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GETTING IMMIGRANTS

The fact that the St. John Board of Trade is prepared to furnish \$5,000 to assist in bringing out members of families of immigrants already in the province, is chiefly important because of what is likely to develop in the province at large. Five thousand dollars would only provide one hundred immigrants with fifty dollars each, or fifty immigrants with one hundred dollars each. Neither fifty nor one hundred dollars would be of very great value to an immigrant settling on a new farm, unless he had funds of his own or had made a good beginning, and fifty or one hundred dollars would be a very small number to attract to the province. But if boards of trade, municipal and other organizations throughout the province interest themselves in this matter, as the St. John board desires them to do, the aggregate result will be very beneficial. It is even possible that a number of well-to-do members of a farming community might organize themselves into a small committee to encourage one or more thrifty immigrants to settle in their neighborhood, and to give him such counsel and assistance as might tend to make them successful in establishing themselves on a farm. It is most important that the people of the province generally should interest themselves in this matter, and that there should be a general movement in which the federal and provincial governments and other organizations would feel that they had not only the sympathy but to a reasonable extent, in a business way, the active support of the people. Under these conditions a most successful immigration campaign can be carried on, glowing in volume from year to year; for when a number of small settlements of satisfied newcomers are established, and satisfied individuals scattered here and there among existing settlements, every one of them would become an immigration agent of great value.

But if the people among whom these newcomers settle show a disposition to discourage them, and to lament about the decay of the east as compared with the west, a great deal of the work done by the various immigration agents will have been rendered of no value at all.

MENDING MEN

The Times has received from Mr. Edward Smith, the author, a copy of an interesting book printed in attractive, large type, and entitled "Mending Men." The book is an exposition of the adult school process which is doing a great work in many rural districts in England. These adult schools are organized in various districts, and they aim to reach down and lift up those who, through dissipation or misfortune, have fallen below the level of good living. The work is entirely non-denominational, and in this book Mr. Smith gives a vivid description of the work and its results.

Here is an illustration: Mr. Smith was invited to a village on the outskirts of the "Black Country," and thus describes it: "I went on Sunday and found 100 men crammed at 7.30 a. m. into an underground school room, which was required at 9.30 for the children's school. No wonder it then became evident a building must be erected, with a class and recreation room. The building was erected, and now for six years, at the time of writing, has the good work gone on."

Mr. Smith describes the adult school as "a social level of transcendent power to induce men who have lived only for self to give themselves to the work of improving the locality in which they live." Men are quoted also who were reclaimed by the adult school, and who are now, themselves, actively engaged in the work of doing good to others. The adult school system tends to develop character. Dr. Graham Taylor, professor of sociology in the University of Chicago, after attending a meeting of adult school leaders in England, said: "Close observation and continued enquiries have led me to the conclusion that this is the most vital, effective, and vigorous bit of Christian work for men that I have seen."

An interesting fact in connection with this book is that its author, Mr. Smith, is known in St. John, having visited this city twice, and having spoken on adult school work in the Congregational church and also in the Every Day Club. "Mending Men" is published by the Religious Tract Society, 4 Bonaventure street, London.

Cheer up—there may be good sleighing for New Year's Day.

If the city council can provide open air rinks for small children, it will be a great boon to them. The climate is the chief difficulty to be overcome.

The late government was criticized for permitting foreign vessels to participate freely in the Canadian coasting trade. The Borden government extends the privilege for two years.

An illustration of the enterprise of the province of British Columbia is the very handsome Year Book, containing 260 pages, handsomely bound and attractively illustrated, which has been issued by the government of the province. The Year Book of the province historically, publishes portraits of a great many of its leading men, past and present, deals with the physical characteristics of the country, its mines and minerals, its fisheries, its agricultural possibilities, its forest lands, its municipal affairs, its commerce and shipping and many other matters, likely to interest the

prospective settler or investor. There is also a gazetteer of the province, giving in brief the important facts about the cities, towns, and large villages in the province.

The coroner's jury in the Ryder case practically censured the St. John Railway Company and called for a more effective street car fender. The jury, however, can only recommend. It will be interesting to note whether the verdict will produce any effect.

Col. Roosevelt does not believe that international peace is possible or desirable at the present stage of human development. Despite the peace movement, there are many who agree with the colonel at least to the extent that they do not regard international peace as a possible condition for a long time to come.

The movement to organize a young men's branch of the board of trade should be successful. The young men, if they intend to remain in St. John, have more to hope for than the old men, from every effort put forth to make the city prosperous. Their united energy, rightly directed, will do much to ensure prosperity and progress.

There was one very intelligent observer among the British journalists who visited New Brunswick this year. The representative of the Aberdeen Free Press, in his article on the St. John River, gives the province a most valuable advertisement. We observe that in the same issue there are valuable articles on Canadian banking facilities and the Canadian iron industry.

C. P. R. STAFF IN LONDON

AT ANNUAL DINNER

(Times Special Correspondent.) London, Dec. 13.—On Friday night last the C. P. R. staff held its third annual social gathering, and it shows the growth of the staff in the old country, that the big throne room of the Holborn Restaurant was quite filled by the dinner party. Last year the affair did not take place out of respect for the then recently deceased Archer Baker, whose work for the C. P. R. was fittingly alluded to by Mr. E. Brown, his popular successor and the chairman of the evening.

Mr. Dennis was one of the most welcomed speakers in his reminiscences of the early days of the C. P. R. The menu card was the work of the C. P. R. and the advertising staff of the Charing Cross office.

Rev. J. H. Puddington has accepted a call to the Deer Island churches. Rev. Dr. McIntyre has been called to be at his office a few times for short periods.

Rev. C. T. Clark, of the Newton street church, is home at St. John West, for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. H. G. Dockrell is holding special meetings in Sharon, Mass. He is going to England soon to engage in evangelistic work.

Last Sunday Rev. A. F. Newcomb spoke in the Waterloo street church and the Douglas avenue Presbyterian church. Next Sunday he will be in Halifax, and the Sunday following in Charlottetown.

Rev. A. C. Berrie has been called to the Woodstock church, and will enter upon the work there the first of the new year. He is a New Brunswicker, and relinquishes a successful pastorate at Millinocket, Me., to return home. Welcome.

Rev. J. B. Slocum is pastor of the Greenwood Baptist church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Like many other United States pastors, he is a native of the Maritime provinces. Mount Handy, Annapolis county, being the place of his birth. He sends love to "the folks at home."

Rev. Neil Herman closed five years' successful pastorate of the Windsor, N. S., church on Sunday evening. A large congregation heard his closing sermon. The Windsor Tribune says: "No clergyman has ever drawn larger numbers to his church, or was more widely recognized as a faithful and able exponent of the Gospel. He has ever manifested a deep interest in Windsor's welfare—has been ready to lend a helping hand in all movements for the betterment of its people, and while we regret his departure, we know that he will carry away with him the best wishes of all classes. He spent Christmas with his father at Dartmouth, and next Sunday will begin his work as pastor of Munnichall church, Huron."

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(William Mye Smith, Toronto.)

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The student sought some alcove where
Nature and he could talk together.

He plucked a purple heather bell,
And glad to see (a pleasant duty)
White'er the microscope would tell
Of color, form, and grace and beauty.

A shadow fell upon the beat;
A shepherd lad was bending o'er him;
With smiling lips and eyes intent
Upon the wondrous things before him.

And every student has the thought,
And most of all 'mid Scottish heathery:
Knowledge is free, and is not bought,
To shepherd and the lens together.

The changing hue, the moistening eye—
Pathetic play of lip and feature—
Of some fond lesson testily,
From the creator to the creature.

"O man, O man! I'm woe to see;
I'm all at war 'twixt love and duty!
To think how oft my careless feet
Have tramped down soe grace and beauty!"

Yes, God in Nature has a school,
For us and for instruction solely;
"The Holy is the beautiful,
The beautiful is still the holy!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MUST BE

Louise—"Is your new cook trouble some?"
Julia—"Troublesome! She couldn't act worse, if she were a near relative."—Harp'er's Bazar.

SHE KNEW

"My dear," called a wife to her husband, who was in the next room, "what are you opening that can with?"
"Why," he said, "with a can opener; what did you suppose I was doing it with?"

"Well," replied his wife, "I thought from your remarks you were opening it with prayer."—McCall's Magazine.

DIFFERENT NOW

"When we went to housekeeping," she sadly complained, "you were glad to wipe the dishes for me."
"Yes," she glibly replied, "but that was when we had only two dishes to be wiped."—Chicago Herald.

BASE MISREPRESENTATION

"You've spoiled the sale of my new novel!"
"What's the matter?"
"You reviewed it under the heading 'Recent Books,' and the printer made it read 'Recent Books,' instead."—Judge.

EDDIE'S IDEAS

Little Ed is "Jimmy Tooms," sure had the best man I ever knew.
His Ma—"Why, Eddie?"
Little Eddie—"Let's him have three dogs, two rabbits and seven guinea pigs."

LIBERAL OFFER

A young lady in Ottawa wanted to have white hands, so one day she asked a guest at the house for a recipe. "Soak them in Douglas water three times a day," was the reply. The girl left the piano, and sticking her head into the kitchen, said, "Ma, I wish you would save the dish-water when you get through."—Kansas City Journal.

WASTED

"I should think," said the woman of the house, "you would have too much self-respect to make your living by begging."
"Lady," protested, "I don't. I'm straightening myself up. 'Self-respect' is not all mine! I wouldn't do this for no other man on earth!"

"Just before his departure for Spain," said the magazine editor, "I dined with Mr. Howells in his Half Moon street apartment in London. A popular novel, just called after dinner. He told us all about his phenomenal sales. Then—fishing for compliments, you know—he sighed and said: 'I grow richer and richer; but all the same, I think my work is falling off. My new work is not so good as my old.'"
"Oh, nonsense!" said Mr. Howells. "You write just as well as you ever did, my boy. Your taste is improving. That is all."—Christian Register.

It was a dark morning, and Mr. Dockins was groping around in the basement when somebody suddenly flashed a dark lantern on him.

"Mechanically," he threw up his hands. "I'm the gas meter inspector," explained the intruder.

Whereupon Mr. Dockins held his hands up still higher. "Chicago Tribune."

"If those California women run for office do you think they would be guilty of purchasing votes?"

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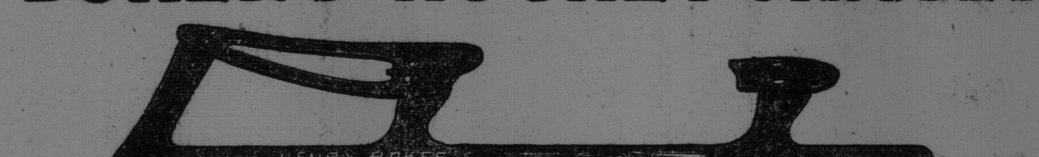
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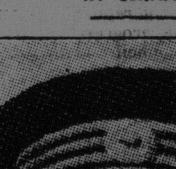
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IN CHINA



General Tuan Fang, a Chinese government general, who is supposed to be on the way to the relief of Chentu, where Canadian Methodist missionaries are besieged.

A MINCE MEAT RULING

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Federal Government has laid down a rule for mince-meat. The great question is practically settled, not, it is true, in time to catch all Christmas pies, but as a happy promise and harbinger for the new year. The pure food board of the department of agriculture, headed by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, after laboring for months over the question, "what is mince-meat?" has evolved this official definition:

"Mince-meat is a mixture of not less than 10 per cent. of cooked, comminative meat with chopped suet, apple and other fruits, salt and spices and with sugar, syrup or molasses, and with or without vinegar, fresh, concentrated, or fermented, fruit juices or spirituous liquors."

The board has been enquiring for several months into the "conspiracies" that peddle manufactured mince-meat in this country. They have discovered many high crimes committed in the name of mince-meat, concoctions which in the board's opinion are defaming the memories of our grandmothers and hiding behind a cherished name. Mince-meat manufacturers have contended that really you cannot standardize this delicious institution, for mince pie from away back in Shakespeare's day has been just what anybody close to make it. It was possible, some of them argued, to have mince-meat even without meat.

KEEPING QUIET

Colonel Scotchman was weary. He had held a very arduous day retreating from the enemy, and he wished to recoup his strength in order that he might retreat still further on the morrow. "MacPherson," he said to his new servant, "I'm going to snatch forty winks' sleep. Stay by my tent and see that I'm not disturbed." Mac saluted. Five minutes later the snoring of Colonel Scotchman were cut short by the colonel. "Aw, the one you mean is?" "Na, dinna fret," replied Mac, inserting his head reassuringly through the tent-flap. "It's only a wee mouse. But as I thought he might wake you up, I shot him!"

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