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BOSTON AND ST. JOHN.

On the eve of the arrival of Sir Henry Thornton, St. John people will read with much interest the following paragraph from the Shipping and Exporting Register, of Montreal—

"Canadian grain for export to Europe is arriving at Boston from the West in ever-growing volume and it is expected that the next few months will witness an immense movement. The bulk of this business is going to Boston as a result of the closing of the St. Lawrence River to navigation. Much of the overflow will go to Boston and arrangements have already been made to provide full cargoes for eight big ships, one of which alone will take away 350,000 bushels of rye. Practically all this grain is for commercial purposes and little for relief distribution. The delivery will go largely to countries where the crops have not come up to expectations, much being booked for inland Russian points."

We are told the grain shipments from St. John will be exceptionally heavy this winter, but this does not change the fact that heavy shipments of Canadian grain are going from American ports, for of course Portland, Maine, will also handle a large quantity. Before Maritime Province ports can handle all the winter grain traffic which should come to them they must be better equipped. The Canadian National Railway has only one elevator with capacity for half a million bushels. It was originally planned to have several more of the same capacity erected, but the plan has apparently been forgotten, while the C. N. R. is also short of terminals for other traffic. We like the declared objective of the Shipping and Exporting Register, which is prominently displayed in its columns—

"Our objective is to make Canadian ports supreme in North America; believing that American ports and port authorities are well able and equipped to care for themselves. We stand for Canadian ports."

When all Canada stands for Canadian ports the people of the Maritime Provinces will feel more confident than they do at present that they are really a part of the Dominion. They only ask fair recognition and it should no longer be denied.

NEARLY A LOST ART.

Perhaps the most famous of American after-dinner speakers, Chauncey Depew, is still living at the age of eighty-eight years, and was persuaded the other day by a New York Tribune reporter to make some observations that are quaintly interesting. Among other things he said, "I suppose I was the leader of after-dinner speakers, because I spoke more often than any one else living. I used after-dinner speaking as a relief from my constant hard work in the railroad, which was so exhausting. At one time I spoke almost every night, or nearly so, of the dinner. There is no doubt that prohibition has made a tremendous change in dinner audiences. Now they are bored with serious discussions and critical of light ones. In fact, their general attitude is 'I want to go home.'"

Whatever has caused the change, Mr. Depew agrees that there are fewer after-dinner speakers of the old school left. He said—

"Take twenty or thirty years ago, there were in New York alone half a dozen men of national reputation as speakers. Now it is almost impossible to find them for public dinners, and newspapers, which used to publish after-dinner speeches in full, now pay little attention to them. Now the report is generally 'Among those present were.' It was an intellectual opportunity of rare delight to have heard personally such men as William M. Everts, Joseph H. Choate, Judge Brady and his brother, James T. Brady, Richard O'Gorman and Henry Ward Beecher in their prime. The dinner platform used to be the finest opportunity for the utterance of palatable truths, sugar-coated with humor."

The veteran thinks the falling off in debating in the colleges has had something to do with the change. He was in the class of 1866 at Yale, and of ninety-seven in that class only six are living. In his description of what an after-dinner speech should be he gives this hint to the moderns, which his hearers would find have them adopt—

"An after-dinner speech ought to have some necessary truth, considerable humor, and one new story."

Of his experiences along another line than that which made him the orator at the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty and the most sought after after-dinner speaker of his time, Mr. Depew made these sprightly remarks—

"In my more active days, when I was head of the New York Central railroad and was in politics, I was supposed to be the source of original information. The result was that the

veteran journalist came to me for things which he thought I knew better than other people, and I was the favorite victim for city editors to send their cub reporters to practice on. At one period when everybody was in Wall Street and stocks were bouncing up and down reporters would come to me for inside information which would be of value in the stock operations of their readers, but I never heard of anybody who got rich on these revelations. A man who is interviewed every day of his life acquires quite naturally the information habit. He gives away a lot, but nothing which would be indiscreet to reveal."

We can well imagine the enjoyment the aged raconteur gets out of the memories of his past experiences, and there are still many who came under the spell of his eloquence and wit who will regret that his tribe does not increase, for even under prohibition a real after-dinner speaker gets down to the heart-strings of his hearers and plays on them at will.

MAJOR NEY'S MESSAGE

The address of Major Ney before the Rotary Club, and his later address in the Board of Trade made very clear to his listeners the high purpose of the National Council of Education. It does not aim to centralize authority or infringe any provincial right. It desires to have all the provinces, through their educational departments, co-operate along lines that will give education in each of them a more distinctly national flavor, and to provide a medium through which each of them may know what the others are doing, and also what is being done that is worth knowing about in other parts of the Empire and the world. It is a most worthy ideal, and if the desired co-operation is secured, at no new practically assured, the national feeling in the next generation will be much stronger than it is today. We are still too far apart as a people in our ways of thinking, and through co-operation of the kind now sought a stronger national spirit will be developed. The series of lectures by great educators, to be inaugurated in February, when Sir Henry Newbolt will be in St. John, is another development fraught with great benefits to the cause of education in Canada. The movement started in Winnipeg in 1919, when the great national conference on education was held, bids fair to have results of incalculable benefit to the Dominion.

ENFORCE PROHIBITION.

President Harding gives no comfort to those who assert that prohibition cannot be enforced. He does not believe the Volstead Act will ever be repealed, and he insists that before any attempt is made to modify it a more vigorous effort must be made for its enforcement, since that is what he believes the deliberate public opinion of the country desires.

"Such a course," he says, "conforms with the law and saves the humiliation of our people before the world, and challenges the destructive forces engaged in widespread violation, official corruption and individual demoralization."

There is meat in this sentence uttered by the President of the United States. It is a challenge to the authorities in the Canadian provinces which have adopted prohibition. Only rigorous and literal enforcement, says President Harding, will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification of the law. It will be found, however, that when the law is so enforced no modification will be necessary. In order to get a better enforcement the President will invite the state governors to a conference, with a view to securing state co-operation with the federal authorities. A corresponding move of local interest would be the full co-operation of the provincial authorities and the police department in the city of St. John.

Those who have been clamoring for the amendment of the Volstead Act by Congress have had a wet blanket thrown over them by the President. First make a real effort to enforce the Act in his reply—and it is the reply of reason and good statesmanship.

RABBIT DINNER

PROVES FATAL.

London, Nov. 22.—(By Mail)—An inquest was held at Liverpool on Francis Sharp, a hair-dresser, who died a result of a needle lodging in his throat after he had eaten a dinner of stuffed rabbit.

The woman who prepared the rabbit for dinner said that the ordinary sewing needle which was used to stitch up the rabbit might by some means have been left in the body of the animal.

It was stated that after Sharp had eaten his dinner he complained of having a bone stuck in his throat. His neck began to swell and he went into the infirmary, where an operation was performed, but the needle which had lodged in his throat could not be removed, and he died as a result of inflammation of the throat.

THE HILLS OF ACADIE

(By Merlyn Swift)

Green hills of Acadia, hills forest-clad,
Whose bosky thickets, shrubs and
bending trees
Answer, ever answer, to the wallings
sad,
The rushing voices of the distant sea.

Oft have I trod 'neath the virgin shade
Unknown to man, or drunk from
crystal stream
That mirrored once the dusky Indian
maid
Where trembling birches o'er the
waters lean.

There, far below across the marshy
pre,
The river winds in ever-broadening
sweep,
And placid-sleeping in the sunset's ray
Moves slowly onward to the silent
deep.

Historic land whose page in history's
tome
Unwritten save for test-drops that
endure
Unto the age's end, thy name is
known,
Around the crumbling walls of Beau-
sjour.

Upon thy rolling hills a silence dwells,
A chastened stillness on thy wind-
swept shore,
Alone the sad dirge of the ocean swells
A note of grief for those who are
no more.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Playing Safe.

The dear old lady entered the drug
store and looked dubitably at the
youthful clerk behind the counter.
"I sure don't know what you are
properly qualified drugist?"

"Yes, madam."

"You have passed all your examina-
tions?"

"Certainly."

"You've never poisoned any one by
mistake?"

"Not to my knowledge."

She heaved a sigh of relief.

"Very careful what I say, I never
nickel's worth of cough drops."—Hous-
ton Post.

A Careful Patient.

A woman whose throat had trouble
d her for a long time grew impatient
at the slow progress she was making
and made a complaint to the doctor.

"Madame," said the physician, "I can
never cure you of this throat trouble
unless you stop talking and give your
throat a complete rest."

"But, doctor," objected the patient,
"I'm sure careful what I say, I never
use harsh language, or anything of that
kind."

Not Personally.

The Antiquarian Society of Smith-
ville was holding its anniversary meet-
ing, an occasion of much splendor and
importance.

A young woman who acted in the
capacity of society reporter for one of
the morning papers of the city, in mak-
ing her rounds for the purpose of se-
curing the names of those in attend-
ance, approached a somewhat elderly
but well-preserved spinster, who was
moving in her staidest manner amid
the throng.

Miss Dunkum, the re-
porter said, jotting down the name,
"You are an Antiquarian?"

"I am a member of the Antiquarian
Society," responded Miss Dunkum,
with great dignity, evidently having
an impression that an "antiquarian,"
objectively considered was about the
same thing as antiquity.

A WESTERN GIRLS CLUB.

(Toronto Star)

In Manitoba, and, suppose, in
some of the other western provinces,
the farming districts have girls' clubs
for improvement in household duties.
Across the life in some of the states
the people have similar clubs. They
have regular competitions. Teams
from the various clubs give demon-
strations of their efficiency.

The Manitoba competition of the
club was held in the city of Winnipeg
by means of the co-operation of the
T. Eaton Company, the Western Can-
ada and Lake of the Woods Milling
Companies, the Winnipeg Junior Red
Cross, the Winnipeg teachers and the
Manitoba Department of Agriculture.
Forty-five Manitoba teams, some com-
posed of two, others of three girls,
took part in the competition. The in-
terest of the occasion was increased
by the presence of competing teams
from Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.
The United States visitors were the
champions of their own districts. But
break-making teams from Pilot
Mount, Manitoba, carried off the hon-
ors at Winnipeg.

The demonstrations by the girls in-
cluded the subjects of bread-making,
quick breads, macaroni, milk products,
beverages, table-setting, vegetables,
canning, care of the baby, first aid,
attractive collars and cuffs, comfortable
footwear, the model kitchen, textiles
and garment-dyeing: quite a compre-
hensive list.

Each demonstration is scheduled to
take from thirty-five to forty minutes,
and while one of the team members
discusses a subject in carefully pre-
pared language the other members of
the team perform the various mechan-
ical operations connected with the sub-
ject. Questions may be asked, and the
team members usually display accurate
knowledge of the subjects. Competent
persons watch the proceedings and
award the prizes. This year's demon-
stration at Winnipeg was very success-
ful, and the persons who aided in
bringing the teams to that city have ex-
pressed a desire to assist for the same
purpose in 1923.

ITALY DRINKS MORE WINE

Venice Alone Consumed 22,000,000
Liters in the Last Year.

Rome, Dec. 12.—Italy's thirst for beer
and wines has been much harder to
quench since the end of the World War,
according to official statistics just pub-
lished.

Venice takes her place at the head of
the list with a total consumption last
year of 60,900 liters of other alcoholic liquors.
The per capita consumption was 140
liters of wine and 4 of the other bever-
ages.

The use of liquors seems to be far
less popular in the south than in the
north, for, generally speaking, the peo-
ple in the northern towns and cities
drink a third more than those in Cen-
tral Italy, while the latter on their
part consumed a third more than the
southern Italians.

The statistics for the islands show a
marked decrease over last year. Sar-
dinia is particularly abstemious, selling
practically all of the wine produced
there to Continental buyers.

MISS E. H. MORTON WINS GOLD MEDAL

Prize for English Essay
Goes to Grand-daughter of
the Hon. J. G. Forbes—
School Board Meeting.

At the Board of School Trustees
meeting last night it was announced
that the Ellis Gold Medal for English
essay by a grade XI pupil had been
won by Miss Elizabeth H. Morton,
W. C. Rickard Street, and Mrs. H. H.
Morton, Trinidad, and grand-daughter
of Hon. J. G. Forbes. Miss Morton
is now studying at Dalhousie Uni-
versity. Matters of important busi-
ness were taken up.

Hon. H. A. McKown presided.
Others present were Trustees Mrs. E.
R. Taylor, M. Coll, H. Colby Smith,
George E. Day, Thomas Nagle, E. R.
W. C. Rickard, Stanley Mason, W. T.
Denham and the Misses B. Myles, M.
Black, F. C. Estabrooks, M. E.
Lingley, Alice G. Gale and Alma K.
Gale. These applications were re-
ferred to the finance committee.

Applications for the position of jan-
itor were received from J. E. Travis,
H. Sheehan and C. H. Wille.
Miss F. G. Perry's application for
six months' leave of absence was re-
ferred to the teachers' committee.

The following teachers applied for
an increase of salary: A. B. Brooks,
H. C. Rickard, Stanley Mason, W. T.
Denham and the Misses B. Myles, M.
Black, F. C. Estabrooks, M. E.
Lingley, Alice G. Gale and Alma K.
Gale. These applications were re-
ferred to the finance committee.

The Board of Education wrote au-
thorithy the case of St. Peter's Girls
school for both St. Peter's girls and
boys in one session days.

Applications for the position of
inspector of buildings were received
from George P. Hennessey and Francis
E. McManus and were referred to the
finance committee for the recovery of
the cost of Frank E. Haley, janitor of
St. Patrick's school for an increase of
salary.

An invitation was received for the
board members to attend the open-
ing of the health center today.

W. J. S. Myles informed the board
that Miss Elizabeth Homer Morton
had won the Ellis gold medal for an
English essay in the Winter school
assembly hall, where shooting
would take place after school hours.
The secretary of the assembly hall,
Mr. Smith reported that at a meeting
of the finance committee, held just pre-
viously, it had been recommended the
acting superintendent should receive a
salary of \$100 a month until a suc-
cessor could be appointed, the salary to
date from October. This was ap-
proved.

Mr. Ingraham drew attention to the
fact that some of the schools had heat-
ing plants unsuited to burning soft
coal, which was now being used. He
said La Tour school and Aberdeen
schools were closed part of one day be-
cause of trouble with the heating, and
Mr. Day said that there had been
trouble with the heating in King
George school also. Mr. Ingraham
thought the schools should be made
to have to be made for burning
soft coal, and he believed that in La
Tour school a little alteration would
be needed. Mr. Nagle said that in
Montreal the schools were using oil
fuel with great economy, burning
soft coal being discarded, would add
precisely to the bill for cleaning, and
he recommended that the secretary
should secure information as to the
use of fuel oil in Montreal.

On Mr. Smith's motion, a letter of
sympathy in the winter school was
read to Mrs. Richard O'Brien and
flowers were to accompany the letter.

The report of the secretary showed
twenty-one testing days in the month
and 211 lessons conducted. The num-
ber of pupils enrolled was 9,142; the
number belonging, 8,751, of whom 4,
316 were boys and 3,465 girls. The
average number in daily attendance
was 8,097. The percentage of those
in attendance of those enrolled was 88.
57, and the percentage in attendance
of those belonging was 92.41.

The report of the trustee officer
showed fifty-five irregulars and seven-
teen truants.

A teachers' committee meeting was
held after the board meeting.

At the teachers' committee meeting
six months' leave of absence with half
pay was granted to Miss Perry and ar-
rangements were made for bringing
the question of teachers' salaries before
a finance committee meeting.

SAYS SPERM WHALE IS DISAPPEARING

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Sperm whales are
disappearing rapidly, and on account
of their great commercial value, are
being hunted without regard to the
danger of their extinction. Dr. E. E.
Prince, Dominion Commissioner of
Fisheries, told the National Conference
for the Prevention of Wild Life, in
session here.

As an evidence of this depletion he
told of the experience of a whaling
crew which caught only one whale after
a whole season in the South Atlantic
and yet this one whale rendered the voy-
age profitable.

A resolution was passed that sperm
whales be hunted under license, and a
return submitted to their governments
by the companies or individuals own-
ing whalers. International co-opera-
tion would be necessary to insure such
legislation being effective.

"PINK GODS" HIGH CLASS PICTURE

Paramount Feature With a
Star Cast Gets Good Re-
ception at Imperial.

"There are many scenes of romance
and mystery in 'Pink Gods.' Fern-
lyn Stanlaw's new Paramount production,
which attracted so many people to the
Imperial Theatre yesterday. They in-
volved the use of one hundred of Los
Angeles' blackest Africans to play
Zulus, Boer natives, mine guards, and
various spectators. In strong contrast
to these scenes in luxurious hotels,
with beautifully dressed women, and
particularly interesting are the exqui-
site gowns worn by Anna Q. Nilsson
and Bebe Daniels.

The age-old romance of diamonds, for
women and the lengths to which many
women will go to acquire the precious
stones, is the theme of this Cynthia
Stocker story. To quote from the
foreword: "No Arabian tale can out-
strip the romance of diamonds—tokens
of love, but also perpetual symbols of
strife and passion."

The story deals with Lorraine Tem-
ple and her husband, and Lady Mar-
garet, a widow, who go to South
Africa and meet John Quelch, "the
man who made Kimberley." While
Lady Margaret feels the lure of di-
amonds, she is strong and well-balanced
enough to resist. Lorraine, however, is
fairly hypnotized by the beautiful gems
she sees, and allows herself to be
drawn, during her husband's absence,
into an intrigue with Louis Barney, a
dealer in smuggled stones.

The varied and ingenious methods of
smuggling uncut stones used not only
by native miners but by white
overseers and illicit dealers, are graphi-
cally shown. A startling custom il-
lustrated is that by which men who
are low-down to get them out of the
mines are summarily taken to hospital,
the suspicion confirmed by X-ray, and
then operated upon, the stomach being
opened, and the gems recovered there-
from. This operation performed upon
John Wainwright, for the recovery of
twenty diamonds, is an important fac-
tor in the drama, for, broken in health,
he seeks a terrible revenge, which leads
to the death of Lorraine Temple, and
the union of Lady Margaret and John
Quelch.

This production boasts such a col-
lection of stars and featured players as is
not often seen in one picture. Bebe
Daniels plays the role of Lorraine Tem-
ple, the girl who, dazzled by the flash
of crystalline "pink gods," forgets her
wifely vows, and pays at last with her
life. The strong story of John Quelch
is played by James Kirkwood, who is
featured with Miss Daniels.

Anna Q. Nilsson, who has the part
of Margaret Cork, and Mr. Kirkwood
were featured in "The Man From
Houma," made in Europe. She and
other pictures abroad, and before that
was seen in "The Fighting Chance" and
many other Paramount pictures.

Adolph Menjou has been seen in "The
Three Musketeers," "The Faith Hea-
ler," and "Is Matrimony a Failure?"

In addition to the excellent Param-
ount feature the Imperial regaled its
patrons with a charming Trip Through
the West Indies aboard a Royal Steam
ship, and on shore. There was also
the interesting word news as con-
tained in Pathe's Weekly. Never did
Pathe's Weekly orchestra play a richer
programme. It was an evening of rare
enjoyment for every present. To-
day and this evening the same bill
will obtain but tomorrow the bill
changes to the First National Marshall
Nellan big feature entitled "Bits of
Hawaii" with a galaxy of stars most un-
usual.

FINE PICTURE AT QUEEN SQUARE

Gilbert Scores in New Romantic
Picture.

One of the finest pictures that has
made its appearance here is shown
opened a run at the Queen Square the-
atre last night when the William Fox
production, "Honor First," starring
John Gilbert, was flashed on the silver
screen.

The story, by George Gibbs, is a ro-
mance of the war, the scene being laid
in the trenches in France. It portrays
the activities of two brothers serving
in the French army. One, an officer,
becomes panic-stricken in the face of
an impending assault, and his brother
saves him from disgrace by chang-
ing uniforms with him and leading his
company to the attack. He is wound-
ed and a beautiful love tale is wound
around his misadventures.

Scenes of the latter portion of the
picture are laid in Paris, in the Latin
Quarter, along the River Seine and in
the underworld.

John Gilbert's work in the dual role
puts him in the front rank of moving
picture artists. His sudden transition
from the craven state of the coward
to the exalted condition of the hero is
a piece of noteworthy acting. The pic-
ture is worth seeing more than once.
Not only is the story a clever one,
written by a noted fictionist, but the
photography and the direction are
above par.

AVENGING WOMAN SENDS UNDERTAKERS TO 'GET SQUARE'

New York, Dec. 12.—Almost every
other day for the last two weeks un-
dertakers have called at the home of
Mrs. Emma Levinson, 1922 Elmore
Place, Bronx, and told her they had
been sent to bury her. On Wednesday
one came with three men, a wagon and
a lot of embalming fluid. Mrs. Levin-
son was upset.

She said she "saw a light" that day
when he met Mrs. Henrietta Tarlow
of 1919 Bailey avenue, and Mrs. Tar-
low greeted her with:

"I see you are still alive. Didn't the
undertakers call for you yet?"

Mrs. Levinson recalled she had had
trouble with Mrs. Tarlow and that
Mrs. Tarlow had threatened to get
"square."

Magistrate Well in the West Farms
Court ordered Mrs. Tarlow to furnish
a bond to keep the peace for six
months.

Homes in Westfield are now being
lighted by hyro current from Mus-
quash, the residences of E. H. Machum
and W. S. Stevenson as well as the
Methodist parsonage having been con-
nected up on Saturday afternoon. The
rate paid is four cents a K. W. H. the
same as at South Bay.

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\$1.49

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