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ARCHDEACON RAYMOND.

When a good man comes to the end of the road there is deep sadness among those who journeyed with him, and shared with him the joys and pleasures of the way. Archdeacon Raymond was such a man. The gentle firmness of his nature provoked no enmity. He rang true. He was dependable. His sympathy knew no barriers of creed. To all men he gave the hand of friendship, and he was a wise counsellor. Unobtrusive, earnest, helpful, he gave his services gladly, and asked no other reward than a clear conscience and the knowledge of duty done. There are indeed, many pastors of churches, and others not of the cloth, of whom the like may honestly be said, and they are honored by their fellows; but there was a unique quality in Archdeacon Raymond which made him an outstanding figure in the city's life. He had an abiding love for his native province, and the interest of the true historian in the story of past. His history of the St. John River, a labor of love. In his preface he wrote: "Born and reared upon the banks of the River St. John, I have always loved it, and have found a charm in the study of everything that pertains to the history of those who dwell beside its waters." In that preface he said it was possible the story might be continued in a second volume, for the first covered only the period from 1604 until 1784, and it is a cause for very great regret that the same painstaking hand did not cover the period from the landing of the Loyalists until the time of Confederation. Dr. Raymond explored the records for what he has set down in his history of the St. John River, which indeed is much more than its name implies, since it throws much light upon the history of Acadia. One cannot read the book without realizing how patently and how clearly the author must have sought out and studied original documents and other sources of information in order to present the great mass of history embraced within its covers. Dr. Raymond wrote many historical articles since this volume was issued eighteen years ago. They, too, are worthy of preservation. In his work as a pastor and a citizen he made himself beloved. In his work as a historian he has left a memorial that will be valued by generations yet to come. St. John and the province at large should not be forgetful of the service rendered by this unassuming yet highly gifted man. By those who knew him most intimately his memory will be cherished because of what he was as a friend and counsellor, whose ideals were those of a sincere follower of the Christian faith.

TOO MANY IDLE SHIPS.

Ocean freight traffic has grown steadily in recent months, and there is need, for at July 1 last the aggregate idle tonnage of the chief maritime nations was 7,344,800 tons. This still enormous fleet of inactive ships, however, was smaller by nearly 2,000,000 tons than it was at the first of 1922, and at January 1, 1922, the tonnage unemployed was nearly 11,000,000. Nearly thirty per cent. of all American merchant steamers were out of work on July 1, or 4,275,000 tons idle, or 5.5 per cent. of their total, an improvement of some 600,000 tons as compared with July 1, 1922. Sweden, Denmark, and Japan had practically all their ships at work. The total British tonnage was recently given as 19,115,000, and the American as 15,984,000, but the latter includes 2,197,000 tons on the Great Lakes. The latest figures are being employed as an argument against government ownership and operation of ships, the point being made that of 7,000,000 gross tons idle July 1 last 4,500,000 represented American, Belgian and Australian ships which are government vessels. The outstanding fact of course is that the Americans owned nearly all the unemployed ships except the British share, and had thirty per cent. of their total tonnage idle as compared with five per cent. for the British.

RAILWAY RATES.

Sir Henry Thornton's declaration that the C. N. R. has said its last word about coal rates from Alberta to Ontario affords the Montreal Gazette an opportunity to tell the Maritime Provinces that they must not expect

any favored treatment. Of the Alberta case the Gazette says:—"The Canadian National, being still disposed to facilitate the development of this trade, set an experimental rate of seven dollars, which was effective during part of the summer, the expectation, or the hope, being that the constant hammering of ideals creates an irresistible force. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs possess a powerful influence and are doing good, because they are composed of the best types of citizens, men who translate their ideals into action."

The Gazette says the principle involved in "a general one and cannot be modified for the purpose of developing any one class of traffic and establishing a sectional preference, however important the local considerations may be." Declaring that a publicly-owned railway is not for the service of the public in other ways than in earning revenues equal to operating expenses, the Gazette says:—"The other view has found expression from time to time in other parts of Canada and has for years been exemplified in the attitude of the Maritime Provinces toward what used to be known as the Intercolonial Railway. It is a view which, were it to prevail, would end whatever prospect there now is of success for the Canadian National Railway. The railway station in Canada is being more and more seriously aggravated by insistent demands for transportation at less than cost, and for the repudiation of basic economic principles in rate fixation. The campaign in connection with the marketing of Alberta coal is one illustration of a dangerous tendency; there have been others, and it is in the public interest that the movement should be stopped."

Sir Henry Thornton apparently agrees with the Gazette's views regarding railway rates between the Maritime Provinces and the west. Confederation pledges are forgotten. These provinces must take their medicine. If the bill is a bitter one we have the consolation of reflection, of course, that what is not good for us is good for Quebec and Ontario.

The fielding banquet in Halifax was an event of nation-wide interest. The veteran statesman did not talk politics in the partisan sense, but made a happy speech in reminiscent vein that was more appreciated than any partisan utterance on such an occasion could be.

While St. John was enjoying spring-like weather over the week-end, with no frost in the air, Montreal was getting over fourteen inches of snow and New York State from six inches to a foot and a half. We are still a highly favored place.

Charles Gorman of St. John will be Canada's representative speed skater at the Olympic contests in France next January. This is a great honor. It is greatly hoped that Hilton Belyea may represent Canada in the Olympic sculling contests.

The announcement that the last passenger boat of the season has arrived at Quebec reminds us that the winter port season at St. John will soon be in full swing.

The Independent Labor Party at Sydney Mines has elected James B. McLachlan president. He is in jail on a two years sentence for sedition. Such recognition will do the Independent Labor Party no good.

THE CHRISTMAS MAILS.
The Christmas ship out of St. John this year will be the Canadian Pacific liner Montclair, which will sail with packages and parcels for Europe on Dec. 7. Less than two weeks since, therefore, for those who contemplate the purchase of presents for the folks in the old lands.

SHIP ASHORE IN A BIG SNOW STORM.
Montreal, Nov. 25.—The steamship Kamouraska, of the Dominion Coal Company, bound here from Sydney, N. S., on her regular service, ran aground early today during a heavy snow storm at a point about fourteen miles from this city. Tugs went to her assistance and made repeated efforts to release the vessel but without success. So far as is known the ship is undamaged, and will probably be refloated after some of her cargo has been lightered.

Press Comment

THE SAME PROBLEM.

(London Daily Mail.)
Unemployment and overseas development are two aspects of the same gravely threatening problem. They must be taken together, and some solution for both must be found quickly.

IDEALS AND ACTION.

(Kingston Whig.)
The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs have done incalculable good in their communities, not only by the practical fulfillment of definite objectives that called for co-operative effort, but by promoting social intercourse and exciting utilitarian ideals. Ideals in themselves are of little value, but the constant hammering of ideals creates an irresistible force. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs possess a powerful influence and are doing good, because they are composed of the best types of citizens, men who translate their ideals into action.

"BACK TO CANADA."

(Le Canada.)
The known facts of the exodus of our people to the United States are sufficient in themselves to arouse the public authorities to action. We are convinced that concerted action on the part of the provinces of the Dominion and the Federal Government will have the happy effect of enhancing the sense of the "back to Canada" movement. The question, after all, is an economic one, which cannot depend entirely upon governments. The province of Quebec has already done a great deal to keep our young people at home. In spite of that the exodus continues. All the provinces must keep up their propaganda of repatriation.

COKE FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

(Toronto Globe.)
Sir Henry Thornton says that he has uttered the last word on the subject of freight rates on Alberta coal. If nothing more can be done in this way, we might turn our eyes toward Nova Scotia. There is abundant coal there which might be converted into domestic fuel by coking, and in this process an impulse might be given to Nova Scotia industries. There would be cheap transportation by water, and the cargoes would be coming in the opposite direction from shipments of grain. Representatives of Ontario and Nova Scotia should get together and try to work out a solution of the fuel problem on this line.

A BETTER WORLD AFTER ALL.

(Albany Knickerbocker Press.)
Since November 11, 1918, there has developed a cynicism the essence of which is that, after all, the war for democracy was an indecisive and fruitless affair; that the world has not been much changed because of it; that the old dangers which were fought to remove are still present. Whatever grounds there may be for despairing regarding the state of the world in the after-war period, these generalizations are untrue. In the fervor and excitement of the days of war it was not strange that men and women thought they forewent a much of the moral of democracy that crossed that time would be extracted from the world consciousness. It was a beautiful hope, period, and a state of mind of much potentiality in those days of stress. It helped to preserve the morale of democracy the world over. But it should not cause wonder now that the fulfillment has fallen short of what was then expected.

THE QUACK PHYSICIAN.

(New York Herald.)
William P. Sachs, formerly State Commissioner of Schools in Missouri, startled the public a few weeks ago by announcing that 15,000 persons were practicing medicine in the United States under fraudulent diplomas. A Grand Jury investigation now being carried on at the direction of Governor Templeton of Connecticut indicates that many of them have settled in that State. This has led to inquiry in this city and State to disclose how many persons are practicing medicine here without legal authority. Wherever these are found they should be dealt with rigorously. This is one of the most dangerous as it is one of the most contemptible of crimes.

There is a deficiency of good doctors. This is strikingly true in the rural districts, from which the old-fashioned country doctor is beginning to disappear. Newly fledged physicians now prefer to remain in cities, where hospitals and clinics are available, and many of them specialize in preference to undertaking a general practice. The result is that many communities have less medical attention than is required for the preservation of a reasonable standard of health.

One thing needs, possibly, is means

to enable students with inadequate incomes to defray the heavy expenses of a medical education. Scholarships and loan funds might be greatly increased to the advantage of both student and public. But the problem is not an easy one to solve. The hopeful sign is that we are progressing from an age of proprietary medical schools and rule of thumb medicine into one of organized scientific care of the community's health.

FRIENDS, NOT RIVALS.

(Vancouver Sun.)
Vancouver and Victoria are four hours apart. As time goes on they will be drawn nearer by faster ships and more frequent services. Vancouver and Victoria cannot afford to think of each other as rival communities. Actually they constitute but one community, making up together the perfect circle of the Pacific coast. The sooner that conception becomes universal in both cities and the sooner it is expressed in mutual helpfulness the sooner will both Victoria and Vancouver realize their highest destinies.

THEY'RE COMING BACK.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)
Today there are indications that a homeward trek is getting well under way. Far-off pastures that looked green last winter have proved upon investigation to be less nourishing than the home lot. Reports of real estate agents, land men, and railwaymen all agree that many of those who fared gaily forth a few months ago are returning, and returning with a fixed conviction that conditions at home compare very favorably with those elsewhere.

THE BOWL.

(Mary Borland in The Forum.)
My poetry is but a shallow bowl, Cloud-colored, dull, not shaped to catch the eye; But sometimes, mirrored fleetingly, appears, Gaudy or blue, a little patch of sky. And sometimes, in the chill days of spring, When the wild winds have stirred my heart to tears, It holds a handful of spring flowers, Pale as morning stars that mutely die.

IN LIGHTER-VEIN.

(Speaking in Indian.)
When Sir George Reid, a noted Australian, was high commissioner for Great Commonwealth, he was made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and the people of Australia, who had known him as plain George Reid, worried him a good deal about his new dignity. At one of his political meetings, some one called out, "Say, Sir George, what does 'K.C.M.G.' mean?" Without hesitation, the new K. C. M. G. replied, "Keep Calling Me George."

UNAVOIDABLE DANGERS.

(Toronto Globe.)
It is all very well to say, "Safety First," but there are some dangers which cannot be foreseen, or guarded against. A Swiss cheese, its holes hid by accumulated snags, exploded when cut open at a Long Island fair. A man's eye was badly cut by the leg of a grasshopper. Automobiles may be dodged, locomotives may be avoided by keeping off the tracks, but who can be always on the lookout for athletic grasshoppers? You may refrain from handling dynamite, but who would suspect the explosive tendencies of a piece of cheese, or imagine that a pig would suddenly develop into a volcano, spouting hot apples like lava? For such contingencies as these nothing can be done but to educate public opinion, and be reconciled to the fact that there are some perils that must be accepted as inevitable. Mark Twain argued that bed was the most dangerous place in the world because more people died there than anywhere else.

WALTON'S IMPEACHMENT.

(Boston Herald.)
The Governor of Ohio, when himself "queered" a good cause. The K. K. Klan has been guilty of offenses of a ghastly nature, and no order which no organized community could tolerate. When the Klan first began to spread, it was generally supposed that he had refused to accept the Klan's invitation to the administration of his executive responsibilities, and he was generally praised for his refusal to abet in the face of the threats of a hooded secret order. The later developments and the outcome of the impeachment proceedings make it certain instead that Gov. Walton began his drive against the Klan to drive to the attention of the people from his own conduct. He now has been elected from office by a series of proceedings which strictly fulfill the laws of the state. In all twenty-six charges were brought against him. Of eleven he has been pronounced guilty. One was affirmed by unanimous vote of the senators who sat at the impeachment court. All the charges tended to show his personal lack of qualification for the office he filled. He was found guilty of padding payrolls, of issuing a

deficiency certificate in a large sum when no deficiency existed, of violating the law limiting expenditures for election purposes, of asking for gifts of money for the payment of the expenses of his office after he had assumed its duties, of wrongly suspending the writ of habeas corpus, and several others. The smudge of financial scandal attached to one or more of the charges. It is a sad spectacle, but it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the finding is just.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Don't forget The Willing Workers' salad tea and sale, German street institute, Tuesday, 4.30 to 7.

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HIGH TEA OPENS TONIGHT

Tonight St. Peter's High Tea and Bazaar opens in the basement of the church. Supper will be served from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Display of fancy work, games, refreshments.

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W. M. S. MEETS

The W. M. S. of the First Presbyterian church in West St. John held its regular meeting last week at the home of Prayers, 96 Duke street, with Miss Janet Sinclair, the president, in the chair. Miss Sinclair led the opening devotional exercises and also conducted the study of a chapter of the study book. Miss Margaret Rippey was appointed secretary to fill the office vacated by Mrs. J. A. Morrison. A social hour was enjoyed after the meeting and refreshments were served.

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