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THAT AMBASSADOR.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Post writes some interesting gossip about the proposed Canadian ambassador to Washington. He says:—"For nearly three years now the matter of a Canadian representative to Washington has been hanging fire. There are still some traces of connection between the two countries remaining over since the war, as one gentleman remains there in solitary splendour to represent the Canadian War Mission, and the New York branch of the Department of Information is still being maintained; but the promised direct Canadian ambassador has never been appointed, although the grant to pay for the expenses of the office was passed last session."

The question was brought up in the House of Commons, and in reply to Hon. Mr. Lemieux's question as to when the ambassador would be named, the minister of Justice said: "As soon as Canada decides who is to be named." The correspondent hears that both Sir Robert Borden and Hon. N. W. Rowell have declined the office, and that the selection of a suitable man is not easy. It is safe to say there are many gentlemen at Ottawa who, peering into their political future, would not relish as much reluctance to offer the position as Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Mr. Rowell are said to have done.

Among the floral tributes to the memory of Rev. John C. Berrie was a lovely wreath from the people of St. Philip's A. M. E. church, and in the mourning congregation in Centenary church yesterday were a number of colored people. Among the personal tributes paid was that of the president of the Methodist Conference, who described Mr. Berrie as his father and counsellor in religious experience and life. There were other striking tributes, all revealing something of the many-sided character of one who loved his fellow-men, and whose range of outlook was as wide as humanity itself.

It is now clear that the city council might have saved the cost of yesterday's plebiscite and adopted daylight-saving without going contrary to public sentiment. Assertions were made as to that sentiment which a two-to-one vote answers in such a manner as ought to be conclusive for the future. It is quite evident that if all the voters had gone to the polls the result would still have been a decided victory for daylight-saving.

The Chatham board of trade has declared in favor of the time-manager system, which has proved so great a success in Woodstock and has been adopted by over three hundred towns and cities in the United States and Canada. Frederick and Campbell have also been looking into the merits of the system, which is being successfully carried out in so many small towns, and in some cities larger than St. John.

Congratulations to Mr. F. W. Wallace of Sussex, publisher of the *Funeral Directors' Journal*, former mayor and public-spirited citizen of Sussex, whose friends presented him last week with an appreciative address. Mr. Wallace, like his father, the late Judge Wallace, has done much to make his town better known and appreciated.

The French are making military preparations to meet any conditions which may arise as a result of the London conference on reparations. If Germany refuses to agree to the terms laid down, then Germany must pay the penalty. We know what the other nations would have suffered in the way of penalties if Germany had won.

The revival of aquatic sports in St. John is real. Shells are being constructed and oarsmen are already talking of the coming season's work. The Athletic Association of the Commercial Club will again give substantial encouragement and support in holding regattas during the summer.

An Ottawa dispatch intimates that the public works engineer reports against the raising of the new railway bridge here because it would cost the C. P. R. too much money. The matter, however, is not yet finally disposed of.

German and Irish sympathizers in New York last night had a fling at France, for employing colored troops on the Rhine, and a suggestion that they band together to banish the phantom of Anglo-Saxonism was applauded. The American people have no sympathy with this propaganda.

Reports from Petrograd are to the effect that the Soviet authorities are in sore straits, if not overthrown. Reports from Russia are so conflicting, however, that the reader at this distance can be sure of nothing that is not official.

Mr. Lloyd George's remarks to the German delegates today were straight to the point. He does not want any time wasted in useless talk.

The movement to get a Memorial Hall for the University of New Brunswick will appeal to all graduates of that venerable institution.

MR. ALEXANDER MACAULAY.

Nearly fifty years have passed since Mr. Alexander Macaulay, whose death is today announced, began business as a merchant in St. John. For about forty years the firm of Macaulay Bros. & Co. has been one of the substantial business houses of the city. There were two brothers in the firm, besides Mr. D. J. Brown, who is now the senior member. These were Mr. Alexander Macaulay, who has just passed away, and Mr. Beverly R. Macaulay, whose sudden death a little less than a year ago was deeply mourned by the citizens. Both men were proud of their native city, labored for its advancement as well as the success of their own business, and made an enviable record as citizens of St. John. Mr. Alexander Macaulay was a gentleman of very genial nature, made friends quickly, and held them to the end. An enthusiastic Scotsman, he was active in St. Andrew's Society and the Thistle Curling Club. He was also actively connected with the Exhibitions and in all matters relating to the city's welfare took a keen interest. For some years Mr. Macaulay has been in failing health, and withdrawn from active business. He was not, however, forgotten by his old associates in business, fraternal and social life, and they learn with keen regret that he has passed away. He was a successful business man, honorable in his dealings, warm in his friendships, and in every respect a worthy citizen.

AGAINST COMMUNISM.

The New York Evening Post notes the fact that in every European country outside of Russia public opinion has declared against Communism. In Italy it has gone farther, and the opponents of Communism are meeting it with its own weapons. The Post says:—"The intermittent news in the press of violent encounters between Fascists, or extreme Nationalists, and Communists hardly reflects the conflict which is being waged between them. The Italian government, supported by the newspapers, has admonished the contending factions, but the struggle persists. The Nationalists have determined to fight the Socialists' extremists with their own weapons. The Fascists are demonstrating that armed violence is no longer the sole prerogative of their Bolshevik compatriots. The Italian view is that such manifestations are simply the reflection of a widespread revulsion of feeling against the Socialists. Il Secolo di Milan even goes so far as to advise Chioffi to dissolve the Chamber at the earliest opportunity, in order to provoke a general election. It is confidently believed that the result would be a victory for the constitutional parties."

Ottawa Journal: "The Hydro-Electric system of Ontario is now serving an area as large as England. It has 2,600 miles of transmission lines and 244 municipalities are in association with the co-operative union. The consumer is paying, on an average, less than half the ordinary charge for service rendered by private monopolistic corporations."

Building operations in St. John are at a standstill. The spring is at hand, there is a great shortage of houses, and the business men of the city should give this matter very serious consideration, in the hope that something may be done to meet a crying need.

The resumption of the evening vocational classes last evening brought out the students in great numbers. The next step is a conference to decide what may be done about day classes. The citizens desire action along that line.

The lion roared when March was coming in, but today is lamb-like. Gentle Spring has made a very early start in these parts, and everybody will hope it will not get off the track.

The Commercial Club does well to go more fully into the matter of police protection on the west side wharves. A sharp rise in the insurance rates would be bad for the port.

Yesterday six men who had been condemned by court-martial in the city of Cork were shot. Last night five soldiers were killed and others wounded by armed citizens. This is war.

The Fordney tariff bill now goes to President Wilson. Announcement has been made that he will veto it, in which case congress may have some difficulty in passing it over his head.

The new American secretary of the navy is said to desire a navy second to none. If that is to be the policy of the Harding administration the hopes of disarmament have gone glimmering.

Mr. Caldwell, M. P., seeks a better steamship service between St. John and Cuba. He is also seeking to get cheaper fertilizer for the farmers. Mr. Caldwell is a live member of the house.

THE JOY OF BEING.

Whether my road is leading me
Perhaps I do not know.
But, Oh, the path is fair to see,
And sweet the winds that blow!
In sun or storm, by day or night,
If skies are lowering or bright,
The highroad holds so much delight
I run with heart aglow.

The lanes may thorny be, and lead
To steps that break the heart,
The forests wild with bush and weed
My strength may mortify;
Yet, with resolve to do no more,
I hold within my soul small care
For hazards spread o'er pathways where
The goals worth winning lie.

It is enough to live and plan,
To joy in earth and sea;
To do what things a mortal can
With spirit blithe and free;
To prove one's strength of soul, and will
To meet and overcome the ill,
And in the end to gain the thrill
Of manifold mastery!
—John Kendrick Bangs.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Willing to Oblige.
Mrs. Knagg wandered into the big drug store yesterday when the business of the day was at its height.
"I don't think I'll buy anything today," she said, after she had monopolized the attendance of a busy assistant for more than half an hour. "I'm sorry to have troubled you, but the fact is I was just looking for a friend."
"Oh, that's all right," replied the assistant, with a touch of sarcasm. "I was so busy that I couldn't find time to look for a friend either."
"What's that?" asked Mrs. Knagg, who was not a little perturbed.
"Oh, that's all right," replied the assistant, with a touch of sarcasm. "I was so busy that I couldn't find time to look for a friend either."

His Dreamed Vanished.
Agitated Lones—Is it true that your father has lost his fortune?
His Lady Love (sighing)—Yes—alas! swept away, but you are left, Percy, dear.

Wise Guy.

Circus Manager—So you want me to give you a job as attendant, do you?
What steps would you take if a lion were to escape?
Applicant—Good long ones, gov'nor.

Plenty of Opportunity.

He—I shall never marry until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite.
She (encouraging)—Mr. Duffer, there are a number of intelligent girls in this neighborhood.

Not a Suitable Companion.

Mother—Willie, you are not to use that bad language.
Willie (sighing)—Twelve—Shakespeare said what I have just said.
Mother—Well, you must stop going with him, then.

Henry Man.

Husband (sighing)—What! No supper ready? This is the limit! I'm going to a restaurant.
Wife—What is this five minutes.
Husband—Will it be ready then?
Wife—No, but then I'll go with you—Houston Post.

Where He Excelled.

Rastus, meeting his lost Eliza on the street, reproached her for going off with another man.
"Does he give you any bettah presents than I used to give you?"
"No, he don't." Eliza replied.
"Does he show you any bettah time than I used to show you?"
"No, he don't." Eliza replied.
"Does he buy you any bettah diamonds than I used to buy you?"
"No, he don't." Eliza replied.
"Why then, that man found an appetite on me that I didn't know I had."—Boston Transcript.

BUSINESS AND SCHOOLS.

Winnipeg Tribune: Business men need to realize that public-mindedness extends to the school system and it must not be weakened by attracting large numbers of men and women from the profession. If education is neglected and a low level of intelligence prevails in a community, or a country, the general economic situation will ultimately suffer, and suffer seriously. Intelligent business men, if they take a long-range view of citizenship, should encourage our strong men and women to stay in the schools. They must be given financial rewards and the sanctions of society that are commensurate with the importance of the task. The teacher's task must be taken more seriously and the teacher must be able to respect himself and to command the respect of the public.

THE POMP OF POWER.

Ottawa Journal: Pomp and circumstance, as we have it at the opening of parliament, is not quite so undemocratic as some people would have us believe. To almost every formality there is a story that marks the progress of the British people along the pathway to freedom. It is not impossible to make some countries so democratic that they cease to be interesting. On with the silks, feathers and the swallow-tail armchairs.

FREE POLICE MAGISTRATES.

Brantford Expositor: When the Ontario government is considering reforms affecting police magistrates, one of the changes which ought to be considered is that these officials should be made entirely independent of municipal councils, with regard to the remuneration which they are to receive. As well have the salary of the county judge controlled by aldermen as that of a police magistrate.

WAR AND WEATHER.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Whether or not the war had anything to do with it has not been established; but people all over the world seem to be talking about the curious weather conditions this winter. A dispatch from Geneva says that not in eighty-seven years has there been such a warm winter in the Alps. The mountain-tops are bare and the winter sports are a failure.

CANADA'S TOBACCO CROP.

There were 17,105 acres of tobacco in Ontario last year, and the estimated yield was 21,600,000 pounds, as against 17,000,000 pounds the year before. The area for Canada was 88,000 acres, and the yield 26,400,000 pounds. The crop for all Quebec last year was more than treble that of 1918.

SKULKING ANONYMITY.

London Daily Express: As a matter of fact, there is not much to choose between the footpad lurking behind a hedge and the writer of abusive letters who skulks in the shadow of anonymity. If there is any choice at all, it should go to the footpad, who at least risks detection.

LOCAL NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT TO HOUSE OWNERS.

It is probably not generally realized that a local concern is manufacturing hardwood flooring and turning out a product second to none in Canada. Foley Bros., Limited, of this city, have recently installed two new vapor dry kilns and also have the very latest machinery for the manufacture of hardwood flooring. They are making an important announcement to house owners and prospective builders.

NOTICE.

Quietly meeting of County W. C. T. U. will be held in Union Hall, Main street, Wednesday, March 2, 8 p. m.

COME TONIGHT.

to meeting, Christian and Missionary Alliance Convention, Brussels street church, beginning 7.45. All are invited.

DEBATE TONIGHT.

"Is the present prohibition law in effect in New Brunswick as preferable as an absolute dry measure?" Central Baptist school room tonight. Excellent musical programme.

AT THE MUSEUM.

Illustrated lecture "With The Snowball Brigade in Siberia" by Rev. Harry Clark in Museum this evening at 8.30. Free to the public.

Electric sale fixtures at half price. L. M. Johnson, 95 Charlotte street, Phone Main 2472. \$1111-3-8

SHACKLETON AWAY.

SOON ON TWO YEAR VISIT TO ARCTIC.

Christiana, March 1.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, antarctic explorer, will leave in May or June on a new Polar expedition to the Arctic. He will take a dozen men, chiefly those who accompanied him on former expeditions and he contemplates staying away for about two years. He will probably first proceed to Hudson Bay, where 150 dogs will be taken on board. Thence the expedition will proceed by way of Baffin's Bay through Lancaster Sound to Axel Heiberg's land. From there Sir Ernest intends to explore the islands eastward to Farry Island, this being the main object of the expedition.

PROPOSED CHANGES.

RE QUEBEC BAR.

Quebec, March 1.—Changes in provisions regarding the bar of the Province of Quebec are contained in a bill which Arthur Cannon, Quebec Centre, has laid before the legislature. Provision is made for the appointment by the council of a librarian, who shall be an advocate, and a clerk, who shall be a barrister. The council shall also make provision for the bar shall be a member of the council and act as honorary secretary. Provision is also made whereby the council may pay a pension to the librarian and such other employees of the bar as the council shall see fit to retire after twenty years service. This is to be not more than fifty per cent, but in case of twenty-five years service the pension is to be two-thirds of the salary at the time of retirement. There is a clause as regards the examiners. Up to 1902, each section of the general council appointed three examiners for a period of four years. In 1902 the change was made providing for the annual appointment of examiners and Mr. Cannon proposes now to have the examiners appointed for a term of three years.

NEW ABITIBI ISSUE.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Directors of the Abitibi Paper Company, Ltd., yesterday gave out an official statement that they had approved of the sale of \$400,000 of the value of eight per cent ten year consolidated mortgage sinking fund bonds to Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago & New York. These are being issued to reimburse the treasury of the company for construction expenditures on its new plant, and are a part of the total authorized issue of \$1,600,000. It was said that the company's new plant would be ready for operation on July 1 next. The question of the dividend on the common stock was not considered and will be dealt with at the next meeting, about the middle of March. It is understood that the new bond issue will be confined exclusively to the United States.

THE N. B. CAVALRY.

Lieut. Colonel A. J. Markham, commanding officer of the 8th Princess Louise New Brunswick Hussars, returned yesterday from Ottawa, where he attended a meeting of the Canadian Cavalry Association. He said that the cavalry units in each district would go to camp and in connection with recruiting he said the cavalrymen would get double pay and veterans would receive fifty cents a day over and above the scale. The sum of \$2 a day will be allowed for horses instead of pre-war rate of \$1 a day. The New Brunswick units, the 28th Dragoons and 8th Hussars will train in Sussex this summer.

DOMINION EXPRESS.

TO USE C. N. R. FOR LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

Although shipments of liquor through Maine are forbidden under the U. S. Volstead law, the Dominion Express Co. can handle shipments to city and New Brunswick consumers by using the C. N. R., over which it has the same rights as other express companies.

MINISTER AND BRIDE.

On a long journey in Alaska by dog team Dawson, March 1.—Accompanied by his bride, B. W. Guther, Episcopal missionary of Eagle, Alaska, left here yesterday with a dog team on a 500 mile journey to Tanana Crossing on the Tanana River and return.

MEXICO AND THE U. S.

Mexico City, Feb. 13.—(A. P. by mail.) Mexico will appoint no ambassador to the United States until recognition is tendered by the American government. A statement to this effect was made recently by the foreign office.

WORK RESUMED.

It was announced today that the New Brunswick Rolling Mills, which have been closed for about two weeks, undergoing repairs, started operations today and are running on full time.

CHATHAM TOWN MANAGER.

The Chatham Board of Trade yesterday adopted a resolution to the effect that it would be desirable for Chatham to have a town manager. A committee was appointed to interview the town council in connection with the matter.

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WAS BEST YEAR ASBESTOS HAD

Montreal, March 1.—The best year in its history is shown by the financial statement of the Asbestos Corporation of Canada, Limited, for the year to Dec. 31 last, when profits totalled \$1,661,622 as shown, a gain of \$187,920 over the unprecedented profits of \$1,473,702 in 1919. After the usual deductions there remains a balance of \$1,048,949 available for distribution among the holders of the company's participating preferred and common stocks. This represents about 15 per cent on the combined issues, compared with 14.4 per cent in 1919; 11.4 per cent in 1918, and 8.6 per cent in 1917.

Working capital in 1920 was increased to \$8,208,404 from \$5,491,728 in 1919. President W. G. Ross said that the "orders on the company's books are as great as the orders on hand a year ago."

JEWISH FARMERS TO ORGANIZE IN WEST

A most important step in the development of the agrarian movement among Jewish immigrants was taken at a conference in Saskatoon recently, when plans were laid for the formation of a Jewish Farmers' Association. Rapid progress was made and it was decided to call for the election of representatives from the districts of Calgary, Saskatoon, Ramsey, Edmonton, Hirsch, Lipton and Montefiore. Delegates to the conference will report back to their districts, and arrange for the election of permanent representatives.

IN INTEREST OF BLIND.

At a special meeting of the Ladies' Alliance of the Halifax School for the Blind, at the residence of the secretary, Mrs. W. E. Raymond, Germain street, Miss A. Mayhew, general secretary of the maritime division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, yesterday gave an interesting lecture in which she advocated a campaign to save sight. She gave some startling statistics concerning the known cases of blindness in New Brunswick, which total 249, and of this number Miss Mayhew said she believed one-half were preventable. While in St. John Miss Mayhew visited the city and will also ask various societies look into the cases of blindness in the co-operation with her in this important work. She will visit other parts of the province before returning to Halifax.

RAILWAY FINANCING.

Washington, March 1.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co. was authorized by the later-state Commerce Commission yesterday to issue a stock dividend of \$60,000,000 to capitalize a part of its property paid out of surplus earnings. The application of the railroad to issue \$60,000,000 of bonds was denied on the ground that issuance of the proposed bonds would "materially increase the applicant's interest burden without apparent necessity."

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