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WORK FOR ST. JOHN

The year 1906 should see a forward step along industrial lines by the city of St. John. There will be a notable improvement in the facilities for handling ocean borne traffic, by the construction of an additional steamship berth, on the West side, and the way will be paved for an increase in winter port business. But the year should see some action taken to secure more factories, which are really of more value to the city than even the traffic at Sand Point.

Manufacturers and merchants could not better begin the new year than by attending the meeting of the Board of Trade next Tuesday afternoon and expressing their views on the subject of new industries. A committee of the board is now considering this question, but its members feel that they ought to have an expression of the views of all who have given the question any thought, so that out of the many suggestions made a plan of action may be laid down. This is a matter that concerns all the people. It should be given early and earnest attention, with a determination to make 1906 a notable year in the St. John calendar. There is another matter to be considered. The tariff commission will soon visit St. John. Merchants who would like to see tariff changes made in any direction should notify the board of trade, so that a memorandum can be prepared and submitted to the commission, embodying the matters it is desirable to have considered. Action taken along this line before the commission arrives will greatly facilitate the proceedings. This also could be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the board.

BOYS INDUSTRIAL HOME

One who was present at the Christmas entertainment at the Boys' Industrial Home, of which an account is given in another part of this issue, informs the Times that the boys acquired themselves as well as the members of any school in this city would do. The members of the board of governors were nearly all present, and all had remembered the boys with gifts, so that each was made happy. Everything about the institution, the universal neatness, the decorations, the appearance of the boys—all bore testimony to the care with which the superintendent, master and teacher do their work. There is a marked contrast between this method of treating youthful offenders and the old system under which they were housed with older criminals in the common jail, learning lessons in vice even while under the eyes of the law. The police magistrate was able to say for the encouragement of the boys now in the institution that others who have gone out from it are occupying good positions, and are respected members of society. It is worth while to get hold of the young men who are drifting into idle and evil ways and give them a chance under better conditions. The members of the board of governors of the Boys' Industrial Home take a keen interest in the inmates, and the school is in charge of a capable staff. It is in all respects a valuable institution.

FRATERNAL INSURANCE

Interest is revived in the affairs of the "Royal Arcanum" by a decision of Judge Gwynne of New York, who has decided that the increased schedule of rates authorized by the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum and put into effect on Oct. 1 last is illegal. The decision is rendered in a suit brought by a member of a Brooklyn council who has paid the new schedule of rates. The judge says, "The rate under protest." The judge says, "The schedule complained of which increases the assessments are void for the reason that they change the contract of the members with the organization. I need add nothing to what I said in Lagan against the American Legion of Honor on the same head." In the case referred to Justice Gwynne decided as follows:

A contract between a benefit order and a member consists of an act under which the order was incorporated, its constitution and by-laws, the application for membership and the certificate issued thereon, and cannot be altered in substance where power to do so has not been reserved therein, and therefore a subsequent by-law reducing the face of the benefit certificate from \$5,000 to \$2,000 is void and constitutes a breach of contract upon which the member may bring an action for damages. A member's agreement to comply with all the laws that might hereafter be adopted by the order, as well as a power reserved to it in the by-laws to change them, must be deemed to refer only to changes which would not impair the substance of the contract.

A Boston dispatch states that the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum will appeal from Judge Gwynne's decision. Regarding this decision the New York Globe remarks:

The authorities of the Royal Arcanum, which is a Massachusetts order, have decided to appeal the decision. It is difficult, however, to see much choice between the two horns of the dilemma which confronts the Royal Arcanum. The adoption of the higher assessment schedule which has just been decided against was dictated by the supreme council, after long deliberation of its act as essential to the very permanence of the order. If the case is won by the supreme council on appeal the consequent loss in membership through defection and actual inability of the order members to pay the increased assessments will seriously deplete the order. The adoption equally of the new schedule would rob it of its chief attraction and destroy the basis upon which its large membership has been built up—namely, cheap rates of insurance. If, on the other hand, the court of appeal, the supreme council would be compelled to continue doing business on a system which it has already declared

to be ruinous to the continued existence of the order.

The New York Globe further remarks that the obvious lesson to be learned is the necessity of effective state supervision of fraternal insurance societies. With the largest "old line" companies being conducted along more conservative lines than hitherto, as must result from the investigation, now in progress, the fraternal bodies, says the Globe, will find themselves robbed of one of their strongest arguments for securing membership.

Of industrial conditions in these provinces the Maritime Merchant says: "In the province of New Brunswick the year's business has been satisfactory. The lumber exports have been curtailed by the lack of water in the streams, but values are firm and the coming year's output promises to be a heavy one. In Nova Scotia, trade has been active during the greater portion of the year, collections have been good and the number of business failures small. All the industrial establishments report an increased production and a wider distribution. The returns from the coal mines show an increased output. In Cape Breton particularly the industries show satisfactory development and give promise of doing even better in 1906."

The Liberal members of parliament for the Montreal district want Hon. Mr. Brodeur as successor to Hon. Mr. Fontaine; Hon. Mr. Lemieux as successor to Mr. Brodeur, and Philip Demers, M.P., as successor to Mr. Lemieux. Thus Quebec would not lose any of its large representation in the cabinet. They suggest that a ministry of mines be created for Mr. Templeman of British Columbia. But British Columbia has other aspirations. The situation becomes interesting.

Contrasting the condition of the poor in London with that of the poor in New York, a journal of the latter city says:—"The contrast between London conditions as thus revealed, and those of New York is most striking. Here the percentage of unemployed was never so small, and pauperism is practically confined to the defective or the economically inefficient, and despite the fact that never has there been such an increase in the labor supply through immigration."

The jubilee of Rev. Dr. Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, which was celebrated in St. Matthew's church, Halifax, on Thursday evening, is an event of notable interest throughout these provinces. The venerable minister received valuable gifts, but of greater value were the expressions of esteem from many quarters, giving proof of a universal recognition of faithful and splendid service through a long term of years.

The atrocities perpetrated by the revolutionists in Mexico have done much to alienate the world's sympathy. There is not the conduct of brave men fighting for liberty, but of savages glutting the thirst for blood. Their conduct will simply delay the granting of the wider liberty the government has pledged itself to give to the people.

The equity into the affairs of the York Loan Co. has already shown that loose methods prevailed. The work of the auditors was "of the most perfunctory character." The president was interested in another scheme for which the company provided funds and from which he derived a salary.

Ex-Governor Odell threatens trouble in the Republican ranks in New York, because his position as a political boss is in danger. He threatens revelations. This would be interesting, but would not be a novelty. The people are getting used to revelations.

One is surprised to learn that there is a soap manufacturing industry in Mexico, and that the profits last year were about a million dollars.

If President Cromwell can save \$1,500,000 for the Mutual Life of New York next year he will prove to everybody's satisfaction that McDuffy ought to be in jail.

There is an Anti-Tuberculosis League in Victoria, British Columbia. The forces to fight against the white plague are slowly gathering strength in Canada.

The Toronto Globe quotes merchants of that city to the effect that Christmas trade this year was exceptionally good and money plentiful.

AGAINST LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The Montreal Witness notes the fact that "All the local French papers have seriously taken up the movement of Archbishop Bruchon on the subject of alcoholism, and are making favorable comments and promising their hearty support to the crusade against the traffic in strong drink."

In the Patrie, says the Witness, the Hon. Mr. Tarte, after referring more especially to the evils of the treating custom, declares that, if all those who have any regard for true progress and have the interests of their race at heart, will unite, it will be a comparatively easy thing to establish within a few years an irrevocable sentiment in opposition to the pure and simple retail trade in alcohol. He then concludes as follows:—"The Grace can rely on the devotion and active cooperation of the best elements of the Canadian people, irrespective of race or

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Enjoyable At Home Given by the Bachelors of Campbellton to 200 Guests.

DALROUSIE, N. B. Dec. 28—(Special)—The At Home given by the Bachelors of Campbellton was the greatest affair of its kind ever held in this community. The hotel was very nicely decorated and about 200 guests carried out a fine programme of 20 dances. Music was furnished by the Chatham orchestra. The costumes would have done credit to any large city. Dalrousie sent a large contingent to the hall and there were quite a number of guests present from the towns of Bathurst, Newcastle, Chatham, Moncton and Edmundston.

GAVE \$1000 TO HOSPITAL—**SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 28—(Special)**—Jas. Ross, president of the Dominion Coal Co., has made a personal contribution of \$1000 to St. Joseph's hospital, Glace Bay.

NO ROOM AT ALL

"This," said the agent, "is the coziest little flat in Halifax."

"Yes," replied the man.

"Oh, there's no doubt about that at all."

"That's so; there isn't any room for doubt, is there?"—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Manager J. G. Taylor, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, told the Times this morning that they would occupy the new building on the corner of Germain and King streets about May 1st. The work on the exterior of the building has been finished and men are now engaged finishing the concrete work in the interior.

ROBBERY IN WEST END

Last Friday afternoon a sneak thief went into J. Everett Watson's store in Carleton and took \$35, which was in a carrying bag, as the proprietor was in the store at the time. Mr. Watson does not mind the robbery, but the matter will be investigated. The robbery must have taken place while the proprietor was in the back store.

Chauffeur (after noon)—"Say, Bill, is this your car? I found it in my tool-box."—*Smart Set.*

STORY OF A SHIP WRECK

Captain Blackstad of Halifax Schooner Tells of Her Loss.

(Victoria Colonist Dec. 21.) Captain Blackstad of the sailing schooner Florence M. Munroe, which was lost in Possession Bay when en route to Victoria from Halifax, arrived from the scene of the wreck yesterday to report concerning the disaster of the vessel to her owner, William Munroe of this city. "I'll tell you the story of the loss of the ship," said Captain Blackstad. "and we had several narrow escapes before we finally went ashore at Possession Bay in the Straits of Magellan. The Florence Munroe was a new ship and I was under contract to bring her from Halifax to Victoria, for William Munroe, a big ship owner, who has vessels operating to all parts of the world. "It was the roughest voyage I ever took in many years of experience on the seas, and we were compelled to put in at the West Indian shore for repairs. Hardly had we started on the voyage again when we encountered another fierce storm and were finally driven ashore at Possession Bay. "The ship went ashore last March and we have been trying ever since that time to get her off the beach, but she finally broke to pieces and was a total loss. The boat should have been moved. The loss was a heavy one, but I paid \$10,000 for the wreck, carried out to sea and buried in the sea. The schooner Markland is now en route here to replace the lost schooner."

GAVE HIM A PURSE

Rev. G. R. E. McDonald Receives \$300 from Vestry of Trinity.

As a mark of appreciation of the work done by the Rev. G. R. E. McDonald, when he has been curate of Trinity church for the last three and a half years, the vestry, at a meeting on Tuesday last, decided to present to him a check for \$300. This amount was further supplemented last evening when a committee of the young men's association of the church presented to him a purse containing \$245 in gold, which they had collected from a number of his friends among the congregation.

LESS FAITH IN CREEDS

St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, visited by a menacing and jarring crowd of unemployed, seems discouragingly incongruous when the nation is celebrating the message of peace and good-will. That these men have been worried in the struggle for existence indicates that they are weaker than their more successful competitors, but not that they are incapable of peace and good-will. They are men of the past generation, and the work for the moment, the offering of a different nature from their own leaders. Their responsive and pliable nature was quite apparent, and it is by no means a reassuring sign.

A more significant feature, and one that should not be lost to sight, is the contemplation of the material side of the ecological problem presented, is the weakening of the deep reverence that the English mind of the English mind a generation ago. That a change, deeper than superficial flippancy and political antagonism to an established church, has come over the spirit of the people is shown by suggestive circumstances of daily occurrences. The men of the past generation felt that the rewards they failed to get in this world awaited them in the future, and that thought brought a spirit of contentment. In contemplating the abnormal extremes of wealth and poverty the story of David and Lazarus in a multitude of distorted forms, held a place in their minds. It tended to reconcile them to the hardest conditions that would make them patient through the long, slow pressure of want. Whatever the cause and whatever the responsibility, a change has come over the mind of Britain's industrial classes. To deny this or close our eyes to it would be to practice the device of the ostrich in hiding its head in a bush.

We should realize at once that a change in human thought, whether wise or foolish, will be followed by a change in human actions. The people are turning to the affairs of this world. They are eliminating "other-worldliness." They are inclined to demand a competent portion of the good things of this life now. The situation demands statements with sufficient insight to guide the ship of state according to the shifting sands of the century. There is danger that the forces of unthinking obstruction will be able to hold back the rising tide of reform till it bursts forth in a destructive deluge.

INSPECTOR HUGHES' POEM

(Mail and Empire.) A Toronto business man who returned last week from a trip to Philadelphia tells a pretty story which shows the thoughtfulness and love for children of one of Toronto's best-known citizens. School Inspector J. L. Hughes, the Toronto man visited the home of a family which for some years occupied a cottage beside that of Mr. Hughes at Balmy Beach, and whose little seven-year-old son was a special favorite with the inspector. Several months after the family removed to Philadelphia, the little fellow received an envelope containing a sheet on which was printed, in pen and ink, three verses which breathe something of the same intimate spirit which characterizes the old poetry of Field, Riley, and Stevenson. The little poem, which was addressed to "Little Jim" and signed "Big Jim," was as follows:

It is lonely here without you, Little Jim,
But we often talk about you, Little Jim;
Round the fire, when lamps are lit,
If you miss us just a bit, Little Jim;
Yes, its lonely here without you, Little Jim.

We are sorry not to hear you, Little Jim,
But we hope you're jolly well, Little Jim.
How you are and what you do,
All you are and what you do,
And we'll do the same for you, Little Jim.
Yes, we hope you're jolly well, Little Jim.
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