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A VITAL QUESTION

Reference was made in the Times recently to an article in the Canadian Courier, in which it was suggested that there should be a federal superintendent of immigration for eastern Canada, the ground being taken that the interests of the east are neglected. In last week's Courier, under the heading: Will Canada be Lapsed? the question is further discussed, and there is a letter from Mr. F. H. Estabrooks, president of the St. John Board of Trade, who declares that "the time has come for a change in the policy of the immigration department," so that the provinces east of the lakes might secure a fair share of attention. Mr. Estabrooks points out that Canada has as much to gain by settling the east as the west. He points out that there are thousands of British immigrants who would prefer the east if they knew of its advantages.

"There has been," says Mr. Estabrooks, "a small, very small, immigration to the east, encouraged by the provincial governments, and to some extent by the federal, but it has been of a haphazard variety, and not selected to meet the conditions of the country, and so has not been retained there except to a very small extent."

Touching the share of responsibility which rests upon the provincial governments the editor of the Courier makes some observations that are worthy of attention. He says: "All the blame does not rest upon the Dominion authorities. The eastern provincial governments must shoulder the major portion of it. They are largely responsible for the lack of development. Ontario might have had a million more inhabitants today, had the various administrations, been less concerned with holding office and controlling the patronage. Ontario is wealthy and could spend as much annually as does the Dominion government, if it so desired. It has sent two or three men to the United Kingdom to get settlers, but it sent fifteen-hundred-dollar men to do the work of five thousand-dollar men." "So with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Each of these provinces has had a representative in London for many years, but the representative had no policy behind him, and no money to spend. In the past two years Nova Scotia has shown signs of adopting a more generous and business like policy, but New Brunswick is still to be heard from."

The Courier makes another strong point in its contention that these provinces should have a home colonization policy, to keep the farmers' sons on the land, so that they would not be lured to the west or to the United States. This question of population is really the largest question before the people of the lower provinces today. A change of policy is needed. It must be a bold and radical change. It must not merely effect localities here or there, but the whole of a province.

CITY GOVERNMENT

In a letter to the Times today, Mr. Col. McKay expresses the view that St. John should try the form of government by city council and board of control rather than commission.

To give an illustration of how this plan would work out, let us suppose that the present city council were "elected" in 1911, along with a board of control. Is it not clear that we want a radical change? Under the commission system with the initiative, referendum and recall, the commissioners are all elected by popular vote, and the double election makes practically certain a choice of good men. If one or more of those elected prove objectionable, they may, by the recall system, be compelled to face another election at any time during their term.

What good reason can be given for objecting to the immediate adoption of the commission system? The citizens will hardly assent to the proposition that they are not fitted for self-government, or that they are less capable than the people of American cities.

Mr. McKay is right, however, in urging that the people study this subject. If they

decide in favor of a board of control, it may prove better than the present system; but the Times is of opinion that a more radical change is needed. This, of course is a matter of opinion. Let the whole question be freely studied and discussed. When public opinion is fully aroused a beneficial change will result.

A DISCRIMINATING OBSERVER

The Canadian Century urges that a parliamentary excursion to the maritime provinces be organized for next summer. It says that the people of Canada, except those of these provinces, know less about this region than they do about other sections, and expresses the view that parliament pays too little attention to this part of Canada.

"It is true," says the Canadian Century, "that the Dominion Government spends a considerable amount of money in these provinces, but it is largely frittered away on small things for the benefit of local interests, instead of being devoted to great projects that would develop the country. If the members of parliament of both political parties had a more intimate knowledge of the great natural resources and unique geographical position of the maritime provinces a broad policy would be adopted."

Therefore the Century urges that the members of parliament make a summer excursion to this part of Canada for the following purpose:—

The excursionists should have an opportunity to see the great rivers and beautiful lakes of New Brunswick, the cities of St. John, Fredericton, Halifax and Charlottetown, the fertile farming lands of Sussex and the St. John River Valley, the fruitful Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, the fishing villages, the coal mines, and the great steel works. They should specially study the shipping facilities at St. John and Halifax, and consider the relation of these ports to Canadian trade, not only with the United Kingdom, but also with the West Indies and South America. There is no part of America more splendidly endowed with natural resources than the maritime provinces of Canada, and if these resources were developed as they should be, Canada would become a great Atlantic power."

This is good reading for lower province people. In another article on Canada's Winter Port, the Century scouts the idea put forward by a correspondent that Passaic should be made a winter port, and says:—

"It will be far better to concentrate winter business at the fine harbors of St. John and Halifax, the routes to which are safe and certain throughout the year."

To which statements lower province people will heartily subscribe.

Even a rainstorm cannot dampen the ardor of the children at this season, and Santa Claus is impervious to weather changes.

Will the Lord howl to the inevitable? Of course they will. They have played and lost, and they are wise enough to be good losers.

ment which the newspaper men, with the hearty co-operation of gifted entertainers, will present at the opera house this evening for Mr. H. L. Spencer, should be worthy of the poet's gifts and of public appreciation of his genius.

The late Dr. James H. Gray of Fairville was a good citizen as well as a faithful physician. He was a life-long temperance worker, and took a keen personal interest in the welfare of the community in which he lived. Many young men have kindly remembrance of wise counsel given them by Dr. Gray. His influence was for good in society.

Now that a committee has reported on what it will cost to make the Western Extension a good ferry-boat, the city council should proceed to enquire as to the actual cost of a bridge across the harbor. Having that information, let the council tell the people exactly what they are paying to keep up the ferry service, and make a comparison between the ferry deficit and the interest on the cost of a bridge. That would be the first step toward a solution of the problem. We may as well recognize now that before many years have passed a bridge will be an absolute necessity, and keep that fact in mind when ferry expenditures are under discussion.

The board of license commissioners in Montreal take their responsibilities seriously. The Witness of Friday last says:—"Judge Choquet's visit yesterday afternoon to the 'road houses,' which have recently been given such prominence, and his promise that it is not the last visit the commissioners are likely to make during the coming year, makes good reading, and will make better when we know that the idea is being carefully carried out. No men have a greater responsibility in Montreal than the three license commissioners. On their shoulders to a large extent rest the morals of the community; it is a direct and actual burden which they carry; not a theoretical one. Every home broken up through drink, every crime committed under the influence of liquor, is attributable to the license commissioners if through ignorance or carelessness they have allowed drinking facilities to be unduly obtained by men of criminal instincts."

THE SAILOR'S CONSOLATION

(By William Pitt, 1708-1778.)

One night came on a hurricane,
The sea was mountains rolling,
When Barney Buntline turned his quid,
And said to Billy Bowling:
"A strong nor'wester's blowing, Bill;
Hark! don't ye hear it roar now?
Lord help 'em, how I pity all
Unhappy folks on shore now!"

"Foolhardy chaps who live in town,
What danger they are all in,
And now are quaking in their beds,
For fear the roof should fall in,
Poor creatures, how they envy us,
And wishes, 'I've a notion,'
For our good luck, in such a storm,
To be upon the ocean."

"But, as for them who're out all day,
On business they are all in,
And late at night are coming home,
To cheer the babes and spouses;
While you and I, Bill, on the deck,
Are comfortably lying,
My eyes! what tides and chumny-pots
About their heads are flying!"

"And very often have we heard
How many were killed and mangled
By overturns of carriages,
By thieves and fires in London.
We know what trials all landmen run,
From noblemen to tailors;
Then, Bill, let us thank Providence
That you and I are sailors!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

JUST A WISH
I wish I were a boy once more,
I do, because
I'd like the faith I had of yore,
In Santa Claus.

SUPERHEATED THRIFT
Mrs. Hayes—"She's the most economical woman I ever saw."
Mrs. Hayes—"How so?"
Mrs. Hayes—"When she first moved here she spent a week looking for the bakery that put the smallest holes in their doughnuts."

A HIRELING
City Cousin at village church—"Is that a voluntary the organist is playing?"
Village Cousin—"Oh, no; she gets paid for doing it."

DOUBTFUL
"I don't believe in that doctor."
"Why?"
"He didn't tell me everything I wanted to eat was bad for me."

OPEN QUESTION
Sport—"Is there anything worth shooting around here, boy?"
Boy—"Well, there was a fellow shot here by Farmer Jones last week for trespassing, but I don't know whether he'll think you're worth shooting at or not."

FOLLOWING THE RULE
Mrs. Brown seven times before she accepted him.
Jones—"Yes; she believes in shaking well before taking."

TOO PUBLIC FOR HIM
He was a mild-mannered little man, short, with grey hair and spectacles. It was noon in Washington street, and as usual the crowds were shoving and pushing to get somewhere. The little man was trying to worm his way through the crowds.

A well-dressed woman, accompanied by a small boy was mixed up in the crowd. She wanted to cross the street. The boy stopped to look in a window. The lady reached down and grasped a hand saying: "Take my hand dear." "Not right now on my way to school," she was startled to hear someone reply. Looking down she saw that she was clasping the hand of the very same little man, who seemed to be much confused and embarrassed.

"Sit," said she, haughtily. "I don't want you; I want my son."—Boston Traveller.

LETTERS TO UNCLE BILL
Dear Uncle Bill—I know you'll be surprised to get this note from me. I mustn't write you long ago. But I've been busy, don't you know? And yesterday I broke my sleigh. I've had to go to school every day. And when I got my skates out, gee! I found they were too small for me. I've got a dollar in my bank. With love from all, your nephew,

Dear Uncle Bill—Ashamed am I—But, oh, how fast the months slip by! I meant to write you long ago. But always something happened to stop me. We hope you're well! There isn't much real news to tell. We're busy now with Christmas things. Last week I lost one of my rings. Bad luck seems bound to follow me. With love to all, your niece,

—DETROIT FREE PRESS.

Lincoln and Douglas
(Utica Globe).

Prof. James T. McLeary, of Minnesota, who for fourteen years represented a district of his State in Congress, tells a Lincoln-Douglas debate in Illinois, said Prof. McLeary. "My friend's father was a Lincoln man, but the place in which that particular debate took place was a Douglas stronghold."

"Douglas spoke first, and he was frequently interrupted by vociferous applause. The cheering and the hand-clapping at the end lasted four or five minutes. When Lincoln was introduced the crowd broke out into cheers for Douglas and kept it up for several minutes. Lincoln meanwhile, waited patiently."

"When at length the enthusiasm had subsided, Lincoln extended his long right arm for silence. When he had partly got this he said in an impressive tone: 'What an orator Judge Douglas is!'"

"This unexpected tribute to their friend set the audience wild with enthusiasm. When this applause had run its course, Lincoln, extending his hand again, this time obtained silence more easily."

"What a fine presence Judge Douglas has!" exclaimed the speaker earnestly. As in tumultuous applause followed the tribute."

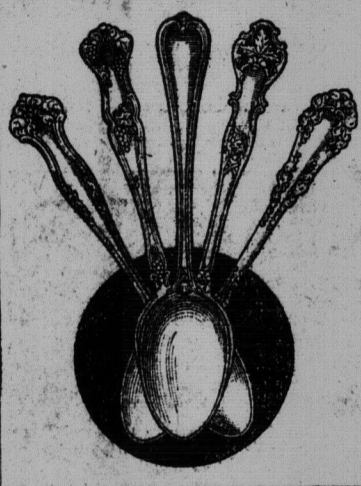
"How well rounded his sentences are! How well chosen his language! How apt his illustrations! How ending up of famous! 'What a splendid man Judge Douglas is!'"

"Then when the audience had again become silent at his call, Lincoln leaned forward and said:

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"My friend told me he searched his own heart for an answer and found none. Afterward he asked his father if he could remember anything Judge Douglas had said and the latter remembered practically nothing. 'But,' my friend said to me impressively, 'even now, half a century later, I can recall practically all that Lincoln said.'"

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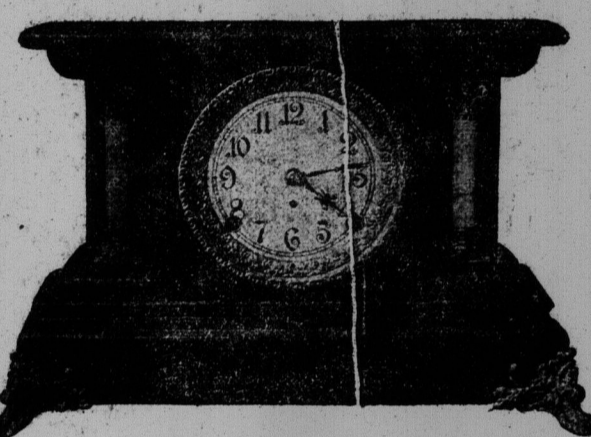
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