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VISIONS OF WOE

The fearful Globe is once more "in the dumps." Again it is the hopeless case of this devoted seaport that has troubled the ready fountains of its perennial woe. Looking westward, where the golden harvest waves, great in itself, though infinitely small in comparison with that of coming years, the seer of the Globe turns and peers into the future, to behold this immense harvest seeking a market through other ports than ours. Mr. Young has expressed a doubt. Many western men are said to have doubts. Sir William Van Horne once whispered doubt. There is also a place called Hudson Bay, and it has possibilities. There fore the seer forlornly bows his head, folds his hands, and while the tears flow, delivers his message.

"So far as St. John is concerned—we might, indeed, say Eastern ports—there are yet no satisfactory evidences that we are to have here grain shipping ports. The Canadian Pacific Railway, assisted by the public treasury, has put up a grain elevator on the west side of the St. John harbor which is not much used. At the urgent call of the common council of this city—it is difficult to know why—the Dominion government built a grain elevator on the east side of the harbor, with a notable and attractive conveyor, which was much advertised as a wonder in its way, but neither elevator nor conveyor has been yet more than ornamental. Still they are there, and we can always hope."

"We can always hope." The assurance brings a ray of comfort. Sir Wilfrid Laurier once told us he would never be content until every possible pound of Canadian freight passed through Canadian channels. Many others have expressed the same desire, and declared the same purpose. These men are not pessimists. They believe in Canada and the Canadian people. Instead of lamenting that a thing cannot be done they endeavor to demonstrate that it can. St. John is what it is because there have been enough men of this stamp to prevail against the calamity hewer. They may have erred at times, and expected too much, or attempted too much, but they accomplished something. They have in ten years increased the shipping to many millions of dollars in value. Who will set bounds to the development of the next ten or twenty years?

And why does the St. John Globe persistently preach the doctrine of the future of St. John? Perhaps because the patience of the people is not yet exhausted. When it is there will be a change, as there was in the matter of the annexation propaganda.

LUMBER TRADE

At the end of July the deal shipments from St. John to trans-Atlantic ports for the year were shown to be considerably in excess of those for the like period in the previous year. The Times then pointed out that there would doubtless be a reduction for the balance of the season. This view is confirmed by the tabulated statement printed in yesterday's issue. Up to the end of September of this year the spruce deal shipments were about five and a quarter million feet less than for the corresponding nine months of 1904. In the meantime the British market has improved. The United States market has been active and profitable throughout the season. Nevertheless, owing to the stranding of so many millions of feet of logs in the upper St. John, and the enforced idleness at present of a number of mills, the season cannot be classed as a good one in this very important branch of business.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Manual training is not only of great value in stimulating pupils to take a greater interest in their studies, but it is the right beginning for those whose aim is to engage in industrial pursuits. As this country grows, it will follow the example of other countries, and devote increased attention to technical education. The Toronto Globe recently discussed this subject from the Canadian standpoint with admirable clearness, and what it says has a direct bearing on the subject of manual training. We quote:

"The recent Trades Congress pronounced emphatically in favor of making technical education more widespread and more efficient. Without approving of everything that was said in the discussion of ways and means, all intelligent observers of current educational tendencies will heartily endorse this as an abstract proposition. There should be more technical schools, both elementary and advanced, and they should be better housed, better supplied with indispensable apparatus, and entrusted to the management of better qualified and more experienced teachers. We have only made a crude beginning in the matter of technical education, though we have been talking much about it for a generation. That we have made more rapid progress practically cannot be charged against the class represented by the Trades Congress.

While the people of Canada have been thinking and talking about the expediency of establishing and maintaining technical schools, the people of some other countries have gone a long distance ahead in making provision for technical education. This is particularly the case in Germany, France, and the United States. Great Britain has moved more slowly, mainly because her industrial and commercial pre-eminence of fifty years ago seemed likely to last in perpetuity. The Industrial Exhibition at London in 1881 impressed foreign visitors so strongly that the need of technical education began to be clearly discerned by the thoughtful few and accepted by the masses of the people. The impulse thus given to technical education says half a century ago, is far from weakening with passing years.

is becoming constantly more potent and more general. The Province of Ontario has a school of practical science, which is the faculty of applied science in the Provincial University. The accommodation and equipment have never been adequate to the work contemplated, but during the past few years great improvements have been made, and others will doubtless be carried out from time to time. In connection with Queen's University there is also a technical course of great practical value, which has been aided financially by the provincial legislature. Several cities have established technical schools, or departments of schools, which are supported by municipal funds. But the implication of the resolution adopted by the Trades Congress, that we are proceeding too slowly, is so undeniably true that this community has no defense against the charge of invertebrate folly in neglecting its opportunities.

Canada is a country of great physical resources, which cannot be developed without the application of skilled labor to industrial processes. We have raw material in great abundance and variety, but we have not technical skill sufficiently developed or widely enough diffused. Young Canadians have natural aptitude equal to that of any other nationality, but they are handicapped by lack of the necessary technical training, and are thus forced to acquire imperfectly by slow degrees the practical skill necessary to enable them to hold their own in their own country.

The Toronto school board stated the other day that because they could not get their estimates passed by the civic board of control they were still using in the schools a geography which stated the population of Toronto to be 60,000. It is not to be wondered at that they protested. According to the revised figure issued by the Assessment Department the population of the city is 250,045, an increase of 12,897 compared with the assessment's return in the assessment made last year. But at this rate they would need a new geography every year, to be up-to-date.

Addressing a Toronto audience of business men the other day Mr. J. S. Larke said:—"Canada was not making the most of her resources. Gypsum was mined in Nova Scotia, and converted into plaster of Paris in the United States, later being shipped to Australia. Why should they not in Nova Scotia, with coal and gypsum at hand, manufacture this plaster of Paris in Canada and ship the finished product to the Australian market, which imported 50,000 tons annually?"

Prof. Mavor is back in Toronto, convinced that municipal ownership has had a severe check. In Great Britain, that Glasgow has lost largely on its municipal telephone, and that there is an admitted and very marked deterioration in the membership of city councils in Great Britain. Prof. Mavor is the authority on the wheat raising possibilities of Canada whose recent deliverance was denounced from one end of this country to the other.

Chicago has a profit sharing bank, which "consolidates sharing profits equally between stockholders and savings depositors after the usual guaranteed 3 per cent semi-annually has been paid to savings depositors and 3 per cent has been distributed to stockholders." It is stated that upwards of five hundred accounts were opened the first day.

It is announced that District Attorney Jerome will take a hand in the insurance enquiry in New York. The public will be glad to hear this news. If Mr. Jerome succeeds in putting in jail some insurance magnates who have been posing as kings of finance, and possibly as philanthropists, the effect will be salutary.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has summoned a forestry convention to meet in Ottawa in January. If it will result in less damage by forest fires, and a more general recognition of the value of our forest resources, or lead to an educational campaign to ensure these results, it will be one of the most notable conventions of the year.

The attention of any St. John readers of the Globe's jeremiad on the grain trade of the port of St. John is directed to the statement made on that subject on another page of today's Times. The Globe's article is not only without justification, but has a tendency to injure the port.

A C. P. R. man who has just returned from the West tells the Toronto News that the farmers of Manitoba and the West will have a clean profit of \$55,000,000 on their wheat crop this year. He estimates on 100,000,000 bushels at 55 cents, and the cost of product and labor at 30 cents a bushel.

The City of Hamilton, according to the assessment commissioner, has a population of 50,547. There is an increase in assessable property of \$2,915,214, the total assessable property being \$32,571,665.

Hon. Frank Oliver does not agree with the man who predicts that Mr. Haultain will carry Saskatchewan. Mr. Oliver says it seems probable that Liberals will carry both of the new provinces.

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Big Clothing Sale
OPENS TOMORROW.

We want you to visit our Stores TOMORROW. Take advantage of our sale if you can, but note particularly our regular prices as well as the sale prices. Both are marked in plain figures on each garment.

NOTICE how much lower our regular prices are than you usually pay at the other stores, but my! those who buy here Saturday are in luck.

Read Our Big Adv. elsewhere in this issue.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier,
199 and 201 Union Street.Be More Particular
When Buying Shoes for the Child
And Have The

Feet Fitted
Foot Form Boots.

The "Footform" is a child's shoe, made on special lines, which allow the human foot to grow as nature intended. It appeals to the common sense of parents. It is not a freak shoe in any sense of the word, it has "room for the five toes," and lets the child's foot grow as it should.

Sizes 5 to 7 1-2 - - - \$1.75.
Lace or Button, 8 to 11, \$2.00.

Feet Fitters, **McROBBIE** 94 King Street.

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St. John Creamery Butter and Cream.

If he does not handle our goods call on us direct.
Creamery open for inspection every day, 92 King St.

el. 1432. **W. H. BELL, Manager**

Grand Clearance Sale of Furniture.
COMMENCING—
Monday, October 1st.

This sale will eclipse any of our past efforts. All new, bright, substantially built furniture offered at a nice little saving. If you contemplate buying anything in furniture, it will pay you well to look in here.

BUSTIN & WITHERS, - - 99- Germain Street.
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All the Popular Brands of
IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CIGARS

—AT—
OSCAR'S Victoria Cigar Store,
81 KING STREET.

Boy's Box Calf	- - -	\$1.85
Misses' "Box Calf	- - -	1.50
Children's Box Calf	- - -	1.30

Full line of Rubbers and Overalls.

J. W. SMITH, - - - 37 Waterloo Street.

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Of a year or two ago—and they are old—can't stand today
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Accident Policies now issued by

LOCKHART & RITCHIE,
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Agents in every town being appointed. Write today.

THE PLANTING
OF THE "SPUDS"

Heavy Gear of the Big Dredge
"Beaver" Placed in Position Yesterday.

The operation of placing the big spuds in the new dredge Beaver was completed yesterday afternoon by Samuel Dunlop, Jr., and the big mud digger was towed to the west side, where she will be further fitted up with bucket, etc. The placing of the spuds in the big machine was an interesting operation, and quite a number of people visited the north slip during the last few days to watch the proceedings. On Tuesday afternoon the dredge was moored alongside of Mr. Dunlop's big shears, and yesterday afternoon the big pieces of wood and iron, weighing from 15 to 18 tons each, were hoisted and placed into position without a hitch.

It is not very often that Mr. Dunlop is called upon to lift such heavy weights, but he was equal to the occasion, and the work was carried out as if it were an every day occurrence.

The shears on which the spuds were hoisted are 66 feet long and 22 inches in diameter, and have a capacity about 25 tons. An intricate system of blocks and ropes was so arranged that the weight was supported by ten separate sheaves, and when the powerful hoisting machinery of the dredge was attached the big beams were lifted without trouble. Mr. Dunlop carries a line of everything necessary

in blocks, ropes, winches, etc., to do all kinds of heavy lifting at short notice.

TORONTO'S GOLD MINE

Enormous Increase in Street Railway Earnings During Past Month.

(Toronto Globe.)

Toronto's gold mine, the street railway, continues to yield a rich return. For the month of September the earnings were the largest of any month in the history of the company, and totalled \$262,572.32, against \$246,861.08 for September, 1904, being an increase of \$35,710.84, the largest increase in the company's record.

The next largest increase was for last August, when the amount reached \$22,942.09. It will be observed that September has beaten that by nearly \$3,000. The increase has been continuous, and since the exhibition closed some of the daily increases have been larger even than during the fair. The city's share of September earnings will be about \$40,000.

A teamsters' strike is one of the latest innovations in Montreal. There is no union of teamsters here but the men engaged by J. E. Masters Co., Ltd., went out last Monday. The company employed five teamsters. Four declared a strike and held up the fifth man who wanted to continue working for the day. The trouble arose over pay. The company agreed to give the wages asked for but two men demanded extra pay in advance and it being refused they quit work. The teamsters are now sorry as their places have been filled.

Royal Standard Flour for Bread.

Ask your grocer for Royal Standard Flour. Wholesale by
NORTHROP & CO., - - - 23 and 24 South Wharf

Kennebecasis Bay

It occurs to me that the earth is growing old, even as you and I, my children. We sometimes forget it, but it is a fact, that it is several billion times bigger than we are, and naturally it should live several billion times as long. We don't know how old it is, but apparently it is past middle age and begins to feel the infirmities of the years, even as you and I, if you live long enough, my children. Everything that lives, from the tiniest flower to the tallest tree, and from the most insignificant insect to the most perfect man at last becomes a part of "the senseless clod that the rude swain turns with his share and treads upon." At last the clod will die, even as you and I, my children, and the world will become, like the moon, a desert, treeless, lifeless, silent. Millions of years after this great catastrophe the recuperated earth may again blossom as the rose and be repopulated, the superior beings walking about on one leg, a dozen, or a multitude of legs like the centipede, or flying on leathery wings, like the bat. It is inferred that the earth will die, become inert and unpopulated, because such is the fate of everything else material of which we have any knowledge. The moon is believed to be dead; many stars have vanished from the sky during the last few centuries, and the sun itself seems to be suffering with some sort of senile decay. There are many indications that the earth feels stiff in its joints and feels inclined to quit business, but you need not worry, my children, it may take it millions of years to make up its mind.

The earth's infirmities are manifested in the vagaries of the seasons. Last year, here on Kennebecasis Bay, every month had its frost, and this year we have escaped frost only in July. Then we have peculiar atmospheric and seismic disturbances all over the world. Gales which hitherto were unknown here, threaten to uproot the stoutest trees and, if experienced by a city alderman, might become the parent of serious reverses. The ground requires a good deal of nursing to induce it to produce a respectable crop, and the effect of nursing with commercial fertilizers is a good deal like that of brandy on a sick man; it stimulates for a little while and then leaves the patient weak and helpless. If you are fortunate enough to grow a crop of grain, roots or fruit, noxious insects destroy it, for their enemies the birds, whose beneficence was never appreciated, have disappeared, like rats from a sinking ship.

The birds have vanished, partly because of the approaching calamity and partly because of man's inhumanity. And yet because of the empty towns and deserted insects they were almost as great a friend to the agriculturist as the sun. The sparrow, they say, goes for his children, he mindless to the warblers, the bobolinks and the thrushes and the owls; once in a great while and then leaves the pecker a blue jay or a black bird, but a few forlorn colonies of robins, swallows and crows, with a stray hawk and humming bird still remain with us. Without birds to protect it from its enemies, says a scientist, vegetation could not exist. Therefore, my children, be mindful of the birds, for they put bread in your baskets, and help to keep this poor old world alive.

White Head, Kings county, Oct. 4.

HOW LONG?

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—Since January, 1903, about ten dollars have been misapplied on the much travelled road between here and White Head, and the mail roads between there and Summerville, and between there and Holdville, a total distance of about twenty miles, and the roads are in a worse condition than they have been before during the last fifty years, yet it is presumed the superintendent draws his salary with commendable regularity, and his party friends gather up their little pickings now and then as was the intention of the act. A few rocks of cobble have been thrown out of these roads, one brook has been properly bridged, and two or three sluiceways have been fixed up with brush and rotten poles and covered with a few shovelful of mud by a member of "our party." Further than this, the mail carrier and the farmers are permitted to throw their way over the foot of the road. 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