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A VITAL QUESTION

On Tuesday afternoon next the board of trade will meet to discuss the following resolution:

"Whereas the Transportation Committee's report recommends that St. John be made one of the free ports of the Dominion, and also states, 'your commissioners are convinced, that with the increasing volume of traffic flowing through the port of St. John, increased accommodations for future requirements; and whereas, the City of St. John, from its own resources cannot provide the additional wharves, warehouses, &c., that the trade demands:

"Therefore resolved, that this Board of Trade declare itself in favor of the nationalization of the Port and for the immediate provision of facilities by the Government for the winter port trade;

"And, further resolved, that the Board of Trade urge the Common Council to lay before the Government, in November, a schedule and plan of the harbor and city wharves, together with the cost of the same to date, with a view of the Government taking over the same."

There is a feeling among many business men that the city council is not dealing seriously with this great question, and that its members are reluctant to take an advanced position. It is further felt that the present and future interests of this port demand prompt action. Therefore a meeting of the board of trade has been called for next Tuesday, and every citizen who feels an interest in the subject is urged to attend and give expression to his views. The present conditions of affairs on the west side shows how necessary it is that a more vigorous policy of harbor improvement should be inaugurated. The board of trade members should be crowded on Tuesday afternoon, and free expression given to the views of the citizens. If the above resolutions are adopted the city council will have no further excuse for delay.

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED

In reply to criticisms made, the members of the civic board of works contend that they have been misled with regard to the west side dredging. They were assured by Mr. Mayes that the crib-site would be completed in ample time. They were assured by their own director that the city dredge would complete the work at the other berths in ample time. They accepted these assurances. When doubts began to arise regarding the value of the guarantee the board held special meetings, conferred frequently with the contractor, visited the office of the government engineer so often that he finally protested, and did all in their power to have the work rushed to completion. Mr. Mayes was not their contractor, but was subject only to the public works department of Canada, represented by Mr. Shewen.

On the part of the contractor it is pointed out that the board changed its original plans regarding the crib-site, and this created a new set of conditions; and also that the dredge has encountered great difficulty.

But whatever the cause of the delay in completing the crib-site, the board is now faced so far with conditions which must be met by prompt action. Those

cribs must be got away from their present position in front of one of the present Sand Point berths. This is imperative, for that berth must be dredged, along with three others, the city dredge not having proved equal to its task in that quarter. It is also imperative that the crib be sunk in the place assigned for them, in order that Union street may be made available for traffic, whether the new steamship berth can be completed or not.

Next comes the question: What dredge is to do the work in front of the present Sand Point berths? The city dredge is not equal to the task. Mr. Mayes' dredge could do it if the time could be spared from his other work. But this is in doubt—at least the members of the board of works do not accept that solution of the problem. For there is also dredging to be done at the I. C. R. berths at the head of the harbor—not a long job but an important one.

Facing the situation the board has decided to lay the whole matter before the minister of public works. This is the first step. They want his co-operation. If they have to buy a dredge they want to buy a good one, with the assurance that the government will ultimately take it off their hands. But they do not wish to take so expensive a step if there is any other way out of the difficulty. They realize that time is everything at this stage, and therefore no time will be lost in getting into communication with the minister. After that, whatever action the circumstances warrant will doubtless be taken with equal promptitude.

If it is decided in the end to secure a dredge, doubtless a good one will be sought, and not an old one that cannot remove hard pan at the required depth in this harbor.

It is unfortunate that there should be any difference of opinion regarding the site of the crib. At the board meeting yesterday it was stated on the authority of Mr. Clark and Mr. Shewen that a considerable stretch must be dredged four feet deeper, several other places also deepened, and a boulder removed. After the board adjourned Mr. Mayes telephoned the mayor that the site was ready. It is not surprising, in view of such conflicting statements that the men to whom are committed such vital interests as those of the winter port should go frequently to Mr. Shewen's office and in other ways manifest their anxiety over the situation. The interests at stake are vital. The time would appear to be opportune for a friendly conference between the board of works, Mr. Shewen, Mr. Mayes and Mr. Clark—in the interests of the port of St. John.

LET US HAVE THE TEST

"St. John is our port. . . . If the government desire it we will no doubt have to call at Halifax with the mails and go to St. John afterwards."

This statement, made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, presides the case in a suit shell. The Empress steamers will go to Halifax, if they must, because the government desire it.

Will the government desire it, and if so, why?

Evidently the management of the C. P. R. are confident that they can deliver the mails in Montreal as quickly via St. John as via Halifax, for they are progressive enough to realize that time is a great factor in the case. Will they be given an opportunity to test the St. John route?

The outbreak in Halifax is natural, and not to be taken too seriously. The interests of the whole country are to be considered. If St. John is not the most desirable port the test will show it. But let us have the test.

Mayor McClellan of New York has declared that he will not vote for Hearst, and that he is unalterably opposed to Tammany Leader Murphy and all he stands for. The McClellan wing of the Democratic party will therefore support Hughes. There is war in Tammany, and James J. Martin has resigned from the executive because he cannot endorse Hearst. Not a New York paper except his own will support Hearst. The fight now on will be one of the most bitter in the annals of the politics of the state.

This is the day fixed for American intervention in Cuba. The Cubans have not made a success of self-government, and very little sympathy is felt for them in any quarter.

BEST IMMIGRATION FIELD

(Montreal Star.)

The British Isles are the best immigrant-seeking field for us, is the opinion of the Minister of the Interior, Hon. Mr. Oliver, after a visit to Europe. The French are so well satisfied at home that they will not emigrate; while in Germany and Austria-Hungary legislation and public policy are against us. To Belgium and Holland we may look for some candidate-citizens in the near future, because of the very crowded conditions there; and the Scandinavians will continue to seek congenial homes in our fertile land swept by a bracing air. But in the British field we can look for the best return on our investment.

To this it may be added that the British immigrant is the best suited for this country. He will find himself transplanted into a political system which he understands perfectly, for it is modelled after the one he has just left at home. The language is his own, bearing certain differences of accent. The social conditions are as close to those in which he has grown up as those of a new country can be to those of an old. The literature is practically identical with that he has always valued; and the climatic conditions are an improvement on those in which he has lived.

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AUTUMN MAGIC

(Louise Inogen Gurney.)
Soon as divine September, flitting from sea
Peers from the whole wide upland into eternity.

Soft as an exhalation, ghosts of the thistle
Startle a poet's soul as he sighs in his
O what a nameless urging through avenues
Said in air:
Hints of escape, unbidden, intricate, every-
where;

Sense of a fated denial, or access yet to be
won;
Glimpses of a dubious gesture for guesses to
feed upon!

Flame is flying in heaven, the down on the
Earth is a bride-reel glory that cannot conceal
the Bride.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Gent—Waiter, I ordered duck and green
peas; you seem to have forgotten the
duck.

Waiter—It's behind the left-hand green
pea, sir—Scrap.

The Visitor—Don't you think your oldest
brother is rather young to be a physician,
Johnny?

Little Johnny—Oh, he ain't a real
grow-up physician yet. I guess he only
doctors children so as to get some practice.

Redd—I understand it takes more to
keep that automobile of yours than it originally cost.

New York, Aug. 28—One of the hits, in
Green—That's right.

"Well, I don't want anything that takes more money to keep than it does to get."

"You've got a wife, haven't you?"—Yonkers Statesman.

In some parts of the west no time is lost in the process of getting in marriage. A couple once came before the justice of the peace.

"Link," he said. They joined hands.

"Have him!" (to the woman.)

"Yes!" (to the man.)

"Married! Two dollars."—Lippincott's

The multi-millionaire was very considerate in the process of getting in marriage. "Ah! my poor brother," he said in silky tones, "are you serving mammon?"

"No, sir," replied the young man, as he reached in his pocket. "I am serving subpoenas."

With a wild leap the multi-millionaire reached his motor car and vanished toward the State House.

NOT PROFITABLE

"They issued a hundred and fifty wedding invitations."

"Did they get many valuable presents?"

"No, they barely made expenses."—Illustrated Bits.

UNDERSTOOD HIS OBJECTION.
Giggs—Have you heard my daughter sing?

Wiggs—No, I haven't had the pleasure.
Giggs—Well, come out and sit on our porch some evening.

Wiggs (who dislikes amateur singing)
I said I can't.

Giggs—Oh, yes, you can. My daughter is in Paris.

TOO SWEET FOR SATAN.

"You reckon de politicians goes ter heaven?"

"I reckon dey does—less dey runs too fast de devil hoes' can't catch 'em!"—Atlanta Constitution.

ON THE INTERURBAN LINE.
It was 11:30 p. m.

The railway ticket office at the county seat was called up over the telephone by somebody at Farmer Xipley's house, fourteen miles away.

"Hello!" said the agent.

"Hello!" answered a voice. "I want to know—"

"Who is it?"

"This is Mr. Hewkitt."

"Where are you?"

"Doesn't make any difference where I am. I want to know if the 12 o'clock train from Hightstown is on time."

"I'll find out in a minute. Hold the wire."

"I ain't holdin' Maria!" exclaimed the voice indignantly. "And it wouldn't be any of your blamed business if I was!"—Chicago Tribune.

McGowan-Brown

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday the 28th inst., at the residence of B. W. Brown, ex-Little Lepreux, when his daughter, Cecilia M., was united to John T. McGowan, of the Rev. F. J. Bacon, rector of St. Ann and Trinity churches, in the presence of a number of relatives. The bride was attended by her youngest sister, Miss Ellen. Both were being comely attired in white, carrying bouquets of asters and sweet peas, respectively. The groom was supported by his cousin, J. Brown McGowan. After the ceremony all did ample justice to a sumptuous repast. The bride received many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will take up their abode at Mac's Bay for the present.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE
A pleasant speaker is worthy of attention and when the theme corresponds to the talents of the lecturer it is doubly worth hearing. Such an event will transpire at the free lecture on Christian Science of Robert Young, C. S. B., of Chicago, in the Opera House on Thursday evening, October 4th.

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