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## THE POST OFFICE

The time appears to have arrived for a general house-cleaning at the post-office in this city. It is remarkable, after all the visits of an inspector from Ottawa, and the publicity that has been given to post-office affairs from time to time, that such a condition of affairs as is now revealed should exist in a public building where many persons are employed, and where all the people's mail is handled.

The St. John post-office building has been inadequate for the requirements of the city for a long time. It is not a well-constructed building, so far as the arrangements for the comfort of the staff are concerned. It is badly lighted, its sanitary condition is unhealthy, and the authorities have been far too slow in taking such action as would meet the needs of the case.

There is no occasion for a panic at the present time, but the citizens should demand an immediate and adequate improvement in the conditions under which the work of the post-office in this city is carried on. A change is necessary in the interest of the staff and of the general public.

It is the worst lighted public building in Canada. In some parts of it artificial light is necessary in the daytime. The stench that pervades the interior passages is nauseous and unhealthy. The place should be renovated or replaced by a building suited to the needs of the department in this city.

## THE MISSIONARIES

A feeling of horror is aroused by the detailed story of the atrocious cruelty with which the American missionaries at Hien Chow, China, were murdered; but if one of the despatches received some days ago be true, the missionaries were not wholly blameless. It was stated that one of them seized and hid away some of the idols of the heathen. Nothing would more quickly arouse the vengeance of those people. It may be hoped that the story was not true, for if it be true it proves that the missionaries in their zeal acted with an almost inconceivable folly. There are countless generations of heathenism behind those heathen of today, and their religion is a far more real thing to them than that of the average Christian. They may be converted from it, but not by destroying their idols.

As a St. John preacher said last Sunday evening, violent conversions of heathen are unheard of. They must, by patient teaching, be convinced of the greater truth and value of the new religion, or educate and adopt the idols, and gradually turn away from the idols and the beliefs of their forefathers. Nevertheless, although these heathen cannot be judged by Christian standards, their conduct is no more than that of some so-called Christians in Russia, where the Jews are being murdered in such numbers at the present time.

However, even if one of these China missionaries were misguided and provoked retaliation we cannot the less admire the courage and devotion displayed in the lives of those who go to heathen lands to labor for the good of the inhabitants.

## KILLING THE JEWS

The awful massacres of Jews, which have been for so many years a blot upon Russia, have been revived with all the horrors attendant upon blind hatred. There is in the stories of these wholesale murders, in the most cruel and devilish manner, a revelation of the innate brutality of the ignorant Russian nature, which is simply appalling. It will require years of enlightened government, and of educational work, to make good citizens of these Jew-baiters and murderers.

It is very difficult for civilized people to understand the situation in Russia. It is true that Jews are unpopular in some other countries whose rule is of a despotic nature, but in English speaking countries the Jew is regarded as a good citizen. It is true that some men of this race, even in Canada, have recently given evidence regarding social conditions, but these were men who got their sentiments in countries such as Russia or Central Europe. Under happier conditions they may be expected to abandon such notions, or at least modify them to the extent that they will not suggest the destruction of social order.

These Russian massacres will doubtless be followed by a further exodus of Jews from Russia. There does not seem to be much hope for them in that country, even under liberal rule. It is evident that persons in authority are not wholly averse to these outrages, since if ever there was justification for the use of the iron hand it is found in the events now blackening the name and fame of the Russian people.

## MR. JOHN B. MORAN

The most surprising result of the election in Boston was the choice of Mr. John B. Moran as District Attorney, against a candidate who was endorsed by both the Democratic and Republican machines. There is no similarity, however, between the case of Mr. Moran and that of Mr. Jerome in New York. Mr. Moran has given as yet no such proof as the New York man has given of his sincerity as a reformer. He has made promises, and it now remains to be seen whether he will carry them out, or whether he made them for election purposes. Evidently many voters believed that he would prove to be Boston what Jerome is to New York; and in Boston as well as in New York there is plenty of work for a conscientious District Attorney to do. Mr.

Moran therefore has a great and splendid opportunity. He has the ability, and if he has the desire and the courage his future is safe in the hands of the people. Mr. Moran is thus referred to in one Boston paper:

"Mr. John B. Moran is especially known as a trial lawyer, and his brilliant conduct in many important litigations has gained for him not only an enviable reputation, but has secured an extensive clientele, while he is often retained by a number of prominent lawyers as trial counsel. Mr. Moran is a member of several prominent benevolent, literary and educational organizations, and of the Boston Athletic Association."

The Boston Transcript evidently has some doubt about the sincerity of Mr. Moran's professions, for it takes the trouble editorially to remind him that "real reform is not to be effected by the blowing of trumpets or the proclaiming that great things are about to be done." It hopes that he will realize both his great opportunity and his great responsibility, and try to win the respect and confidence of all the people, rich and poor; and counsels him to "turn off the limelight for a while, drop gallery play, and do a little of the serious work which the public has a right to expect from that office."

At the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance recently, one of the speakers made this statement relative to the so-called Gottenburg system of controlling the liquor traffic:

"When Mr. Carnegie came to Edinburgh rather more than thirty years ago he was able to point out by the clearest statistics that the drunkenness of Glasgow at that time was more than double the amount of drunkenness in Gottenburg. Today, the drunkenness in Gottenburg greatly exceeds, in fact double the drunkenness in Glasgow. So that if we are going to follow in the line as practical men in doing all we can to diminish drunkenness, and if we are going to be guided by practical experience, what are the best remedies? Men might have been justified in believing in the Gottenburg system thirty years ago, and they are certainly justified in disbelieving in that system now."

The one obvious remark that is suggested by the election returns from Alberta is that the people of the new province, by electing twenty supporters of the government out of a total of twenty-five members, prove that they are not worried over the separate schools clause of the autonomy bill. Had the advocates of "provincial rights" made a strong showing, there might have been some reason to believe that this question had some significance in the campaign; but the people have buried it, so far as that province is concerned. Saskatchewan may be expected to do likewise, although the real strength of Mr. Laurier may cut down the government majority there.

In New York yesterday a British squadron was given a magnificent welcome. In London last evening the British premier and the American ambassador spoke of the cordial relations that exist between their respective countries—more cordial than for a hundred years. These incidents may worry ex-Judge Van Hook and Senator O'Sullivan of New York, but will afford satisfaction and pleasure to all right-minded citizens of the empire and the republic.

Six thousand six hundred copies of the Times were printed yesterday, and only a very few were left on the counters at the close of the day's sales. The circulation of this paper continues to increase, and to make it a more and more valuable medium for advertisers.

Mrs. Chadwick is said to have lost hope of getting out of jail. She was guilty of conspiracy to defraud banks. Had she gone into the trust company business in New York she might have been rich and respected for a considerably longer period.

The letter which Engineer Hunter wrote was a mild and meaningless epistle compared with either of the two written by the firm of contractors. It would appear that a "Dry Lake" of choice investigative is now being pumped out.

The President of the Metropolitan Life gets a salary of \$100,000, and the Vice-President \$75,000. Another official receives \$37,500 and still another \$16,250. How much of it do they earn?

The marine department has decided to give serious attention to the disasters in the St. Lawrence and to take such action as will make navigation of the river less dangerous.

Some New York ballot boxes were found in the harbor. Did they contain the votes of the floating population?

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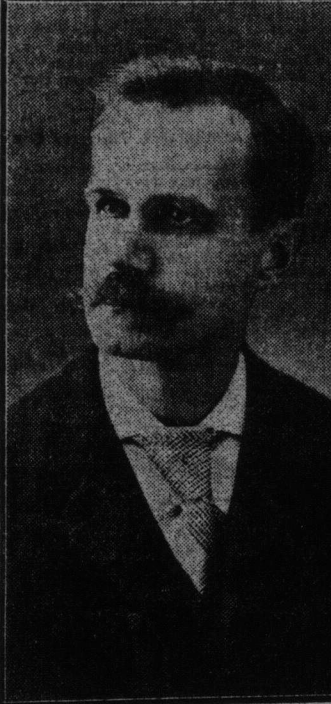
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## Men of Saint John.

EBEN PERKINS

Eben Perkins, son of the late Henry Perkins, a well known mechanical engineer and manufacturer of New England, was born at Bridgewater (Mass.), and received his education in the public school and academy of that town, graduating in the classic course. He then entered the employ of his father, serving in the various mechanical departments and working thereafter throughout the New England states and the iron and steel districts of Pennsylvania and Ohio as a journeyman and master mechanic.

In 1880, in company with his brother Charles, he established the firm of Perkins Bros., manufacturing at his native town wire, wire nails and special machinery for making wire products, this having been invented and designed by the firm. This machinery was placed in many of the large plants throughout the United States, and it was in soliciting orders and placing such machinery that Mr. Perkins first visited St. John in 1892. Hav-



EBEN PERKINS

ing contracted to supply machinery for the plant of the Jones Pender Co., then building, and because of the very favorable impression received of St. John and its advantages as a manufacturing center, he accepted an offer from this company as general manager of their works, entering on such duties in August of that year, and later being elected a director of the company.

During the 27 months in which he was so employed, he invented and patented a machine for forging horse nails cold, and it was for the purpose of devoting his entire time to the perfection of this machinery that he severed his connection with this firm and returned to Bridgewater. This being accomplished, he again returned to St. John, and in September, 1895, organized the Maritime Nail Co., Ltd., built the plant and machinery, and became its general manager and treasurer, which position he has held continuously since, and to his thorough knowledge both in the mechanical and business departments much of its success can probably be attributed.

When the Portland-Rolling Mills of this city came into possession of its present owners, Mr. Perkins was employed, in connection with his other duties, as general superintendent of the works and business, and under his direction the machinery was rebuilt, the plant enlarged and improved, and the business generally increased. This position was resigned, after the Maritime Works were destroyed by fire in March, 1904, he then devoting his time and energy to its rebuilding, and this is again one of the thriving industries of the city.

As an employer, Mr. Perkins has always had the good-will of his fellow workers, having received from them many tokens of their good wishes, which have been highly appreciated by him.

As a citizen he has been prominent in musical circles, having been connected with a number of string and male quartets, and as the Y. M. C. A. organist, and director of several of the city choirs.

Mr. Perkins married Miss Winnie E. Payne, Hartford, Conn., and has two children, Miss Mae, now in her senior year at Wellesley College; and Katherine, born in St. John.

In Massachusetts, Mr. Perkins twice received the Democratic nomination for the legislature, being defeated in a strong Republican district by a very small majority.

On public questions he holds strong views and occasionally gives expression to them in a characteristic manner.

ENJOYABLE DINNER  
A thoroughly enjoyable affair was the annual dinner of the Young Men's Association of Trinity church, last night in White's restaurant. About sixty of the members and their lady friends sat down to table. Rev. Canon Richardson, honorary president of the Y. M. A., was in the chair.

Only three toasts were proposed. The King elicited the usual honors. The Young Women's Guild of Trinity was represented by Canon Richardson, and the Corporation of Trinity church by Vestrymen Isaac Northrup and Dr. J. H. Scamwell. After dinner the company adjourned to the room upstairs, where a short musical programme was enjoyed.

Those taking part were Miss Munroe, Miss G. Sturdee, Mr. Kelly and Stephen Matthews. The chaperones of the evening were Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Scamwell, Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. H. R. Sturdee.

F. E. Sharpe, of Glendale, Kings county, passed through St. John yesterday en route to his home, having been away for some time attending a number of farm-ers' institute meetings. He reports the series of meetings he addressed as the event, he has ever attended in the farming turning out in larger numbers each year and seeming more interested.

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