

The Evening Times-Star

The Evening Times-Star is printed at 23-27 Canterbury street, every evening (Sunday excepted) by New Brunswick Publishing Co., Ltd., J. D. McKenna, President.
 Telephone—Private branch exchange connecting all departments. Main 2417.
 Subscription Price.—By mail per year, in Canada, \$5.00; United States, \$6.00; by carrier per year, \$4.00.
 The Evening Times-Star has the largest circulation of any evening paper in the Maritime Provinces.
 Advertising Representatives.—New York, Frank R. Northrup, 350 Madison Ave., Chicago, E. J. Powers, 19 South La Salle Street.
 The Audit Bureau of Circulations audits the circulation of The Evening Times-Star.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 8, 1924

THE PORT COMMITTEE

President Barbour of the Board of Trade has appointed a strong committee of seven members, following the recent meeting at which he was authorized to select a group of representative citizens to forward the interests of the port of St. John. As the Times announced yesterday, the committee to whom this work of immense importance is entrusted consists of the Mayor, Commissioner Bullock, Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, Mr. A. P. Paterson, Mr. Frank M. Ross, general manager of the Dry Dock Company, Mr. George L. Warwick, and Mr. L. V. Lingley. Here are men representing leading interests, civic and commercial, all practical and active in our affairs, and well fitted to develop the best lines of advance in dealing with the whole question of port expansion.

They will not, we must suppose, be confined wholly to the suggestions already made, but these no doubt will first have their consideration: (1) the use of Canadian ports by Canadian railways, and the shipment of Canadian goods through Canadian channels; (2) the appointment of a representative to canvass for traffic for the port, to investigate freight rates, and to "sell" the port to shippers able to control the routing of traffic; and (3) the planning of a publicity campaign designed to promote trade through Canadian channels, particularly through this port.

The committee should be given support worthy of the size of the job. It should not lack money. It will necessarily have to carry on an extensive inquiry in order to decide what methods are best, and what are the points upon which to concentrate our efforts. The citizens will be eager to back up any promising line of action the committee may devise, recognizing, as they do, how much the right solution of the port problem must influence the future of St. John. What is worth doing is worth doing well—and time presses.

MR. GARVIN'S NIGHTMARE

"We admit that great wars may come in Europe. We must all admit that greater wars may arise in Asia. If they do, the United States and Britain will have to stand together at any cost. By no possibility could it be avoided. But every naval expert agrees that the United States fleet could not move efficiently across the Pacific. The American navy would have to come through on the European States, and over all the East Indies, had been unshakably established. After that the British fleet would be extremely improbable that Australia would remain a white continent."

Thus writes Mr. J. L. Garvin, the famous English publicist, in the London Observer. When Mr. Garvin goes borrowing trouble he does not do it by halves; but even though he may be conjuring up spectres his article helps us on this side of the world to better understand the uneasiness of Australia and New Zealand over the growth of Japan's power, and the importance attached to Singapore both in Britain and the Antipodes. Mr. Garvin wants substantial progress toward world disarmament within a year—which is unlikely—or he wants Singapore developed with all speed. The latter is unlikely, too, so the Empire, if it is not unduly alarmist, may be left facing some consequences he foresees. We must comfort ourselves meantime with the assumption that his fears are groundless or that, if there is some excuse for them, his timetable of catastrophe is wrong. He prays for peace while demanding war insurance. "We, and all sane men," he says, "breathe no more earnest, no more profound prayer, than that fatal trouble may never come between Japan and the white races. But while that remains, as it does, one of the big ifs of fate against which armaments are an insurance, it is absolutely as vital that Britain should hold Singapore as that the United States should hold Panama."

But why this sense of impending struggle? Mr. Garvin answers that, and at the time he was writing the United States had not decided upon Japanese exclusion. Had he foreseen that action he would have been more positive and more gloomy. Japan, he argues, denied racial equality on four continents has as its first aim: "Asia for the Asiatics and chiefly for the Japanese." In half a dozen years the Japanese will have 4,000,000 trained men. "For defensive purposes their position is impregnable." Give Mr. Garvin a properly fortified Singapore and he would hope to prevent Japan, from overrunning and drilling China, from hustling the British out of India, and from seizing Australia. Otherwise he sees little hope unless "the white

nations, including America, can sufficiently unite to make either the existing League of Nations or some new world's league of peace a surely controlling reality." Lacking such a league, "the Nemesis of America's isolation from Europe would come, sooner or later, from the Asiatic side." Mr. Garvin asks Australia and New Zealand to regard the Singapore project not as abandoned but merely postponed, in order to strengthen the Prime Minister's efforts to bring about a definite degree of general disarmament. "If those efforts fail within the next six months or twelve this nation and the Empire must look to themselves." And: "Without more unity and more precaution from the seat of unquestioned all-ruling supremacy which they have occupied for the last two centuries."

Mr. Garvin says he expects to be told that this is a nightmare, and in that he will not be disappointed. Still, unless a European settlement permits the real progress in disarmament which he prays for and which the British Government will seek to further when events permit, parts of Mr. Garvin's evil dream may come true. The white races, being the strongest and most enlightened, will strive for world peace. If peace could not be had with honor they could at worst keep their share of the world white. At the moment the world's peril is not the yellow one. It lies in the failure of the Allies to reach complete accord with respect to Germany, and happily in this matter prospects are improving.

SHORT SHRIFT

During the French Revolution the execution of those suspected but not proved guilty of all sorts of offences was common enough, and the present Russian authorities are no whit behind the French revolutionary leaders in finding pretexts for killing off those who do not think as they do. Any pretext suffices. Not to answer a question is fatal. To reply to almost any of the questions asked is equally dangerous. Of those placed on trial most are condemned in advance. The prosecutions in these days are launched against the intellectuals not so much because of what they think, or as because of what they think, or as supposed to think of the Soviet authorities. An example of the methods pursued is found in the recent trials at Kiev where prisoners were asked what they thought of the future of the Soviet government, whether they thought this form of "administration" a permanent one or likely to be of short life. One prisoner, a man of some standing, was asked: "What sort of government do you advocate?" He replied: "I am for a people's government. The majority should govern Russia—the majority of the workmen and the peasants. I am for a workmen's and peasants' government." The prosecutor scented treason. "But," he said, "we now have a workmen's and peasants' government." The accused had the choice of agreeing to what he knew to be untrue or giving his real opinion. "We have now," he said, "a dictatorship of party." That mild and accurate description of the existing regime was quite enough for the tribunal. He was condemned to die. Thus liberty and free speech flourish in the new Russia.

London had in April a revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, which commanded an extraordinary patronage. The house was sold out long in advance, tickets were unobtainable, and there were advertisements in the Times asking if anyone who had seats would sell them at a premium. The old favorites were never more popular in London than now.

MINES FOUND IN THE BALTIC SEA

Lubeck, Germany, May 7.—Nine fields covering 280 square miles have been discovered in the eastern Baltic off Finland. The mines are said to be of Russian origin, dating from the World War.

This is taken here as confirming the findings of the Stettin marine office that the recent sinking of German ship in the Baltic was due to explosion of a mine.

SEDS BOOKS TO EMPIRE FAIR. The Dominion Government has purchased the surplus of 500 copies of the Dominion's official news medium of the Associated Canadian Clubs, and has forwarded them to the British Empire Exhibition for display there. Arrangements have been made whereby the Government will take a like number of copies of the magazine each month until October. The May issue if the publication is devoted to St. John. The editor is Stanley Smith, at one time city editor of The Daily Telegraph.

London will have the largest dock in the world when work now under way is completed.

It is predicted that New York City will have a population of 29,000,000 by the year 2,000.

Press Comment

IT'S DIFFERENT THERE

(Victoria, Colonist.)

The plea of "irrepressible impulse" in crime is frequently raised in courts, particularly in the courts of the United States. Of it Lord Darling says: "Should the defence of 'irrepressible impulse' be allowed by the law of England, many impulsive sinners may regret in an asylum the days of prison or a fine."

THE "MOUNTIES" ON THE SCREEN

(Edmonton Journal.)

A historical pageant is to be held in connection with the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Fort Macleod which is to be celebrated this summer. Arrangements are being made to have it filmed. It ought to be of much greater value than most such pictures. One of the past, for the reason that many of those who participated in the events portrayed will be present to see it that the representation is an accurate one. Most of the film scenario is to be founded on the book, "The Birth of Western Canada," which Sir Cecil Denny of Edmonton, one of the original mounties, has written. The arrival of the police, the surrender of Fort Whoopee, the treaty with the Blackfeet, the bringing in of the first cattle, and much else will be thrown on the screen.

One cannot help but be struck in seeing picture plays with a historical setting, how great the influence of the movie can be in stimulating interest in a country's past. A fund of ten million francs has recently been raised in France for the production of eighteen films dealing with French history which will be shown in all parts of the country. They commence with the victory of Louis XI. over Charles the Bold of Burgundy in the fifteenth century, and are continued down to the close of the great war. Historians, dramatists, actors, actresses, theatrical producers and directors of the first order are assisting the undertaking, while the Government is assisting in every possible manner. As a basis for each film a well-known French writer will take the great historical facts and weave romances about the principal characters. The first presentation is to be given at the Opera early in October.

There are a great many Canadian citizens who have little or no knowledge of our early days and of a similar surprise were launched here it would serve a great national purpose. If the Macleod picture makes a strong appeal, as they should, they may lead to a project, along the lines of that in France, covering the whole history of the Dominion.

CRITICS AND READERS AGREE

(Current Opinion.)

A year ago the International Book Review (New York) invited a number of nationally-known authors and critics to give the names of the books which they regarded as the best published since 1900. The ten who responded were Hilaire Belloc, Henry Seidel Canby, Gertrude Atherton, Van Wyck Brooks, Maurice Francis Egan, Lyon Phelps, Maurice Francis Egan, Carl Van Vechten, John Erskine and Richard Le Gallienne. The result of their selections (including all books which received two or more votes) is embodied in the following list: 1. "The Dynasts," by Thomas Hardy. 2. "Jean-Christophe," by Romain Rolland. 3. "Plays," by John M. Synge. 4. "Spoon River Anthology," by Edgar Lee Masters. 5. "Hail and Farewell," by George Moore. 6. "Eminent Victorians," by Lytton Strachey. 7. "Pelle the Conqueror," by M. A. Nexo. 8. "The Tragic Sense of Life," by Miguel de Unamuno. 9. "The Greek Commonwealth," by Alfred Zimmern. 10. "The Everlasting Mercy," by John Masefield. 11. "Seven Men," by Max Beerholm. 12. "The Forsyte Saga," by John Galsworthy. 13. "Joseph Vance," by William De Morgan.

More recently, the same review asked for a nation-wide poll with a view to determining which were the ten best books of the century in the opinion of the average booklover and reader. Nearly 1,800 persons responded, casting their ballots for no less than 1,201 authors and 2,164 different books. The ten books receiving the largest number of votes were: 1. "The Outline of History," by H. C. Wells. 2. "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," by Blasco Ibañez. 3. "If Winter Comes," by A. S. M. Hutchinson. 4. "Americanization of Edward Bok." 5. "The Life of Christ," by Giovanni Papini. 6. "The Crisis," by Winston Churchill. 7. "Short Stories," by O. Henry. 8. "The Virginian," by Owen Wister. 9. "The Life and Letters of Walter Hines Page." 10. "The Mind in the Making," by James Harvey Robinson.

A comparison of the lists reveals the fact that none of the volumes which received two or more votes from the authors and critics appears on the list selected by general readers. One is struck, first of all, in this second list by a lack of first-hand scholarship, and of what the Chicago Post describes as "skepticism" and "Attieism." One is also struck by the fact that, with the exceptions of O. Henry, Winston Churchill and Owen Wister, all the books mentioned were published late in the ten-year period; which seems to indicate that most readers think that anything with a big recent vogue must be something great.

Nevertheless, as the New York Herald points out, the vote has its encouraging aspects: "Three of the five books are solid non-fiction works. Further down the list, among the first ten, we find two others, Burton Hendrick's 'Life and Letters of Walter Hines Page' and James Harvey Robinson's 'Mind in the Making.' The taste that turns philosophical history written by Wells and Robinson is a healthy taste. Nor can anyone deny that 'If Winter Comes' is fiction of a good deal higher grade than the usual best sellers before 1900, like 'When Knightwood Was in Flower.' There are hopeful tendencies in American reading and such a poll reveals some of them."

CUT KNIFE HILL

May 2, 1885.

It is so many years since the breaking of that fate-hidden morning of May 2, the green of the Spring's warm awaking.

And the sky, and the trail we were taking, Are as fresh as the face of today!

Slim and pale in the soft azure o'er us, Hung the moon, like a lingering lamp. But, we saw, scarce a league straight before us— How the light on the instant upbore us— By the sunrise the enemy's camp!

We have passed through the brush and the brule, We have skirted the rock and the ravine, Is it ambush of creek or of coulee, Have we reckoned our forces unduly, Is it Stony or Cree who has seen?

And we see on the hillside the cattle; And we hear on the air, sweet and still, The word of command, and the rattle of rifles, grim challenge to battle. From the foe on the crest of the hill!

And twain, with their uniforms round them, In halting-giving Beechwood we laid. In Youth's manhood Death followed and found them; But more close in my memory we bound them. With remembrance that never shall fade.

And wherever Life's storms may have blown you, And whatever your fortunes may be; On whatever far shore Fate has thrown you, Old Comrades! I know, who have known you, You are back in that Maytime with me!

So I stand once again at the wicket Of that fate-hidden morning of May; And the fight at the ford, and the close of the great war. Historians, dramatists, actors, actresses, theatrical producers and directors of the first order are assisting the undertaking, while the Government is assisting in every possible manner.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

An Early Hint

Next-door—"What are you going to grow here—turnip seed or summer squash?"

Naybor—"Which would your chickens prefer?"—Boston Transcript.

His Modest Wish

Wife—"I suppose now you wish you were too busy to marry again?"

Hubb—"No—just free."—Cassell's Saturday Journal (London).

That Kind of Face

"Is this a portrait of your fiancée?"

"Yes." "I suppose she must be very wealthy."—The Passing Show (London).

Her Excuse

He—"I'm surprised that you would go to the opera during Lent."

She—"It was a box party and we only talked; we didn't really pay any attention to the opera."—Boston Transcript.

Safety First

Teacher—"Children, can any of you tell me what is the most dangerous part of an automobile?"

Tommy—"Yes, miss, I can! It's the driver!"—Yorkshire Post.

Wasted Energy

The farmer took the man out to a field and started him at plowing behind two horses.

Two hours later the new farmhand returned to the house utterly exhausted. The farmer asked him how he was getting along.

"Not bettin' along at all," snapped the new man disgustedly; "how do you expect me to hold a plow with two big, strong horses trying to pull it away from me all the time?"

THE TEACHERS' TRIP TO VICTORIA

Arrangements for the itinerary of the projected trip to the West have been completed, with the exception of the details of the forms of entertainment to be extended to the teachers at some of the various stopping places. A very attractive programme has been provided. This, together with the opportunity of seeing Western Canada in comfort and at moderate expense, to say nothing of the joy of enjoying for a considerable period the society of those engaged in the same work in other provinces, should make this trip of interest to all teachers.

The teachers' special will leave Toronto Aug. 4, and will take the Canadian Pacific direct line to the Coast; the journey will be broken at Port Arthur and Port William, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, and Calgary. At all these places the Federation is making arrangements, through the local teachers and other organizations, for the maximum amount of sightseeing in the time allowed.

The special arrives at Banff Aug. 8, in the early evening, and will remain at that place until the early morning of the 10th. Teachers will sleep on the train, but the meals will be provided at the Banff Springs Hotel. The morning and evening of Aug. 9 will be free for individual activities; the afternoon will be devoted to a sightseeing drive to Tunnel Mountain, Buffalo Park, Cave and Basin. At Lake Louise the journey will be broken from 7 a. m.

MANAGER RESIGNS FROM TRUST CO.

Halifax, May 7.—The resignation of Colonel B. A. Weston, general manager of the Eastern Trust Company, the same to become effective July 1, was accepted at a meeting of the directors of that corporation held here today. Colonel Weston, who organized the company in 1893 and has ever since been its general manager, will remain on the directorate and continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

ASSERTS BELIEF IN RESURRECTION

Railway, N. J., May 7.—A resolution asserting "without reservation or equivocation its belief in the Virgin Birth and the bodily Resurrection of Our Lord" was unanimously adopted by the 133rd annual convention of the New Jersey Diocese of the Episcopal Church today.

"Nerves in Bad State Could Not Sleep"

Mrs. H. N. Tardell, Harrowsmith, Ont., writes: "My nerves were in a very bad state, and for nearly six months I did not know what it was to have a good night's rest. I could not eat, and never felt well. I heard about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and thought I would try it. After taking it for a few days I began to feel better, and soon was able to sleep well at night. My appetite also returned, and I felt stronger and better, and after taking three boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I was quite well. I have also given the Nerve Food to my little girl, with good results."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food
 60 cts. a box of 60 pills, Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto

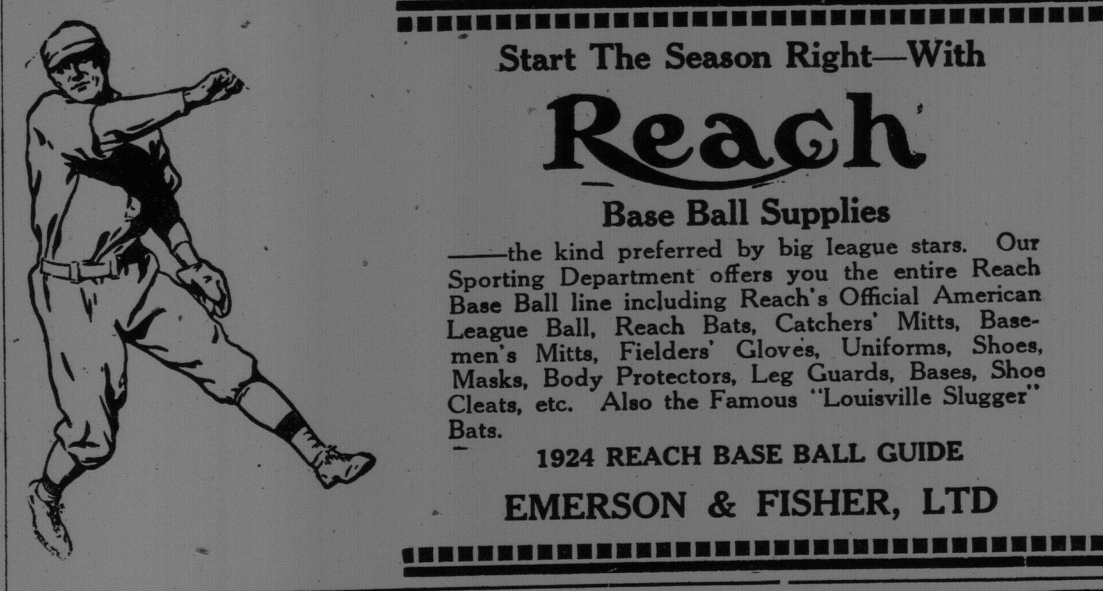
Start The Season Right—With

Reach

Base Ball Supplies

—the kind preferred by big league stars. Our Sporting Department offers you the entire Reach Base Ball line including Reach's Official American League Ball, Reach Bats, Catchers' Mitts, Basemen's Mitts, Fielders' Gloves, Uniforms, Shoes, Masks, Body Protectors, Leg Guards, Bases, Shoe Cleats, etc. Also the Famous "Louisville Slugger" Bats.

1924 REACH BASE BALL GUIDE
 EMERSON & FISHER, LTD



Watch for the white strip.

Withstands punishment

RAILWAY crossings, stony roads, curb bumps, sudden braking and steep down-grade are typical of the numberless punishments that cause internal heat so destructive to both rubber and cords.

In Dominion Cord Tires you have always had the greatest dependability—but now, by our exclusive new Web Cord process, internal friction and heat caused by cross threads are eliminated.

Our new Sprayed Rubber process increases the elasticity and strength of the treads and side walls, because Sprayed Rubber is the purest rubber in the world. It is used exclusively in Dominion Royal Cord and U-cord Tires in Canada.

The extra mileage and dependability of these new features in Dominion Cord Tires are thoroughly proven by years of actual road tests. They mean no increase in the price of Dominion Cord Tires.

Dominion Tires

are GOOD tires
 Royal Cords — U-cords

Sold by Hardware Dealers.



KANT-KREASE

Stylish Comfortable Collars for every Occasion

35¢ Each 3 for \$1.00

FOLEY'S PREPARED FIRECLAY FOR LINING YOUR OWN STOVE

Sold by Hardware Dealers.

ELECTRIFY Your Home

The well wired house makes the home pleasant.

Electrically at Your Service.

The Webb Electric Co.,
 M. 2152 91 Germain St.



PLAYER'S NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

The superb quality, purity and excellence of Player's Navy Cut Cigarettes have made them the world's leading brand.