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### TRADE AND COMMERCE

Hon. James A. Robb, the new minister of trade and commerce, appears to have made a fine impression in an address in Montreal last week before the Export Club, which elected him its first honorary president. More than three hundred members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association from all over Quebec province. Hon. Mr. Robb, when called on, modestly observed that he was there to learn and to receive rather than give advice. The Gazette reporter of his address said:

"Hon. Mr. Robb said that the department of trade and commerce had been created to help, not to hinder trade, and he hoped to see that it was conducted in such manner as to help. The extent to which this aid could be given would largely depend on the assistance given by those interested in the production and transportation of Canadian goods. Having worked as a producer, manufacturer and trader, always willing to trade where there was a profit to be made, he had learned that it took time and work to create business, and that profitable trade could not be built up in an afternoon, or even at a banquet, no matter how good the menu or the company. Now could trade be built up by the government alone, without the co-operation of the business community. Therefore he was present as representative of a government which wanted to be useful in developing Canadian trade at home and abroad."

The minister intimated that government agents should not handle business, but that the government should stand out of the way and give Canadian business men a chance to do business in a business way, taking profits if they can, but maintaining their established connections and their customers through the uniform good quality of Canadian products, and added: "If that is to be the policy, then I believe that Canada's export trade will grow from year to year, and that eventually Canada will win out, even against hostile tariffs." Continuing, the minister said:

"We may as well face the issue, and at once admit that the great war for freedom and the rights of small nations has not only burdened the taxpayers of the world with enormous debt, and governments and peoples with extravagant habits, but has also fostered a spirit of tariff warfare throughout the world, which must, I imagine, like all other wars, run its course."

Referring to United States tariff legislation, Hon. Mr. Robb said:

"Recently some of our good customers have revised their customs tariff, apparently with a view to reducing trade with their own best customers. They may temporarily disturb Canadian trade, but they cannot discourage nor destroy Canadian enterprise."

This sentiment was heartily applauded by the audience of business men. Continuing, he said it was a rule of trade that when sales increased, purchases also increased, so that when a country put up extreme tariff barriers, hindering necessary purchases, it placed a stumbling block against its own trade, fostering discontent among its own people. This was an argument which was most effective in opposition to a high tariff in Canada. Mr. Robb observed that we in Canada had little right to complain if another country imposed a prohibitive tariff, but we have the right to seek out the most profitable markets for our goods, to give preference to those who give preference to us, and, like any well managed business, to secure as many good customers as we can. "The world is large, and Canada is geographically situated to trade with either east or west."

Touching the matter of transportation, the minister said that if Canada could successfully compete with other countries in the markets of the world, it must be prepared to carry its goods as fast and as cheaply as those countries. "Canada has the railway lines, she has ships, and surely Canada should carry Canadian exports from Canadian ports at as favorable rates as those offered at any other ports on this continent."

Maritime province readers will be glad to have this expression of opinion from a member of the new government. Such a policy put in effect would mean much for St. John and Halifax.

In St. John one of every seven infants born dies before it attains the age of one year. Not only is their need of an extension of the work of baby clinics, but, as Miss Melickjohn said at the meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association last night, St. John needs a maternity hospital. At the present time large new expenditures are not regarded with favor, because of financial conditions, but as soon as possible this matter of conserving child life should receive practical attention. As Hon. Dr. Roberts has pointed out, a native born child is better than an immigrant, and its life should not be sacrificed through ignorance or lack of proper care of mother and infant.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, British labor leader, urges the politicians to forget political manoeuvres for party advantage and concentrate on trade revival. That appears to be very sane advice, applicable to the Labor party as well as others.

### A TYPICAL CASE

In Fairville yesterday a man was sent to jail for a year on the charge of non-support of his wife and four young children. He has been idle since last March, and his family has been receiving aid from church and municipal sources. He was offered work last week but did not accept. The evidence was such as to convince the magistrate that this man, who is big and strong and quite able to work, had no desire to support his family.

This case illustrated once more the need of an industrial farm. The man goes to jail to eat the bread of idleness and his family remain in a helpless condition. They must suffer while he lives without work. This case is typical of many. If we had an industrial farm and the courts did their duty, it would soon have a large working population, and families would be getting wages they do not get at present. In the interests of the community it would be real economy to provide a prison farm and compel these shirkers of their duty to provide something toward the support of their families. It is an old, old story. When will the authorities become alive to the public interest in this regard?

### PLAY FOR ALL

A remark made by the national physical director of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. J. H. Crocker, before the Rotary Club yesterday, ought to impress everybody. It was to the effect that in the interests of all-round physical and character development the aim should not be to perfect a small number to be cheered and admired by all the rest, but to get everybody into the game and play it for the game's sake, each individual deriving personal benefit from participation in physical culture and group games. There is far too great a tendency to have a few performers and a grandstand full of spectators who themselves take no part in games of any sort. The aim should be, as Mr. Crocker says, to get everybody into the game. That means more playgrounds and other facilities for both outdoor and indoor games, and a continuous campaign to induce all the people to participate in one or another of the activities which benefit both mind and body, and help to develop character. Of course the chief aim should be to reach all the children, and give them such a good start as would keep them going in later life.

Referring to a suggestion that the United States would not allow Canada to own a railway in that country, the Toronto Globe says: "The problem is not at all formidable. The parts of the Grand Trunk running through the United States are, of course, subject to the laws of that country, whether they are owned by the government of Canada or by a private company. There is no more difficulty in one case than in the other. Under private ownership the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada was subject to our Board of Railway Commissioners. It was never contended that it was exempt from that control because parts of the system were in the United States. Should any difficulty of this kind arise the American portions of the Grand Trunk can be sold; and if they are profitable, we shall obtain all the better price."

Touching the matter of hydro-electric distribution, one of the questions the citizens are asking is as follows: What would it cost the city to provide its own distribution plant? Another is this: Is distribution plant absolutely dependent upon the assurance that the New Brunswick Power Company shall forever pay a certain dividend on a certain capitalization?

Irishmen are in control in Dublin Castle and the British troops are being withdrawn from southern Ireland. Cordial relations exist between the British and the new Irish government. A great burden has been lifted from the hearts of the people on both sides of the Channel.

The Quebec liquor law may be the wonder of the world, but the chairman of the liquor commission says there are fifty "blind pigs" and road-houses in the city of Hull. The fact is worth noting.

The Ontario government has won a suit against a lumber company for the sum of \$169,991. The Ontario timber scandals are reminiscent of an unsavory chapter of New Brunswick history.

The Bombay conference appears to be getting different factions in India together in a way to promote a better understanding between all of them and the government.

It is expected that Hon. W. R. Motherwell, the new federal minister of agriculture, will be returned in Regina without opposition.

They are talking in government circles in Ontario of a modified form of unemployment insurance.

### HYGIENE IN THE HOME

(On learning that there is a right and a wrong way of blowing the nose and that "disease germs lurking in nasal reservoirs may be expelled if effective rather than merely effective methods are adopted.")

Away with the beebie musician! Whose utter incompetence shows Of how to manhandle a nose; Who fiddles and fumbles discreetly And handles that organ as if He feared it would fracture completely With anything more than a snuff!

Oh, treat such attempts with derision, And play through your piece like a man— Get hold of your neb with decision And blow it as hard as you can. Remember the thing is a fixture And won't come uncoupled or loose— Lay hold and strike up with a mixture Of foghorn and bellying mow.

The neighbors can like it or lump it, Rejoice or regard it with grief— You practice away on your trumpet So long as it brings you relief. And friends can expatiate to you, Inquiries who rush from afar, "It's only dear Archibald sounding A chord on his famous catan!"

—Manchester Guardian.

## PAULINE FREDERICK AT OPERA HOUSE

Amazing Versatility in "The Sting of the Lash" in Part of Wide Contrasts.

"The Sting of the Lash," the current feature at the Opera House, provides Pauline Frederick, eminent dramatic star, with one of the greatest roles of her career on stage or screen. And Miss Frederick, always a delight to the eye, plays her role with all the extraordinary skill at her command.

Her part is that of a wife whose undying devotion to a well-nigh worthless husband forms the theme of this most engrossing subject. In the beginning the wife is a smart society woman in New York. Then the scene shifts to the west, where business takes her husband, and his desertion begins. She goes down into the depths with him, suffering untold tortures, but fighting valiantly to reclaim the man of her choice. This change of affairs gives Miss Frederick a splendid opportunity to cut loose any act. The wide contrast in her part to play is a smart woman of society with beautiful gowns and wealth for the asking and the slaving soul who ties herself down to no part in games of any sort. The aim should be, as Mr. Crocker says, to get everybody into the game. That means more playgrounds and other facilities for both outdoor and indoor games, and a continuous campaign to induce all the people to participate in one or another of the activities which benefit both mind and body, and help to develop character. Of course the chief aim should be to reach all the children, and give them such a good start as would keep them going in later life.

## TWO HISTORY MAKING EVENTS START TOMORROW

The Canadian national skating championship, which will start tomorrow at Lily Lake, is indeed a history making event of the first water; everything points to its being a whitewind success, and to judge by the enthusiasm of the citizens of all ages and sexes, there will be a gathering of spectators such as has never happened before at this grand old pleasure spot.

Another event in St. John's history starts tomorrow, Oak Hall's 33rd anniversary sale begins on Wednesday and continues till Saturday, Dec. 28. For a third of a century Oak Hall has been catering to the clothing wants of this community. Each year has seen a steady growth in this firm's business, which proves that the public recognizes the square deal which Oak Hall has always given.

### A WOMAN'S BUILDING.

To the Editor of The Times: Sir,—I note with interest the query in the editorial of your issue of Friday—"Can St. John afford to have a woman's building?" The real question is can St. John afford not to?

Are the numerous women's organizations doing valuable charitable and patriotic work for the community? Who shall say they are not? If the philanthropic work done by our women suddenly ceased it would be a sorry thing for our city to be bereft of the help of the free milk for babies, the free kindergarten, the I. O. D. E. scholarships, the Travelers' Aid, the two girls' boarding homes (King's Daughters and Y. W. C. A.), the Recreation Centre and much more helpful work is done by the women's societies, and yet not one of them except the King's Daughters has a proper headquarters. Where will we have our next meeting, and what will we have to pay? Is the vexing question always before most of us of course the Y. W. C. A. Doing an ever-increasing and most necessary work in three buildings, with the serious handicap of three sets of overhead expenses, is most discouraging, to say nothing of one of these being in such a state of decrepitude that it threatens to fall upon our heads.

Many of the business men of St. John have earnestly upheld us in the past, realizing the crying need for such work as the Y. W. C. A. does for them. If we would then be self-supporting, we feel there is little doubt that we would then be self-supporting. If all the women's societies of the city would unite to achieve a community centre for women's work surely the citizens would help so that we might have a woman's building to which all might point with pride.

Yours, Y. W. C. A.

USE The Want Ad



Upon the solicitation of a large number of citizens and in order to afford the people generally an opportunity to witness the Canadian Championship Skating Races at Lily Lake, Rockwood Park, I would request all citizens to observe the afternoon of Thursday next, the nineteenth instant, as a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, and to close their places of business on that day at 12 o'clock noon.

In the event of the race being postponed on account of the weather, I would request that the half holiday be observed on such day as is substituted for the final sports.

I would also request all citizens to make a good display of flags and bunting during the two days of the races.

Dated the 17th day of January A. D. 1922.

E. A. SCHOFIELD, Mayor.

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## CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG IN HIT AT THE UNIQUE

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That Clara Kimball Young is a screen actress whose art attains heights of which no successful vehicle instead of exhausting her versatility—a fact that is sadly true of so many other motion picture stars, it brought home with telling force in her latest six-reel production "Straight from Paris" which opened at the Unique yesterday.

The action of "Straight from Paris" is in tune with the environment. Set in the gay and whirl of high society life, the plots starts off with a brilliant romance in which the cross-currents of human passion and jealousy are painted to a fault. The story of this sparkling love-intrigue centers about the adventures of an unassuming milliner in the person of Lucette Grenier—the part played to perfection by Miss Young. Despite her humble calling, she is thrown, by dint of her personal charm, into the most aristocratic circles of the Parisian salons, and from that moment magnetizes the attention of the grandees of high society. The thrilling love episodes that pursue our pretty heroine and their novel development from an exciting and scandalous tale that holds the spectator's interest from beginning to end.

Golfing enthusiasts will enjoy a two-reel comedy which features Little Baby Peggy, the tiny Universal star. This comedy was shown as an added attraction.

## MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS DECREASE IN FRANCE

But Deaths Are Much Fewer, While Divorces Show a Marked Rise.

Paris, Jan. 17.—Marriages in France decreased about 30 per cent. last year, according to reports issued today by the Ministry of Labor.

These figures do not indicate any waning of the popularity of marriage, but is the natural ebullience following the flood of divorces which accompanied the Armistice.

Whereas in 1920 there were 333,242 marriages, there were in 1921 only 228,185.

Births showed a decrease of 8,483, but this was offset by a decrease of deaths of 8,400.

As a result of hasty marriages, divorces increased from 12,200 in 1920 to 15,867 in 1921.

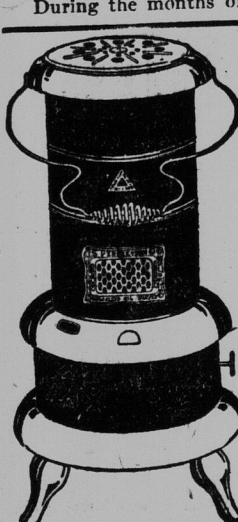
## JUVENILE CRIME LESS.

Juvenile crime is on the downward trend.

This is pointed out in the 45th annual report of the criminal statistics of Canada. "It is noted,"

"that juvenile crime is on the downward trend. In 1919 it was shown that 20.2 per cent. of the total convictions of indictable offences was of children under 16 years of age, which figure is a decrease of 2.8 per cent. from that of the previous year. In 1920 the percentage of juvenile crime to the total had dropped to 18.19. Previous to 1919, for a period of 14 years, it had been gradually rising."

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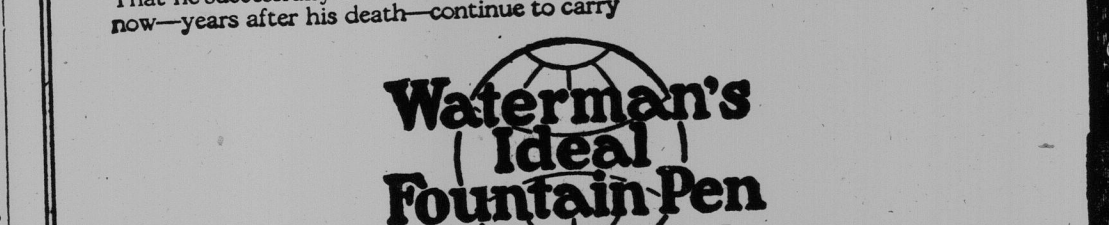


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