to the outbreak of the world war it was the greatest port in Europe and second only to New York in the whole world.

"Hamburg, situated sixty miles up the Elbe river, with mud banks and tide between it and the seaboard, is devoid of any natural advantages as a port and is the last place where one would expect to find an important transoceanic shipping centre. Nevertheless, by the expenditure of a little more than \$100,000,000 this city had, before the war, made its terminals so attractive that her commerce was growing faster than that of any other port save New York and Antwerp.

"Rotterdam had also been successful in making its harbor a municipal monopoly. It has expended \$80,000,000 in building docks, receiving no aid whatever from the Holland government. "Have struggled for eighteen years to get control of its harbor, succeeding in 1900. It immediately launched extensive improvements, which not only resulted in a tremendous growth of commerce but served as a great aid in the world war."

The lesson St. John should learn from the experience of Antwerp, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Havre is that it should not be in a hurry to give away its harbor. The harbor commission set does not offer fair terms. In considering it the city council should not lose sight of the agreement made with the C. P. R. in 1893 and that made with the federal government in 1911. Have the terms of these agreements been faithfully carried out? If not, why make another on terms that are partly indefinite and where they are definite are not to the advantage of St. John?

THE FARM COLONY PLAN.

A farm colony is to be established for the feeble-minded of Toronto. The Association for the Care of the Feeble-minded is now seeking a site. At a meeting last week Dr. C. K. Clarke gave some interesting information concerning what is being done for the mentally deficient in the western provinces. The subject of particular interest in New Brunswick, where a survey of the feeble-minded is to be made in September. A report of Dr. Clarke's address says: "The Boys' Village in British Columbia, he said, was intended for boys whose case was not hopeless, and every facility was provided for their education and development. The farm consists of 1300 acres, and supports the finest dairy herd in America. The buildings will be in units, capable of accommodating 80 boys. At first there will be only four of these houses, an administration building, central dining hall, recreation buildings, workshops, and so forth. This is the sort of plant the association hopes to establish for the feeble-minded of Toronto. The need was evidenced in the fact told by Dr. Clarke that only yesterday he had examined five girls, all of whom should be in some such place, but there was no place whatever where they could be sent. Winnipeg, Dr. Clarke said, has done and is doing wonderful things for the mentally deficient. Vancouver has fifteen separate classes in the schools for abnormal children, in addition to the Boys' Village, Saskatchewan, of which province Dr. Clarke has just been making a survey, is also very progressive."

THE BREWERS ARE SAD.

The people of New Brunswick will not shed tears over the grief of the Montreal brewers. The Montreal Herald says: "The unmistakable decision of New Brunswick against not only liquors but light wines and beers was not viewed with any great amount of enthusiasm today by those interested in the brewing industry in this province. New Brunswick, by reason of its proximity to Quebec, afforded interesting and lucrative possibilities for the export of beers had the voters decided in that way. In every circle here it had been rather expected that the adjacent province would follow the lead of Quebec and vote in favor of beer and light wines, and there was considerable disappointment over the balloting. The brewers' interests seem to be getting a good many setbacks these days."

QUEBEC PROVINCE WILL NOT BE CONTROLLED UNTIL THE PEOPLE OF NEW BRUNSWICK HAVE VOTED ON THAT QUESTION.

Their verdict is not for a moment in doubt, and if they could be given a chance to vote with the other provinces in October we would all the sooner have a dry province. There will be opportunities for some big men in Toronto in September of next year, when the Toronto railway system is to be taken over by the city. With the present civic car lines there will be a combined system of over 184 miles of street railway. "The city has power to appoint a transportation commission to manage the system, and already the applicants for places on that commission are said to be making themselves heard. It would be a great misfortune and a severe blow to the cause of public ownership if any but the most able and disinterested persons were chosen members of this managing board. No doubt this fact will be duly impressed upon the minds of the members of the city council."

IN HALIFAX SIX BOYS HAVE BEEN SWORN IN AS SPECIAL POLICE ON THE PLAYGROUNDS.

The Chronicle says: "These special police, or junior police as they are called, are a very important acquisition to the playgrounds and their work during the past year or two has been of an important and helpful nature. The public had an excellent opportunity of observing their work at the annual play festival last fall. There they were continually on the go keeping the almost irrepressible mob of boys and girls within bounds and making themselves generally useful. The protection of the grounds afterwards is also made more secure by the fact that these boys are in the vicinity with watchful eyes."

THE BATHING NORTHERN LIGHT SAILED LAST WEEK.

The Bathing Northern Light sailed last week that a Dominion trade representative had been discussing with the Bathurst Lumber Company the possibilities of shipping pulp from its mill to Japan. It is interesting to note that the Canadian Pulp & Paper Company of British Columbia, which has three plants, exports practically all of its pulp in mat form to China and Japan. To ship from the Atlantic coast would perhaps be a less attractive proposition, which nearer markets are both available and profitable. British Columbia, by the way, ships newsprint to Australia and New Zealand and pulp to the northwestern states as well as to the Orient.

OTTAWA HEARS THAT CROP CONDITIONS IN THE WEST WERE NEVER BETTER AT THIS SEASON.

and that everybody is looking for a record crop. According to a C. P. R. report fully 90 per cent of the western wheat crop is to be the average condition with almost ideal weather conditions. All crops are making good growth. Thus nature and the western farmer are preparing for a great export traffic through the port of St. John next winter, while the government which owns railway and steamship lines fails to provide facilities for handling the traffic. Premier Meighen and Hon. Mr. Wignmore should act promptly in this matter.

THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE HOME FOR INCURABLES SHOWS THAT THIS BENEFICENT INSTITUTION HAS BEEN AFFECTED AS OTHERS BY THE HIGHER COST OF LIVING.

It is in need of increased funds. Such an institution is not only worthy of generous support from year to year but is one of those who ought to be remembered by those who use a portion of their wealth to provide legacies for deserving purposes. The Home for Incurables has been a great blessing to many persons who without its kindly ministrations would have experienced far greater suffering. Its appeal for support should meet with a prompt and hearty response.

THE TORONTO GLOBE MAKES THESE COMMENTS ON THE PLEBISCITE IN THIS PROVINCE.

"New Brunswick is maritime, but not yet. "New Brunswick will close the 'hothead routes.' "New Brunswick prohibitionists fought as a unit. Others please copy. "New Brunswick has decided that the liquor traffic shall not take refuge in the cellar. "No beer-and-wine camouflage for New Brunswick. The next-door example of Quebec proved a warning."

SENATOR DENNIS.

(Halifax Recorder.) When Senator Dennis passed away Halifax lost a man whose energy and enterprise were phenomenal. Starting out without possessing any assets but his ability to think and work, and laboring under the disadvantage of a most frail physique, he lived to be the owner of three newspapers and to be a member of the Federal Senate. One of his first positions we understand was in connection with the Good Templars. Afterwards he became a very active and successful reporter, and ultimately the proprietor of the Herald which then owed its continuous existence to him. Physical handicap never for a moment quelled his energies and after acquiring affluence his work along charitable lines was incessant. He was a vigorous writer both on political and other topics, despite the many business interests with which he was connected, devoted many hours daily to his newspaper work. As a Senator he made few speeches, but he very largely emphasized the social side of political life in the Capital, his friendship being alike extended to political partisans of both parties.



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SYMPTOMS. I read no able doctors' books, peruse no almanacs, which tell of frightful ills, gadooks, and pains in human backs. The more you read about disease the sicker you will feel, and you'll have bumps and house-booster Hooper's pills; I kept it hanging in my shack, hard by the window sills. And when I should have studied hymns, and tracts and things like those, I read of spavins on the limbs and bunions on the toes. And every time I read a line it filled me with despair; I found 'Tid anthers in my spine, and dandruff in my hair. Then from my savings bank I drew some nice ten-dollar bills, and to the drugstore promptly flew, and called for Hooper's pills. Oh, Hooper, in a palace, and Hooper's butler used to neck downstairs to fetch the wine; and Hooper lived in Easy street, and Hooper rode to hounds, while I on weary, dragging feet to drug stores made my rounds. Then on a morning I had a ray of reason in my home, and I got up and threw away the dope, that filled my home. I told myself that I was well and felt as sick as was; glad day, when I no longer felt for Hooper's ailments!

CANADA—EAST AND WEST.

DOMINION HAPPENINGS OF OTHER DAYS.

VITUS BERING. On July 15, 1741, Vitus Bering, a Dane who had served in the Russian naval service for some years, sighted land on what is now known as the coast of Alaska. He had been sent by the Czar to explore the wild seas of the north in company with another ship commanded by Alexander Chirikof. In a storm they had become separated. Chirikof saw land on the same day and sent a boat ashore. It did not return a few days later he sent a second one, but it disappeared in the same strange fashion. Then he abandoned the effort of exploration and turned his prow towards Kamchatka.

Being landed upon the slopes of a towering mountain on July 16 and as the great Mount Elias, and a small amount of exploration work was undertaken. Then Bering with half his crew, set sail for home. But he had not gone far when the water gave out and sickness followed on board his ship. It was a terrible voyage that he was destined to have. His men were dying from thirst; the commander was very sick while the ship was almost unmanageable. A storm was coming up so the boat moored near a little island and the party landed and made their home in a cave. The men were coming up so only thing in sight were foxes.

On a bleak December day Bering died and the crew were ready to return to the cave for the winter. Towards spring they improved in health and, taking what remained of the boat, they built a small craft in which they finally managed to reach Kamchatka and their homelands. So the two voyages of that year both proved failures.

JULY.

(By His Honor, Judge J. D. Swanson.) High in the turquoise depths at evening side. The swallows dip, and planes his dizzy flight. The shimmering heat of fervent day is spent In lush-green pastures gleam with fleecy sheep. Beside them rest the great-eyed placid kine. The pirate bear from many a laden barque Of hallow flesh hath reft his golden store. Across the crimson glow of sunset skies Dreamlike the tiny sailing clouds go by. Within the harbor bar the fishes fleet Glad homing come with loved ones watching night. Then softly like the silent tears of God Falls the healing balm of restful rain. Kamloops, B. C.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Mother's Oeuvres. Daughter—Yes, I've graduated, but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, bibliology, practical mothering—Stop! I have arranged for you a splendid course in astrology, bacteriology, stichology, darnology, pathology, and general domestic householdery.—Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas.

SURE PROOF.

Young Lawyer—"Your honor, I claim the release of my client on the ground that he is a stupid fool, an idiot, and if not responsible for any act he may have committed. The judge—"He doesn't appear stupid to me."

Simplex Munditatis?

Miss Helen Price, dean of Hood Ladies' College, Frederick, Md., which has an enrollment of 800 students, has issued a circular to mothers and guardians asking them for their co-operation in bringing about greater simplicity and modesty in the dress of students and especially evening gown. In her letter Miss Price says: "Evening dresses must be shown me before the time for them to be worn, and if they do not meet our requirements, alterations will have to be made. Please inform your daughter of these regulations in case they have any clothes during the college term."

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Mrs. Mary Rogers, 18 Charles street, and John O'Neill, Peterborough, Queens Co., were married at the Cathedral yesterday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Simon Gram. Mrs. Thomas Joyce, of Peterborough, was the matron of honor and Richard Joyce, the bride's nephew, supported the groom. Following the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of the bride. Many valuable presents were received by the bride, the groom's gift being a diamond brooch. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill left later for Boston, where the honeymoon will be spent. On their return Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill will reside at Peterborough.

RECENT DEATHS

Frank J. Dooling. Somerville, Mass., July 12.—Frank J. Dooling, employed for forty-six years by the North Packing and Provision Company in Somerville, died suddenly of heart disease at his office in Somerville. He was born in St. John fifty-eight years ago and came to Somerville where he resided for many years. He was treasurer of Inman Lodge, A. O. U. W. of Cambridge. A wife, Alice, and two daughters, Mrs. E. O. Nelson, of Arlington, and Miss Dorothy Dooling, of Somerville, and a sister, Miss Mary Dooling, survive him.

Water Downing.

The death occurred in Boston on Sunday, July 11, of Walter Downing, son of Uriah Downing, Harbor Grace (Nfld). He was a veteran of the South and is survived by his father, two brothers and one sister. The brothers are W. H. of Port Arthur, and Norbert of Waverly (Mass.), Samuel of Bridgetown, and the sister is Mrs. Frederick F. Stephenson, of St. John. The remains have been brought to St. John and the funeral took place this afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking rooms of N. W. Brennan and Sons, Main street.

Bird Protection.

Hamilton Times—Within the past few years bird protection has become a live question in Canada and the United States. The needless slaughter of the feathered tribes that was carried on for years was having its natural result; many races of birds were being exterminated. Everybody who had a gun went out to shoot and slay, and great was the slaughter thereof. Now a better sense of the value of bird life prevails, and instead of the shotgun many carry a camera with which to take snapshots of their bird friends.

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