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### THE KNOCKER AT WORK

President Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific has given serious offence to the St. John Standard. He has stated publicly that the new transcontinental railway, by using part of the Grand Trunk system and that part of the Intercolonial from Moncton to St. John, will be able to bring western freight to St. John next winter. The receipt of a despatch from Montreal last night, announcing that Mr. Hays had made a statement to this effect, appears to have caused a great commotion in the Standard office. It was equivalent to a statement that Mr. C. M. Hays, President of the Grand Trunk Pacific, had joined the St. John Booster Club, and wanted to see things moving down this way. No sooner was the news received than the determination to spoil it before it got any farther appears to have seized the staff of the organ of the Knocker Club. The long distance telephone was brought into service, and names engineers along the line were persuaded to say that Mr. C. M. Hays did not know what he was talking about, and that it was absurd to assert that freight could be carried over the Grand Trunk Pacific in New Brunswick for a year or more. To the great joy of the Standard another despatch came in from Montreal stating that C. P. R. officials did not expect the G. T. P. to compete with their line to St. John for at least eighteen months. Apparently, also, the editor turned up with a profound conviction that the G. T. P. never intended to come to St. John, anyhow, but was heading for Port land, Me., and Providence, R. I. There fore, by the time the whole Standard staff had their say on the subject, Mr. C. M. Hays stood revealed to Standard readers as a close second to the pernicious Pugle in the front row of the Assiniboia Club.

But why should a newspaper published in St. John assume such an attitude? Why does it not name the engineers who discredited the statement of Mr. Hays? Men and money can do much in six months. Does the Standard know that if the order were issued and the means provided it would still be impossible to complete the work in this province in time to operate trains next winter? Is Mr. Hays a man who is given to reckless statements on rail way matters?

Even if Mr. Hays were over-enthusiastic in his prediction—is that a crime? Why should he be described as the victim of a "disordered imagination"? Why should the assertion be made that he is making statements he knows to be untrue? The fact that will be seized upon by St. John people, and the people of the province generally, is the declaration of intention on the part of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Hays says that his company will not wait for the completion of the whole line, but just as soon as essential portions are completed they will by arrangement for the use of portions of the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial begin to haul western freight to St. John. This is the really important fact. The question has been asked by the St. John Globe and others what use would be made of the line in New Brunswick pending the completion of the western portions. The answer is that it will be operated, and St. John and the province at large will be benefited thereby. This may be bad news for the Standard, but not for the people.

### MR. FOSTER DEPOSED

The Standard this morning devoted over three columns to a report of Mr. Borden's meeting at Long Branch, Toronto, yesterday, but did not even mention the name of Ex-Judge Doherty, the new first lieutenant, who has supplanted Mr. Foster. But Mr. Doherty was there, and was introduced in these words:—"He is a man of absolute integrity and honesty, a man of proved capacity in his profession on the bench and in the conduct of public business. He is marked for preeminence at the right hand side of our honored leader."

This eulogy, pronounced in Mr. Borden's presence, in the city of which Mr. Foster is one of the representatives in parliament, may be taken as evidence that Mr. Foster is no longer regarded for preeminence in the Conservative party. He has been formally deposed. Whether the Standard's silence on this point indicates sympathy for Mr. Foster or dislike for Mr. Doherty is a question its readers must answer for themselves; but Mr. Doherty

is in the place of honor and Mr. Foster is tending his Kennebecasis garden.

Mr. Borden yesterday discussed the naval question, and those who do not care to waste time reading the long report of his speech may learn from the headlines in the St. John organ that he delivered a "scathing denunciation of the dangerous separation policy of the Laurier government," that he derided the "useless fleet," and that he exposed the "wastrela and prodigality" at Ottawa.

Of course this is meat and drink for the dyed-in-the-wool Tory, but even in Tory Toronto the people do not believe that the Liberal policy tends to separation, or that the Canadian navy will be useless. Nor is it at all apparent that the country would have anything to gain by placing the Conservatives in power at Ottawa. The truth is that this country is so prosperous, and advancing at such a tremendous pace, that the people pay little attention to prophecies of evil, whose claim to recognition is not based upon a policy that would in any way accelerate the progress or prosperity of Canada. The people may pause, however, to note the fact that the opposition leader has secured a new first lieutenant, and ordered Mr. Foster to the rear. There is always a degree of personal interest in developments of this nature. But why lay emphasis upon the "absolute integrity and honesty" of Mr. Doherty? Is this a party flag at the man deposed?

### A GOOD EXAMPLE

Of the many statements made about Goldwin Smith there is one which does not deal with him as a philosopher or critic, but as a man of wealth who believed that the possession of riches involved responsibility in relation to society. We are told that he shaped out a policy of investing his money so as to help people in moderate circumstances to buy homes of their own, and that he would lend up to within fifty dollars of the price of a home, at a low rate of interest, and that he never lost a dollar in this way. The Toronto Star, from which we learn this fact, makes these eminently appropriate remarks:—"The fact that the investment was not unprofitable, or at least did not involve loss, enhances its value as a work of social reform. The best help is not charity in the usual sense, but that which helps the man to help himself. And it would be very difficult to conceive of any kind of assistance better than aiding a man to acquire a home of his own. It is a step toward independence. It tends greatly to increase interest in the home, for every bit of improvement is regarded as an investment. Dr. Goldwin Smith's example may be safely commended to all who are in doubt as to the use to be made of their wealth."

The humorist of the Toronto Star feelingly observes: "News from the fighting camp should cheer."

The sportive man and brother. Each is so fine and fit, we hear, That each will kill the other.

The biggest shock San Francisco has received since the earthquake has been administered by Gov. Gillett. He has called upon the attorney general to administer a knock-out blow to the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight, as far as the state of California is concerned. It is now suggested that the affair be conducted in an arena in Juarez, Mexico, where bull-fights are the star attraction. The suggestion is a good one.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and other C. P. R. officials are en route to inspect the Dominion Atlantic, and to visit St. John and Halifax. Naturally it is assumed that this tour has special significance, and there will be many rumors of changes to be brought about by C. P. R. control of the P. A. R. So far as St. John is concerned, there is something to be gained by making the line in Nova Scotia a part of the Canadian Pacific system. There should be an advantage not only in regard to the freight business, but in connection with the development of tourist travel.

### A CIVIC REVIVAL

(Ottawa Journal)

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### THE OLD HILL PATH

(George Newell Lovejoy, in Leslie's Weekly.)

T is true it is as graceful as when—in other days—

It wound along in beauty to the top, but as I gaze

This morning hour upon it, my eyes with sad tears fill,

For something's gone forever from the old path up the hill!

The sunlight and the shadows rest upon it with the same

Dear, benedictive presence as in the days when came

No aching care to haunt me from morn till eve at will,

Ere something passed forever from the old path up the hill!

The breezes as they loiter by the old tree fondly croon,

The blithe birds in the tree-tops sing as in my life's last June;

And, as then, the myriad blossoms all around their wealth distill,

But something's gone forever from the old path up the hill!

Something, a face, a touch of hand, a voice, a presence, lo!

A world that brought me heaven, all vaned of passion's time, and, slowly, along I wander, still,

With something gone forever from the old path up the hill!

Would ye might come again—again—O days so dear to me

And give me back the glory of my life's sweet Arcady!

For though Summer reigns a goddess, in my heart lives Winter's chill,

Since something's gone forever from the old path up the hill!

I lift my wet eyes skyward, and plead: "Why must it be

This inmost desolation—this aching misery—

But silence mocks my heart's cry, while my eyes with fresh tears fill,

For something's gone forever from the old path up the hill!

The sun, in royal splendor, is flooding all the west!

The day is dying—dying—it will soon be time for rest;

But ah! to rest for me, as all alone I wander, still,

With something gone forever from the old path up the hill!

### IN LIGHTER VEIN

HEARD IN THE RUSH SHOP.

Barber: "Yes, sir, I am always glad to have you as a patient—er—I mean patron."

Patron (as he swallows more lather): "Patron will do. I am sick enough goodness knows!"

### PRONUNCIATION

My friends were all grinning. I felt in disgrace.

The guest of my evening. Was calling it "vase."

Much time they expended In changing my ways.

They claimed 'twas intended To be pronounced "vase."

But I've stood firm on the matter And that is because I've settled the matter By calling it "vase."

### PARADE GETS CHESTY

A down-state paper, in writing of a funeral, says: "The procession was quite a long one and commenced, as it passed by, to be the largest for quite a while."

—Cleveland Leader.

### ASKING TOO MUCH

The mother of little six-year-old Mary had told her a number of times not to hitch her sled to passing sleighs, feeling that it was a dangerous practice. It was such a fascinating story, however, that Mary could not resist the temptation. Her mother saw her go skimming past the house on a farmer's "bobs."

When she came in from play she was taken to task, her mother saying severely: "Mary, haven't I told you that you must not hitch on to bobs? Besides, you know, it's against the law."

Mary tossed her head. "Oh," she said, "I don't talk to me about the law. I can do as I please to keep the ten commandments."

—Woman's Home Companion.

### FOOLISH, FOOLISH QUESTIONS

"Were you ever arrested before?" asked the magistrate, whose principal business is imposing fines for speeding.

"What do you think I've been doing all these years?" said the chauffeur, "pushing a wheelbarrow?"

—Chicago Journal.

### THE GOOSE'S BABIES

Dolly had just returned from a visit to her grandfather's farm, and was simply bubbling over with news of all the wonderful things she had seen.

Aunt came in for the greatest share, having more time and patience than busy mother.

"And were there any chickens and ducklings?" she asked, amused.

"Oh, yes, hundreds of them," was Dolly's enthusiastic reply. "And also the sweetest little—little—oh, I know what I mean, aunt."

"Lambie," prompted aunt.

"No—oh, no!" exclaimed Dolly, impatiently. "Little—little—oh, dear me! What are a goose's babies called?"

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The More Beautiful City Committee has been actively engaged in distributing small trees among the school children, and last year distributed 20,000 pines among them and factory employes.

The City's Neighbors Committee, recently organized, joined in it and distributed plants and trees among the children in the adjacent country schools.

Important work has also been accomplished by the Better Governed City Committee, which takes no sides in municipal elections, and does not endorse candidates, but devotes itself entirely to the study of measures and the placing of the essential features of civic problems before the people.

Largely through its instrumentality a home rule law for cities was passed by the legislature, and today Michigan cities enjoy home rule, subject only to the constitution and general laws of the state, and to certain limitations on their taxing and borrowing powers.

Other of the committees have secured social reforms and improvements. The Municipal Affairs Committee has, however, made its chief purpose the awakening and maintenance of a live, constructive interest in the city among the mass of the people, co-operates with other agencies, aids new organizations and sends speakers to public meetings. Last fall it promoted a second civic revival and the former indifference shown by the electors has been succeeded by real public spirit.

The movement in Grand Rapids has attracted attention throughout the United States, and was the subject of a recent article in The San Jose Mercury, contributed by the branch in that city of the Outdoor Art League, from which the above facts have been derived.

**ALL IN VAIN.**

According to the following story, economy has its pains as well as its pleasures, even after the saving is done.

One spring, for some reason, old Eli was going round town with the face of despair, and, when questioned, poured forth his colorful tale of woe thus:—"Marse George, become to me last fall an' he say, 'Eli, dis gwine ter be a hard winter, so yo' be keetful, an' save yo' 'fats' an' 'fat'!' "

"An' I b'lieve Marse George, yas, sah, I b'lieve him, an' I save an' save, an' when de winter come it an't got no hard ship, an' dere was I wid all dat money jes' down on mah hands!"—The Youth's Companion.

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"Owa any shipping?"

"No."

"Ever been down to the Isthmus?"

"No."

"Ever going?"

"I don't think so."

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