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THE FRIENDS OF PORTLAND.

"Portland handles a great deal of our foodstuffs now and should handle more."
Not St. John or Halifax, but Portland, Maine. More of "our foodstuffs" should go through Portland, Maine. The speaker was Mr. T. F. Deacon, a member of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and the occasion a banquet tendered the Portland, Maine, boosters who have been touring western Canada to get more business for their port. Entertaining gentlemen, these from Portland, Maine. They deserve to be commended for their vigorous policy in going after more business.
But Mr. Deacon of Winnipeg is in another category. He is a Canadian, and should be interested in the development of Canadian trade through Canadian channels—and he boosts for Portland, Maine. Apparently he is not alone, for there is no record that any other western man at the banquet disagreed with him.

Very well—there are certain things the Maritime Provinces want. Suppose we say that they want more trade in their natural market, the New England States; that they want the tariff reduced; that they are tired of paying tribute to the rest of Canada and getting no adequate return—what would the west say to that? Would we be charged with selfishness and narrowness of view? Would we be solemnly admonished to be more national in our outlook and to consider the welfare of Canada as a whole? What reception would be given to a trainload of Maritime Province people if they followed Portland's example and toured the west? Would there be banquets and assurances of a desire to give St. John and Halifax more western business? Not if Mr. Deacon of Winnipeg voices western sentiment. Hon. Mr. Meighen has been telling the people in the west that he found the Maritime Provinces in a "most pitiable condition." If he is really moved to pity he should say something about doing justice to the national ports in the Maritime Provinces, and also enabling our producers to get their goods into the central and western markets. Unhappily the west appears to regard us as mendicants on the doorstep, instead of free citizens demanding the rights which are theirs under the Confederation agreement. Utterances like those of Mr. Deacon and Mr. Meighen merely aggravate a situation that grows less tolerable.

THE BUILDING PROSPECT.

Not without interest to the lumber operators of New Brunswick is the statement of the Dow Service Daily Building Reports of New York, which says—

"New York City recorded \$328,000,000 worth of construction, mostly housing, in 1922. The present year should have turned a total of \$800,000,000 before this time in New York City, had it not been for the futile buyers' strike lasting from May to the end of August. With the work deferred, mostly commercial construction, and that which would normally develop in 1924, that year should, by all the rules of normal building progress and economic trends, mark the first \$800,000,000 year for the city and, incidentally, the first \$8,000,000,000 year for the country."
It is added that a \$6,000,000,000 year for the country does not carry with it today the same intimation of higher building material prices and construction costs as the identical estimate would have indicated had it been made a year or more ago, because the recent building reaction enabled manufacturers of materials to build up some reserve; but on the other hand reductions in prices are not to be generally looked for next year.

There is also a new factor in the situation, and that is the demand for reconstruction materials in Japan. The Reports say—

"Lumber and ready-to-use building material, steel, lime, plaster, patent shingles, wire, wood and metal lath and even brick will be required in Japan in quantities far greater than Japan can produce them on short notice. If they are called for from America it may be in just such sufficient volume to take up, on the one hand, the surplus American manufacturers have provided for, and, on the other hand, it will give to foreign markets just that margin that will insure to them profit-taking prices for European materials on sale here. The reconstruction problem of Japan today is far greater than of desolated France at the close of the war, because Japan will probably seize upon this calamity, with her unimpaired credits, to rebuild along American ideas of earthquake-proof construction, not only for her commercial buildings but for her housing. The lure of the Far East will tempt building artisans and architects, as well as master builders and manufacturers."
We are told, however, that domestic construction in the United States will not longer wait for lower building

prices, but must be carried forward next year. Official reports of August building permits show that in 183 leading cities and towns there was a gain of 10.4 per cent. in a year and one of 4.2 per cent. in a month. There seems to be every prospect that next year will be one of increased activity in building, with a corresponding demand for building materials, including lumber.

ARMAMENTS AND PEACE.

Addressing the British Naval and Military Veterans' Association at their annual memorial service in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, in Boston, on Sunday last, Rev. Dr. Edward T. Sullivan, their chaplain, declared that the instruments of war are the most effective builders of peace, and that the maintenance of militant forces on land and sea is necessary to safeguard civilization from the rule of the jungle.
"In these days," he said, "when the nations of the world are struggling for peace and the reduction of armaments, the tendency to assume, if not assert, that military establishments are not further needed, is dangerous to the future peace of the world. I believe in peace at any price—even if the price be war."

Rev. Dr. Sullivan said that the primary purpose of naval and military establishments was to enable people to live in peace, and that there was a place for force in the moral and economic system until people willingly obeyed the law. Even in civil life, he said, the appeal to the court was in the final analysis an appeal to force. "First, righteousness, then peace," said Dr. Sullivan, "and if the world knew that the peoples of Great Britain and America, the great Anglo-Saxon race, stood shoulder to shoulder in peace as they did in the war, no tyranny would ever be attempted."

It is interesting to note that the views expressed by Dr. Sullivan are those of Mr. Denby, United States Secretary of War. In a short article in New Harper's Weekly, in which he says, the Navy Department will support Congress for additional cruisers, light-draft gunboats, and certain submarines and airplanes, he writes—
"The United States Navy must be kept ready for defense in a world full of menace. At no time in the nation's history has there been greater need for close study of naval science and earnest devotion to duty. It is a day when naval strength is vitally necessary and a full grasp by naval officers of world possibilities is highly important. We think in terms of hope for continued peace, we strive through diplomatic means, backed by power to keep that desired peace, but we must not be blind to facts. We know now beyond peradventure that war between great powers or groups of powers will always involve many other nations and we cannot say with certainty that such a war may not come at any time. There need be no demand for excessive armament."

The world would have been glad to see its hopes at the end of the war realized, and that a general disarmament brought about by common consent, but those hopes are not to be fulfilled in the near future. The state of Europe today is the answer to whoever would urge Britain or the United States to disarm completely. There is not and probably will not be, any cause for a race in armaments; but, as Mr. Denby pointedly observes, we must not be blind to the facts. When the nerves of the nations are less "jumpy," and the United States takes her rightful place in the League of Nations, world conditions will improve; but not until these come to pass.

The Prince of Wales, as Lord Renfrew, is again on Canadian soil. He desires no formal demonstrations of welcome, but may be assured that as a man and as the heir apparent to the throne he is nowhere more heartily welcomed than in Canada. And that is due to his character and conduct both as man and prince, as well as to the affection of the people for the royal pair who are so fortunate in having such a son.

The paving of the old Westmorland road will unite the paved streets of the city with the smooth provincial road to East St. John and the improved road to Loch Lomond. It is a needed work, and the City Council has done well to make provision for it. The St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company is to be commended for its offer to supply the needed stone, delivered free of charge.

Premier Veniot is serving a good purpose in bringing before the people, as he did at the opening of the St. John and Woodstock exhibitions comparative figures which show how New Brunswick has progressed in comparison with her neighbors on both sides of the sea.

ADVENTURE IN AUTUMN.

(Clinton Scollard in New York Herald.)

Though I have left behind the spring, I would fare forth adventuring: Autumn may yield some magic thing

If I be neither deaf nor blind,
Some precious treasure I may find—
Some glamor drifting down the wind.

Before the last red sun be set
Great recompense may whelm regret:
I may discover marvels yet.

Then lend me, Hope, your steadfast hand
And guide me down the Autumn Land!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Very Often.
In these days of \$10 silk hosiery many a girl gets a good run for her money.

Worse Than That.
Smith—Lots of detours in that trip, eh?

Jones—Yes, and a good many forks in the road.

Smith—I expect they are very hard on tires, the campers should be more careful.—New York Sun and Globe.

Memory Was First Class.
Binks, after inviting his friend Jinks to dinner, was telling about the remarkable memory of his little son, Bobby.

"And so you think he will remember me?" asked Jinks.

"Remember you? Why, certainly he will."

An hour after they had entered the house, and after Jinks had greeted Mrs. Binks, he called Bobby over to him.

"And do you remember me, my little man?"

"Course, I do. You're the man that pa brought home last year, and made ma so wild about it that she didn't speak to pa for a week."

ENGLAND NOW JAILS ITS GAY SPEEDERS

One Member of Parliament Arrested 15 Times for Exceeding Limit.

London, Sept. 12.—Reckless motorists are undergoing a healthy chastening at the hands of magistrates in London and other large provincial cities. This is in response to a wave of public opinion expressed through the newspapers. Those caught driving while intoxicated particularly are feeling the hard hand of the law, and are being sent to jail instead of being let off with fines.
About \$10 formerly was the average fine imposed upon those who narrowly escaped hitting pedestrians. The commonest type of drunken driver has not been the professional chauffeur, but the sports young blood who spends a gay evening among the bright lights of the Piccadilly district and then starts to drive home through streets crowded with persons leaving the theatres.
Some magistrates seemed to regard the performances of these drivers as trivial pranks, before the public began to harden its heart. But the slogan now is "jail for drunken drivers." The judges have bowed to this demand, and some otherwise respectable citizens have been sentenced to spend a fortnight or even a month in prison.
While the unfortunate drivers invariably protest that they had only a few drinks, one original prison recently astonished the magistrate by swearing that he drove more skillfully when drunk than when sober.

One incorrigible speeder is a member of Parliament, whose license has been ordered fifteen times for exceeding the speed limit. He pays his fine of forty shillings smilingly, but gets rude remarks from Labor members in the House.
Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Motor Club and an authority on the subject, says the best way to deal with offenders is to suspend or cancel their licenses, thereby making it impossible for them to sit at the wheel.

Fairs At Woodstock And St. Stephen Opened Yesterday

The Woodstock Exhibition opened yesterday morning and last night was declared officially open by Premier Veniot. The speaker paid his respects to the calamity howlers by quoting figures showing the industrial progress of New Brunswick. He said he felt that the farmers of New Brunswick were made of the same material as the soldiers from this province who went over the top. The aim, he said, was to make New Brunswick the best province in Canada in which to live.

During his speech Premier Veniot gave his big audience the following interesting figures:
Farm products, 1921, in New Brunswick, \$68,000,000; in Nova Scotia, \$38,000,000.
Nova Scotia export, \$67,000,000; Nova Scotia import, \$68,000,000.
New Brunswick export, \$113,000,000; New Brunswick import, \$41,000,000.
Nova Scotia balance of trade, \$29,000,000; New Brunswick's balance of trade, \$72,000,000.
New Brunswick has invested in the lumber industry \$85,000,000; has 254 mills, five pulp mills and two paper mills.
The loss by provinces in agricultural products during depression were: Nova Scotia, \$21,000,000; Prince Edward Island, \$5,000,000; Quebec, \$129,000,000; New Brunswick, \$11,000,000.
The population of New Brunswick increased from 1900 to 1920 15 per cent; in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, only 7½ per cent. In these States feed crops in same period increased in value three times, and in New Brunswick four times. Manufactured articles in these States increased in value three times, while in New Brunswick they increased six times.

At St. Stephen.
More than 5,000 people were present yesterday at the opening of the St. Stephen Exhibition. The official opening took place in the evening, speakers being Hon. D. W. Mercer, minister of agriculture in the local government; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, federal Minister of Agriculture; and Lieut.-Gov. W. F. Todd. In a ball game between the Easterners of Brewer, Me., and St. Stephen the former won by a score of 9-2.

NEWSPAPERS AND MISTAKES

We made a mistake in last week's issue of The Sentinel, says the Editor of the Glen Elder, Kansas, Sentinel. A good subscriber told us about it.

The same day there was a letter in our post office box that didn't belong to us. We called for it over the telephone and got "1892." We asked for a spool of No. 30 thread and when we got home we found it was No. 60. The train was reported thirty minutes late. We arrived at the depot twenty minutes after train time and the train was gone. We got our milk bill and there was a mistake of two cents in our favor. We felt sick and the doctor said we were eating too much meat. We hadn't tasted meat in two months. The garageman said the jitney was missing because it needed a new tire. We cleaned a spark plug and it's run fine ever since.

Yes, we made a mistake in last week's issue of the paper.

PAVE ROAD FROM COOPER'S CORNER

City Council Decides to Start at Once—Power Commission Bill
It was decided to proceed with the work of paving the Westmorland Road, from Cooper's corner to Kane's corner, at once, at a meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon. Commissioner Frink was given authority to extend the Carriage Co. contract for asphalt by 60 tons to provide for the work at the same price, \$24.68 a ton. The cost of the work to the city will be \$13,200. The broken stone to be supplied by the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., is a contribution of about \$900 toward the work. A bill from the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission for \$40,150 four months current at \$10,000 a month and \$150 for interest on overdue accounts, was referred to the committee of the whole.

The recommendations of the committee of the whole, as previously published, were adopted.
A protest against the closing of the "Lewis Boulevard" around the Exhibition grounds, from S. W. Palmer, who was acting for Abner Secord, was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works for a report.

A request from the New Brunswick Contracting and Building Co., for authority to purchase 40 tons of asphalt for work which had not been contemplated earlier in the season, after reporting to the council on the subject.

TWO INQUESTS

The inquest into the death of Thomas McCarthy, who died in the General Public Hospital of injuries received when a boiler in the Royal Hotel exploded on August 26, was begun last evening before Coroner H. A. Porter. C. J. McIlroy appeared in the interest of the members of the McCarthy family. As some of the witnesses who were needed were out of town the inquest was postponed until tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Three witnesses were examined last evening. Dr. W. O. Chestnut of the hospital staff who told of McCarthy's injuries and said he was consulted a hopeless case from the beginning; William F. Palmer, engineer at the Royal who told of the condition of the boilers and described their operation saying they were of as good type as any other; and Ernest Pyne, general repair man and type-fitter.

Blagdon Fatality.

The inquest into the death of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bangs and their son, who were killed when the car in which they were driving went over the Blagdon bridge on the evening of Labor Day, was completed last evening and the jury brought in a recommendation that the approaches to the bridge and the structure itself be at once made safer.

The inquiry was conducted by Dr. A. A. Lewing, coroner, and seven witnesses were examined last evening. Harry Kierstead, Ralph Kierstead, George Kierstead and Stanley Livingston told of being in a car coming toward the city and seeing the Fredrickson car approaching. They had stopped to allow it to pass and saw the lights disappear. They had assisted in the work of rescue. Robert Crawford said he had made an investigation but had been able to locate only one of the two cars coming toward the city at the time of the accident. Anthony Woods said the bridge was only sixteen feet wide and the edge of the approaches were soft.

Backward Scholars' Bad Eyes

Yesterday's Times has the news from the New York School Bureau of Child Hygiene.

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DEATH RECALLS ALPINE TRAGEDY

Famous Swiss Climber Last Survivor of Matterhorn Party.

Peter Taugwalder has robbed Switzerland of its most famous Alpine climber, and the last survivor of the party which climbed the Matterhorn for the first time 58 years ago, at the cost of six lives.

Only three out of a total party of ten returned to Zermatt after having made the first ascent of the previously unscaled Matterhorn. These were Peter Taugwalder and his son and Edward Whymper, a famous British Alpinist who organized the party. Whymper and the younger Taugwalder have been dead for many years, but Peter Taugwalder lives to make over 120 ascents of the mountain on which he miraculously escaped death when his seven companions plunged over a cliff to the Matterhorn glacier 4,000 feet below.

The body of Lord Douglas, who was among the Englishmen who were lost in the tragedy, which occurred after the plucky climbers had been on the peak for an hour and had started on their downward trip. He and the two Taugwalders were saved by the snapping of a rope which bound them to the other members of the party. One of the British members of the party, who was next to the guide leading the way, slipped and knocked the leader over with such force that they dragged the other members of the party down with them. The weight and strain on the rope became so great that in snapping it left the three last members of the party safe on the mountainside, where they could see the bodies of their companions on the glacier far below them. For a time the survivors thought it would be impossible for them to continue the descent. They were unnerfed by the accident, but finally aroused themselves to action and tied their ropes to rocks in such a manner that they were able to pass the dangerous stretches with a feeling of security.

The victims of the tragedy were all buried in the Zermatt churchyard, and Peter Taugwalder now lies with his companions.

MARITIME BOARD CONTINUES SESSIONS

At the 25th annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade yesterday afternoon there were addresses on Agriculture by M. Cumming, Secretary of Agriculture in Nova Scotia, and on Fisheries and the export trade through Maritime Province ports by Arthur Boutlier of Halifax. Matthew Lodge of Moncton advocated the use of the Maritime Atlantic ports by means of Federal harbor commissions. In the evening the delegates were the guests of the Halifax Board of Trade at a banquet. Among the speakers were Premier Ferguson of Nova Scotia, George E. Barbour, president of the St. John Board of Trade, and W. S. Fisher of St. John.

Premier Ferguson of Ontario yesterday informed a deputation of war veterans that the sum of \$10,000 would be placed at their disposal under the supervision of the Provincial Treasurer's Department to assist in fighting their cases before the Pensions Appeal Board at Ottawa.

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NEWS NOTES OF BAPTIST PEOPLE

(Maritime Baptist.)

Rev. W. S. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist church, Somerville, Mass., has been spending his vacation in Nova Scotia. The pulpit of the Windsor church during the absence of its pastor on vacation, has been filled most acceptably on more than one occasion by Mr. Webb. He is a nephew of the late Rev. Josiah Webb and has held pastorates in Nova Scotia before going to Massachusetts. Being a Britisher, we believe with very little persuasion he would return to this side of the line.

After four and one-half years of faithful service as pastor of the church at Rawdon, Hants Co., N. S., Rev. G. R. T. Ayling has resigned that charge and accepted a call to become pastor of the Cambridge-Waterville church, Kings Co., N. S. We have become used to good reports from Mr. Ayling's work. We shall continue to look for such as he enters upon this enlarged opportunity. Mr. Ayling succeeds Rev. H. B. Camp, who goes to Newton to continue his theological studies.

Two out of three members of the board of conciliation inquiring into the dispute between the Algoma Steel Corporation and its railway employees have found in favor of the men in part at least. The representative of the company on the board has filed a dissenting report.

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