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SIR EDWARD'S OPINIONS
It is a fortunate thing for St. John that Sir Edward Morris is a resident of Newfoundland otherwise he might possibly live here and we have quite enough pessimists and knockers without him. But who would believe that the premier of any colony would go about expressing such opinions as he seems to have done on questions of which he is in almost absolute ignorance? If his participation in the recent Imperial Conference has been of no greater weight than the views he has expressed here, it is little wonder that the name of Newfoundland has never once been mentioned in the conference reports.

Let's see, now, Newfoundland, if we remember rightly is the half way station for the icebergs, an extensive property owned by Sir Alfred Hamworth, the home of the cop and the scene of political deadlocks. It has declined to enter the Canadian Federation because of the belief that property such as Canada enjoys would be injurious. But this strip of habited coast, with thousands of miles of forest behind it, provides great men like Sir Edward Morris who declare off-hand that St. John need never hope to grow.

The usual but rather hasty premier may perhaps be surprised in a few weeks to find White Star liners making St. John their Western terminus. This, The Star is informed, is in contemplation by the company. He may be further astonished to hear of the Cunard steamers changing with the season from Montreal to St. John. Perhaps this new service will not operate here during the coming winter but prominent railroad officials say that this is Sir Edward's plan for a new program may feel a hand in the announcement of a new service between St. John and Mediterranean ports, to be established in a couple of months, a service which starts with the very brightest prospects of success.

Passenger traffic makes the port, says Mr. Morris, while freight is of no account. This view is so entirely different from that generally entertained here in this island that it is Sir Edward's word can only be making a bid for notoriety. Freight means money, the landing of passengers brings with it a certain distinction, Halifax may have the honor, Sir Edward may hold his opinions, but St. John will get the business.

A REAL EMPIRE
The man who merely glances at the headlines in this newspaper, who fails to keep in close touch with the development of relations between the Motherland and the dominions overseas, who looks on the recent naval and military conference merely as a part of the political game, is missing entirely the true intent of the greatest movement of empire the world has ever known. The full realization of what this policy will lead to, can be appreciated only by those who properly set aside whatever party prejudices now affect their vision, and see things from the standpoint of those who endeavor to follow world politics. The British Empire is decadent, cry some, even within the circle. As a matter of fact Britain has never yet been an empire, but today she and her children are awakening to a better knowledge of what the word really implies. The outlying dominions have been colonies, dependencies, in spite of their self-government. There has rarely been one of them found contributing a cent's worth to the maintenance and preservation of national supremacy. We have occasionally heard of naval support, we listen repeatedly to pledges of devotion, and at times in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa there have been evidences of fervid patriotism. But aside from this immature sentiment the whole burden of empire has been borne by the Mother Country alone. What have we in Canada done? What has any other colony done that has helped to lessen the weight on the shoulders of the old homestead?

But today there is a difference. We find the leading men of all the more important possessions in conference with the rulers of Britain, discussing, not what expressions of sentiment should be uttered, but practical business plans for a division of the load. These possessions, at the same time and moved by the same impulse, begin to feel their strength, to realize not only that as nations they have national duties, but that as units in a great empire they must assume as well their imperial responsibilities.

Canada will not offer a ship or a regiment—but, declaring herself a nation, will set about those things which in the existing state of national life every country must perform. The new navy which it is proposed to build will be a Canadian navy; Australia will have an Australian navy; but as

the sense of imperialism is making its influence felt, these national views will at the same time be imperial, for Canada and Australia realize today, in a practical manner, that they are parts of the empire just as much as they are growing nations. Such a movement as is taking place today is unparalleled, not only in the history of Britain, but in the history of the world. Its effect cannot be fully appreciated, but for the time being it means the construction of an empire—a real empire—out of a home country and a diverse group of outlying colonies; it means binding together in a union, far stronger than any offensive and defensive alliance, a group of independent and powerful nations. It means in brief, that the march of empire for which the British people have been preparing during the past thousand years, is just beginning. We who live in the beginning of the twentieth century can no more clearly foresee the outcome of this movement than did the men who coerced King John to realize the importance of Magna Charta; it is to future generations that the true appreciation will come, but if we stop to think it must be apparent to all that British history is being made today as it never was made before.

If you hunt for "the right man for the place" through the classified ads, you will find him - if he is to be found.

THE BUDGET
Mr. Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, tells us in the following caustic fashion, "Why the Budget is Popular." Addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by a typical member of the class which constitutes the vast majority of the electorate.

You ask me if your little Bill, Round which the bees of factin buzz, Causes my heart a happy thrill My answer is, "It does."

I like a thing that knocks the folks Who mope and brood and dance and dine. That takes the stuff from out their pokes, And puts it into mips.

Not that I care who pays my way, Such worries never make me fret; I'm always free, come whence it may, To touch what I can get.

'T thought of charity I detest, But mean to bear with it like man; You tap the source, I'll do the rest, And swallow all I can.

And, though you chop and change your Bill, From what was perfect at the start, In my opinion it is still A noble work of Art.

Whether the owner of the State Should say this, I don't see; May be a matter for debate, But makes no odds to me.

Bacon and sugar, tea and beer— That's all of mine your taxes touch; A halfpenny there, a farthing here— It don't amount to much.

That's why I bless the lavish king That lets me use for my defence Thumping navy, built and manned At other men's expense.

Nor could I bring myself to blame A scheme that gives me, free as air, Schools, baths and pensions. Just the same, As if I'd paid my share.

So clear, indeed its merits lie, That when you ask me if I view Your Budget with complacent eye, I'm bound to say, "I do."

I can't requite, and you would ditch At all reward for service done, But, if you need me at a pinch, My heart is yours, for one.

Yes, though I'm sure that you would shove The hint of payment down my throat, I shan't forget your proofs of love, AND YOU SHALL HAVE MY VOTE.

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THE WAY OF LIFE
As when a traveller, setting forth, Is mocked by sudden rain, And knows not whether to go on Or turn him back again, So I, with hesitating mind, A way of life do strive to find.

And as the traveller, distraught, Beneath broad-hanging trees, Seeks for a while from wind and rain A little sheltered ease— So I, by questionings oppress, Seek for some quiet place to rest.

And as the traveller, knowing not The storm has long time ceased, Believes the storm's increased— So I in quiet places find There is no rest for troubled mind.

And as the traveller, passing on, In due time gladly sees That what he thought was growing storm Was only rain-drenched trees— So I my way of life do find By leaving shelter far behind.

—St. John G. Ervine in The Nation.

ARGUES IN FAVOR OF FREE TRADE

Before British Society for Advancement of Science.

Prof. A. B. Clark Says Preferential Duties are Defensible Only as Stop Words None at All.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 30.—Outside of the agricultural section where questions of supreme importance to the wheat growing industry of the west were discussed at the chief interest at this morning's session of the British Society centered in the economic section where Prof. A. B. Clark, of Edinburgh read a paper on the policy of preferential duties within the Empire. He proved himself an out and out free trader, as were the majority of the large number of members present. Prof. Clark thought self governing colonies are not prepared to take any serious step in the direction of free trade within the empire nor would they be likely to appreciate the adoption by Great Britain of a policy of all round protection. Colonial products merely receiving at British ports preferential treatment equivalent to that accorded British goods at Colonial ports. Prof. Clark thought such a policy would be under which the United Kingdom is asked to tax imports from foreign countries and to admit colonial products free from duty as at present time, while colonies continue to tax British products. He thought it was unlikely to increase materially Great Britain's exports of free trade goods, and it would inflict a heavy blow on her export trade to foreign countries, and from which she produced the most desirable. He described the whole policy of preferential duties as unworkable and as a step in the direction of free trade.

There was also an interesting discussion in the anthropology section where it was decided to recommend to the Dominion Government, the establishment of a bureau of ethnology. Dr. T. G. Henry, F. R. S., eminent geologist, who is not attending the present meeting, was elected president for 1910 and 1911. The meetings next year will be held at Sheffield, Eng. Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

HUEBER FLAYS GOMPERS AND U.S. PATRIOTISM

Dramatic Scene at Union Congress THE FIRST SESSION

Clash Comes Over the Status of Gompers and American Federation

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was the dramatic center of the first day's session of the sixtieth international trades union congress when several European delegates denounced what they called the equivocal attitude of the American federation with reference to joining the international movement.

The clash came over the question of the exact status of Mr. Gompers and the American Federation of Labor in the conference.

"Personally," he continued, "I have no authority to pledge the affiliation of the American Federation of Labor, but I believe it will come in time."

Mr. Gompers' statement was received coldly. Several delegates jumped to their feet to protest. Hueber, an Austrian delegate, vehemently characterized Mr. Gompers' explanation as mockery. He, like the others, has been under the impression that the Americans mean business and that Mr. Gompers was the official delegate from that country. Otherwise he could not understand how the American revolution happened to be printed in the official programme.

"I regret," he exclaimed, "that you have policies may not permit us to come to us, but one day American workers, you will realize that your policies are erroneous and you will see the necessity of joining the international confederation."

Mr. Gompers, stinging under the rebuke, but unflinching, arose to reply. "I regret," he exclaimed, "that you have misconstrued my remarks as an attack upon European trades unionism. I repeat we are sincerely desirous of international federation, but only as far as it preserves the American conception of unionism. If Europe does not want us, it will be unfortunate. Nevertheless we continue to go everything possible to attain the goal for which the human race is struggling—a international, fraternity and unity."

Hueber retorted that it was now seven years since the Americans began talking about joining the international confederation and it was about time a decision was reached.

CANNON.

The first cannon to be cast in one piece was made by an English master in 1545.

MYER ACCUSES ALLEGED WRITERS

But Says He Never Wrote for Free Speech.

Local Men Mentioned—McCreedy Produces His Diary to Show Payments by McDougall.

At yesterday afternoon's hearing of C. Bruce McDougall's case, the evidence of B. F. McCreedy was further heard. The witness produced a diary and showed the different dates on which he received money from McDougall for typewriting. Witness told of calling at McDougall's office for the copy and money.

Jeremiah Meyer was the next witness. He said he did not remember having told Joseph Daley on the 15th of June that he was getting from \$15 to \$20 a week out of Free Speech and the articles in the paper were true. He never wrote for the paper, but thought that McDougall of the Evangelist Clear Store, did. Witness said he was handed items by a number of persons among whom was James O'Brien. He also suspected Frank Curran for writing some of the articles.

Witness said he kept some items that O'Brien had given him. In company with Officer Lucas the witness went to his home and produced the items which were handed to the court.

Wm. F. Higgins was called and said that he suspected Louis Monahan as having written some articles, but Monahan never showed him any letters.

J. M. Barnes, C. P. R. Telegraph manager, produced telegrams regarding the case of the newspaper. He said that he had written some articles, but Monahan never showed him any letters.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock and it is expected the preliminary will be finished tomorrow, when the prisoner will be admitted to \$8000 bail.

BOY SHOTS OFF PART OF HIS SISTER'S FACE

Lad, 6, and Girl, 10, Playing Hide and Seek While Parents are in Field.

MILTON, Del., Aug. 30.—Because he didn't know it was loaded, the 8-year-old son of J. Henry King, who has a 10-year-old daughter, near here, shot and nearly killed his ten-year-old sister with a gun that had been hanging in the house. The police, struck the little girl in the face, tearing off part of her chin and ear. The parents heard the shot in the field and hurrying to the house, found the little one alive, but in a very weak condition. A physician was summoned and states he believes he can save her life if no complications set in from the wound.

Her brother was nearly frantic from was and died repeatedly that he didn't know the gun was loaded.

ECLIPSE OF MARS BY THE MOON TOMORROW

GENEVA, N. Y., Aug. 30.—An interesting feature of the moon, visible throughout the United States, will occur on Wednesday evening, September 1, according to a bulletin issued by Professor William B. Brooks at Smith Observatory.

Phenomenon will last about an hour, beginning in the longitude of Washington at 8:42 p. m. and ending at 9:38. At places west of Washington the occultation will occur earlier and at places east of Washington later.

The eclipse will be visible to the naked eye, but the use of a small glass which will bring it clearly within observation is advised by Professor Brooks.

MR. HEFFER'S STATEMENT

Canada, Province of New Brunswick, County of Kings.

I, William Heffer, of the Town of Sussex, in the said County of Kings, having read in the St. John papers of the 28th inst. that certain letters purporting to be from me and signed by me were found in the office of C. Bruce McDougall of the Free Speech, Moncton, N. B., and placing me as a correspondent to that paper, in justice to myself and to all concerned, I make the following solemn declaration and I do declare

First: That I am not now, nor have I ever been, directly or indirectly a correspondent to the paper called Free Speech or any other paper printed or edited in this province or elsewhere.

Second: I never had at any time any correspondence with C. Bruce McDougall or any other person connected with the so-called Free Speech, and if any letters, manuscript or papers of any kind whatever were found in his possession or in his office containing my signature, they are malicious and vile forgeries and made entirely and absolutely without my knowledge or consent, and are things over which I have no control. And I, the said William Heffer, make this solemn declaration knowing the same to be true.

WILLIAM HEFFER. Declared before me at the Town of Sussex, in the said County of Kings, this 30th day of August, A. D. 1909.

WILLIAM N. BEGGAR. One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Kings in the Province of New Brunswick.

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NEW FEEDER FOR THE C.P.R. ABOUT READY

Only Electrical Road in the East TAPS FERTILE COUNTRY.

H. B. Robinson Says Road Will Triple Output of Potatoes.

By the middle of October or the last of November C. P. R. cars will be running over the new feeder railroad in the "down east" section run upon electric power. This fall it is expected that the new line will bring out of the country which it serves at least \$50,000 barrels of potatoes. Last year, when every barrel had to be hauled by wagon for at least 12 miles, the district exported 310,000 barrels.

This, the Aroostook Valley Railroad, will be in the shape of a feeder for the C. P. R., connecting with the big road at Presque Isle and electric power to the line will be furnished from the Aroostook Falls, by the Maine and New Brunswick Power Company, whose president, A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, is also president of the railway.

A. M. Robinson and Sons of this city are conducting the construction of the road, which has been under way for some months. It is now about 12 miles almost every day rolling stock, which includes two electric locomotives, has been purchased in readiness for the fall business.

Running north from Presque Isle to Washburn, the new road serves a district of the most fertile farming land to be found on the continent. The potatoes there produced are immensely in demand in the south, particularly in Texas, where they are considered much more desirable for seedling purposes than the native-grown variety.

Mr. Robinson Talks

H. B. Robinson, who recently drove over the right of way of the road, said last evening that the railroad was expected to triple the output of potatoes from the district. Hitherto the farmers have had no incentive to increase the production of potatoes, because they have had all they could possibly do during the winter to get their present crop to the market with horse and wagon. One farmer at Washburn kept his teams going a distance of 12 miles almost every day last winter. So good is the quality of the potatoes raised that they find a market at from \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel.

The agreement between the road and the Maine and N. B. Power Company assures power to the former for 20 years.

Lumber will be the electric railroad's best bet next to potatoes. The Aroostook company has a large mill at Presque Isle and there is another at Washburn, the northern terminus.

The grade of the line is described as wonderfully easy, totalling only 1-4 of one per cent. over its whole length, or six inches to every hundred feet. Two steel bridges over the Aroostook River occur in its course. These are well toward completion. The road is built upon standard steam railway system of construction.

By railway men and others the success of the road is due to be watched with keen interest. There are many sections of country in Maine and New Brunswick similar to that through which it runs, which it is estimated can be developed very profitably by similar "feeder" lines.

RED HICKORY Well seasoned red hickory weighs 32.37 pounds to the cubic foot.

THE DALLIES One of the tales told of the dallies is that the flower ornamented the royal gardens of the Moorish at Madrid for

ZULU ENDURANCE The race at which Zulul can travel in an emergency is astonishing. Some will cover as many as fifty miles in six hours. Eight miles an hour is an ordinary pace.

A CURIOUS FLY A curious lantern fly discovered by naturalists in the Malay archipelago possesses the power of jumping a distance of several feet without opening its wings. It has a projection on its head which, when bent back and suddenly released, throws the insect into the air. This fly was seen to jump from the ground to the roof of a hut.

DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE HIS STEP SON

Fear Suicide Pact Between Young Couple.

Dropped Dead After Saving Friend—Fell to Death From Boat—Fell 25 Feet But Escaped Uninjured.

MARLBORO, Vt., Aug. 30.—Bravely rushing into the waters of Marlboro South Pond to save the life of her stepson who had tumbled from a raft after going for his picture, Mrs. Elsie Taylor lost her life late today and her stepson was also drowned.

Mrs. Taylor was 25 years old and her stepson 11 years of age. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—With the finding of the body of Chas. Schock, a young driver in a park reservoir here today, the authorities are dragging the reservoir in the hope of finding the body of 11-year-old Doris Hooker, who was with her mother when she disappeared last Wednesday. Mrs. Hooker, the girl's mother, believes that her daughter met death according to suicide agreement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—After a desperate fight in the surf to save his friend, Harry C. Myers, of Presport, L. I., from drowning in Hempstead Bay, Stanley Roberts, a Baptist clergyman, dropped dead of exhaustion on the beach-head Point Lookout this afternoon. Myers, dragged to safety, was unconscious when picked up.

HARVARD, Mass., Aug. 30.—Seized with a fit which fishing in a boat with four companions, Thomas Herbert Wilkes, aged 19, of Clinton, fell overboard and was drowned today.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—After falling from the roof of a five-story building here today, Henry Breslin, 25 years old, got up, shook himself, walked unhurt into the building, and resumed his work there. Breslin, who is a plasterer, had gone to the roof for a nap during his noon hour. He was suddenly awakened by the call of a fellow workman and jumping up, lost his balance and fell.

JLTED, ENDS LIFE WHILE AUNT PRAYS

Boy Killed Himself While Relative Who Promised to Aid Him is Still on Her Knees

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 30.—When his aunt's prayers were of no avail in bringing about a reconciliation with his sixteen-year-old sweetheart, George H. Harvey, seventeen years old, committed suicide here today by drinking carbolic acid. Harvey was smitten with the daughter of a wealthy family and had asked her to marry him.

Last week he gave her a diamond engagement ring and yesterday he took her to call on his aunt, Miss Anna Tomkins, whose home is in the fashionable State street section. While there the couple quarrelled over some trivial matter.

"Take back your ring! I won't marry you and I never want to see you again!" the girl is alleged to have said. Then she left the house in a fit of anger. With tears in his eyes Harvey narrated the incident to his aunt, and the latter advised him to follow the girl and try and make up with her. In the meantime she declared she would pray for the success of his mission.

Harvey followed the girl home, but she refused to admit him, and he returned to the home of his aunt. He found the latter on her knees in prayer, as she had promised. With out disturbing her he went to a medicine chest in the kitchen and taking a two ounce vial of carbolic acid drank the contents. His aunt found him a half hour later writhing in agony on the floor of the library. An ambulance was summoned, but Harvey expired in spite of the efforts of the surgeons to save his life.

NOTES OF SPORT

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—John King, the Chicago National League Club's catcher, who refused to buy this year, has received a telegram from Clarke Griffith of the Cincinnati Club, accepting King's terms to go to Cincinnati. King said he made the figures high because he did not want to play. Griffith asked him to wire assurance that he would report for duty next season.

King will think the matter over till tomorrow and then take definite action.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 31.—Clarence Forbes, the Chicago boxer, re-entered the ring last night with Frankie White of Chicago, as his opponent, and although he stripped in flabby condition he stayed through eight rounds, taking considerable punishment about the face and body. White was given the decision.

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FAMINE PRICES PREVAIL IN STRICKEN MONTEREY

Bakers Unable to Make Bread—Wood and Milk \$2.00 and There Is No Drinking Water

MONTEREY, Mexico, Aug. 31.—Following the great flood, the food supply is a serious problem in the city at the present time and prices on nearly every article have soared. Bakers are unable to make the regular supply of bread as many of their ovens were ruined during the rains and there is a scarcity of wood in the city. Corn is plentiful but practically all the units for grinding it have been destroyed. Vegetables are scarce and there is no fresh beef in the city. Milk is scarce and owing to the breaking of the main supply pipe of the water works there is no drinking water. Food and water famine is threatened and unless trains come through from the north very soon, conditions in Monterey will be most serious, for air, rich and poor alike.

DIVISION OF TIME

The Greeks and Romans had no weeks until they borrowed this division of time from the east. The Greeks divided the month into three equal periods, the Romans into three very unequal, the kalends, ides and nones.

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DEATHS

JOHNSTON—On the 30th inst., Isabelle Johnston, in the 88th year of her age. From the residence of Richard Farmer, 295 Main street, on Wednesday, at 2.30 o'clock.