

The Evening Times and Star

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WELL-FOUNDED PROTEST.

At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association last week the question of immigration was considered, and emphasis was placed on the importance of inducing sons and daughters of the province who had emigrated to come back again.

Mr. Burnaby, president of the United Farmers of Ontario, told the United Farmers of New Brunswick yesterday that Canadian manufacturers can sell cream separators, twine and farm implements in European markets in competition with the United States makers.

In an address on the real causes of prosperity and depression, delivered in Montreal last week, Mr. George E. MacRiain, head of the Babson Statistical Institute of Massachusetts said—"I don't believe in a fence between this country and the United States."

"It is far more important for Nova Scotia to keep her own people at work at home. What would the west say if the railways undertook to run excursion trains from the west to Nova Scotia, offering such an attraction in the way of cheap fares as to induce men on the prairies to pack up their belongings and come east? It would not be tolerated for a moment by the westerners. Why should we in Nova Scotia have to submit year after year to this heavy drain upon our manhood resources?"

MR. JONES' OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Frank P. Jones, general manager of the Canada Cement Company, says "Produce at a price and a quality that will enable Canadians to buy in Canada."

"This suggestion comes as a shaft of sunshine through a fog. Emanating from the active head of a great manufacturing concern it cannot be associated with free trade propaganda. It strikes the right note, and must be regarded as the most patriotic and statesmanlike utterance we have heard for a long time. He does not disparage the work of those who are urging us to buy all the goods we can in Canada, but he believes that the time has come when this argument alone will not be as effective as it has been. This new slogan is the very thing that is wanted."

Touching the ability or otherwise of Germany to pay the vast amount demanded for reparations, much interest attaches to an official report to the British Board of Trade from the British Embassy at Berlin. It tells of a growing industrial and trade revival and adds: "It cannot be doubted that German competition will be found and met as reckoned with from South America to Japan, there being ample neutral and allied shipping to carry it. Moreover, Germany starts with the initial advantage of lower cost of production as compared with other European goods."

Lord Shaughnessy predicts an early improvement in industrial and commercial conditions. As he invariably speaks with caution this expression of his views all help to strengthen public confidence.

The Ottawa Journal has not a very high opinion of either the Liberal or Conservative leader in provincial politics in Ontario. Discussing the speeches of Mr. Dewar and Mr. Ferguson in the legislature last week, and Journal sharply criticizes both, and adds this caustic comment: "The people of Ontario are practically forced for the present to look to Mr. Drury, whether they want to or not, for anything in the way of statesmanship in the conduct of their affairs."

The description given in the Times yesterday by Mr. C. O. Foss of the development work at Musquash shows that very substantial progress is being made, and that the citizens of St. John may anticipate much more favorable conditions next year in regard to the cost of power, light and heat. The government's hydro-electric policy will prove of immense value to New Brunswick.

Failure to adopt a clause in the United States senate on the Fordney tariff bill practically kills it for this session of congress. Meanwhile Argentina is talking of an embargo on United States goods if the Fordney bill should be adopted. Uncle Sam is beginning to see that tariff restrictions may work both ways.

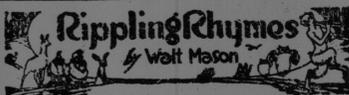
If it is true as related to the Boston Chamber of Commerce that a mason and helper now lay 500 bricks a day at a cost of \$2.72 per hundred, compared with 1500 per day at a cost of 36 cents per hundred in 1898, one cause of increased building costs is revealed.

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THIS RECORD WILL TAKE SOME BEATING.



Presiding as Ontario's sergeant-at-arms in the legislature from the day of its first assembly until the present day—a period of fifty-five years—is the remarkable record of Frederick J. Glackmeyer of Toronto. Among sergeant-at-arms his tenure of office stands out as unique in the parliaments of the British Empire and the legislative assemblies of the world. He was born in Montreal in 1843 and has served under every premier of Ontario since 1897: John Sanfield Macdonald, Edward Blake, Sir Oliver Mowat, A. S. Hardy, G. W. Ross, Sir James P. Whitney, Sir W. H. Hearst, and the present premier E. C. Drury.



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CREDIT.

This year will bring unsettled times, because of readjusting, the merchant princes need their dimes, and they'll be slow at trusting. They'll not give credit left and right as lately they've been doing, and frowns will greet the slow-pay wight who'd buy a plug of chewing. And many men this year, I guess, will need a slice of credit, for readjustment brings distress—the banking sharks have said it. Now he who's kept his stand-off bright will know the easy sliding, and merchant princes will delight to sell him books or bedding. However stagnant money is, the lamp for him are burning; to see his good old honest pile, the merchants all are yearning. And if he asks to buy on time a grindstone or a hammer, the dealers on his person elude, with glad, exultant clamor. There'll never be a time so tight that men of reputation for having always acted right, can't get accommodation. A reputation as good pay is better far than rubies, and men who do not think that way are miserably wrong. The merchants who are here, suspended "tick" will want them; and bills they should have paid last year will rise like ghosts and haunt them.

ALFRED NOYES.

In the cool of the evening when the low sweet whispers waken, When the laborers turn them ward, And the weary have their will, When the censors of the roses o'er the forest aisles are shaken, Is it but the wind that cometh o'er the far green hill?

For they say 'tis but the sunset winds that wander through the heather, Rustle all the meadow grass and bend the dewy fern, They say 'tis the winds that blow the reeds in prayer together, And fill the shaken burn with fire along the shadowy burn.

In the beauty of the twilight, in the garden that He loveth best, They have veiled His lovely vesture with the darkness of a name, Through His garden, through His garden, is it but the wind that cometh o'er the far green hill? No more! But O, the miracle, the miracle is the same.

In the cool of the evening, when the sky is an old story, Slowly drifting but remembered, eye, and loved with passions still, Hush! 'tis the fringes of His garment in the fading sunset evening, Softly rustling as He cometh o'er the far green hill.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

She Months Back. "What salary do you expect?" asked the prospective employer.

"At first, was the modest reply, "just enough to live on." "You expect too much. I can't see you."—Public Service News.

Mrs. Feddip was burning with righteous indignation as she bounced into her neighbor's house. "Now what's the matter?" was the anxious inquiry.

"You might well ask what's the matter," cried Mrs. Feddip in a voice of choked rage. "Why, it's that brute of a husband of mine again. He's gone a bit too far this time. I won't put up with him any longer."

"Done! Why last night he actually complained that my mustard plasters were not as hot as those of his mother used to make!"

A absent-minded traveller was asked to stay a few days at a country house. His wife, realizing that he was to be the lion of the party, told him to be sure to put on a clean shirt every night.

When he returned, she said: "Well, I hope you remembered to put on a clean shirt every night." "O, yes," he replied. "At this moment, counting the one I went away in, I've got four."

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The other man hesitated, and his face slowly flushed. "Well, no, not exactly," he said, "but they might have been birds if they had been allowed to hatch."

The Tramp's Answer.

A woe-begone specimen of the tramp tribe made a call at a rural residence to ask for aid. The door was opened by a woman of angular proportions, severe in demeanor, and of indistinct age and tenor. Having speedily ascertained the object of the unexpected visit, in raspy tones, she observed:

"I shall not give you anything. 'If you had been wise you would not have come here. Do you know who I am?'"

The weary wanderer replied that he had not the pleasure of knowing. "Well, I'm a policeman's wife, and if he were here he would take you, and very quickly, too."

The tired tramp looked at her quietly for a minute, and then replied: "I believe you, ma'am. If he took you he'd take anybody."—Argonaut.

UP TO THE PEOPLE.

(Christian Science Monitor.) A statement made recently by Judge Webster Thayer in the Massachusetts Superior Court concerning the power of public opinion deserves a wide publicity. Judge Thayer, who was dealing with the question of crime, reminded his hearers that one of the greatest instruments for reform is public opinion. "The higher the civilization," he said, "the less the amount of crime. It is up to the people to see that there is a higher civilization, and that crime is driven out. Public opinion can drive out anything."

Judge Thayer himself has carried his demand further, and made it more individual, so far as it goes, it is excellent.

AN "ORGY OF PROFITEERING."

(Philadelphia Inquirer.) Senator Borah, who seldom does things by halves, proposes to make the inauguration ceremonies very simple indeed. He would limit the appropriation to \$10,000 and cut out the inaugural ball, and Senator Harding himself is said to sympathize with the idea.

That think of the clamorous rage of Washington if such a thing were attempted? What would the poor residents who have made their plans for fleeing the thousands of visitors do? Is not the national capital entitled to its orgy of profiteering once in four years?

PLAN FOR BETTER RESULTS IN LAND SETTLEMENT.

Dominion Surveyors Make Suggestion at Convention in Ottawa—Would Abandon Acreage Scheme.

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 3.—In calling for co-ordination of dominion and provincial land settlement regulations and requirements the committee on land settlement of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, now meeting here, outlined a progressive policy which incidentally laid bare the weaknesses of the present system in Canada and past errors, of which the present generation reaps the fruit.

All the machinery now exists for making land settlement a great success in Canada except the unconsidered surveyors and the surveyors who have surveyed all the land settled since the formation of their organization contented themselves with the old method. The method now proposed is to abandon the acreage policy of giving, as in the west homesteads of 160 acres, to applicants without considering nature of soil, the purposes for which required, and the experience and suitability of the intending settler.

There are still large areas of crown lands available for settlement after considerable improvement is made by way of clearing, draining and road construction, but the definite recommendation is made that hereafter the acreage basis should be abandoned for a economic basis, the acreage to be determined by whether it is to be used for ranching, clearing, draining and road construction, or for mixed farming, this to be determined by the soil, its surface characteristics, the climate and the scheme of land classification adopted.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF MONCTON DISTRICT.

Annual Convention of Educational Council Held Yesterday.

(Special to The Times.) Moncton, N. B., Feb. 3.—The annual convention of Moncton district educational council on Sunday school matters was held in the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon and last evening. There was a record attendance of 178 delegates at the first session and many more in the evening, forty in the children's work division, thirty in boys' work, sixty-five in girls' work and thirty-eight in officers' section. President W. C. Knight presided.

Addresses were given on conferences conducted by Miss Alice Culton, Mrs. S. B. Wass, Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Rev. W. A. Ross, Rev. L. M. Milligan, A. M. Gregg, Miss Marjorie Jardine, Miss Mary H. Ellison, Mrs. W. A. Ross.

Supper was served by the city Sunday schools in the church basement where addresses were given by Miss Winifred Thomas of Toronto and Mr. Gregg.

At the second session the speakers were Rev. W. A. Ross, Rev. L. M. Milligan and Dr. B. Green. The following officers were elected: President, Leonard Mack, Moncton; vice-president, H. Murray Lamber, Sunnybrac; W. S. Beach, Lewisville, Secy., Miss Kate A. Adams, Moncton; treasurer, W. C. Knight, Moncton.

Children's division board, Mrs. A. M. Taylor, chairman and superintendent, Mrs. Manford Hicks, Miss Alice Aitward, Mrs. H. S. Armstrong, Miss Alice Culton, Miss A. E. Cochrane.

Boys' work board, J. C. Farthing, chairman and superintendent, Mrs. W. H. Scullivan, Mr. Willett, Norman Cooke, Frank Smith, Fred Power.

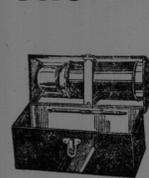
Girls' work board, Mrs. Robt. Trites, chairman and superintendent, Mrs. Park, Mrs. C. G. Cook, Miss Kennie McQuarrie, Miss Katherine Stevens, Mrs. H. Peck.

Young People's Board, Walter C. Cosman, chairman and superintendent, E. J. Lewis, Rev. S. A. Baker, Mr. Daw, Paul S. Kingston, Miss Hazel Aitward.

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WINE FOR JEWS OF TORONTO AT PASSOVER.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Toronto's Orthodox Jews have made application to the attorney-general for permission to distribute wine among their numbers during the Passover. T. J. N. Pearlstein, who made the application, the attorney-general said that he would take the matter up with the license commissioners. If the permitted distribution of wine for religious purposes, he said, did not see how the commissioners could prevent the Jews from getting it.

SIX START THE COURSE FOR DISTRICT AND PUBLIC NURSING.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Victoria Order home, six students entered upon their course of instruction for district and public nursing, and were addressed by the chairman, Dr. MacLaren, Hon. J. G. Forbes, president of the V. O. N.; R. T. Hayes, president, and C. B. Allan, treasurer of the Red Cross. The school started with very bright prospects and the students seemed very enthusiastic at being the pioneers for New Brunswick.

DRIVE AND SUPPER.

The young men of the "Comrade" class of the Ludlow street Baptist church Sunday school, West St. John, entertained their friends at an enjoyable sleigh drive and supper last evening. They drove to the One-Mile House and returned to the "Trentice Boys' Hall" where a sumptuous supper was served under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Brown. After justice had been done to the good things, games were enjoyed, under the direction of Rev. Isaac Brindley, pastor of the church, and H. Parsons, superintendent of the Sunday school. There were about fifty present. The committee in charge was composed of John Ellis, Thomas Browne, Harry Best and F. J. Mahoney.

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Birth statistics show more girls than boys. Keep that in mind, boys. "Don't Ever Marry"

WILLIAMS-JONES.

Yesterday, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. G. D. Hudson, pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church, Miss Georgina Jones of Hillsboro, Albert county, was united in marriage to John Henry Williams of this city. They were unattended. They will live in St. John.

Exaggerated?

Jud Tankins wonders whether amateur gardening didn't help to increase the cost of living last summer by giving city people an exaggerated idea of the value of vegetables.—Washington Star.

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