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MARITIME REPRESENTATION

The position of the Maritime
Provinces today is much the same as that
of the little boy to whom someone had
given a chubby mastiff pup. At first
the child was able to drag the unwilling
puppy at the end of a cord, but
within a year the dog having attained
its growth, made sport of its vainly
resisting owner.

These provinces got fair play at the
time of Confederation, as conditions
existed then, but slight regard was
given to the future and now a state
of affairs has arisen which might have
been prevented by a little forethought.
There is no use crying over spilt
milk. Our representation has been
markedly increased in the population
of Quebec, which province in this
respect governs the rest of Canada,
we are liable to lose still more of our
already small share of influence at Ot-
tawa. The west does not yet control
the east, but it is gaining strength
every year and indeed all Canada with
the exception of these three smaller
provinces is going ahead so rapidly
that in the next redistribution Mar-
time representation will be both pro-
portionately and numerically less.

Mr. Warburton's resolution, asking
that the representation enjoyed by
these provinces at Confederation be re-
stored will not pass. It is in direct vi-
olation of the British North America
Act. Nor indeed can we legally hold
even the number of members now re-
turned unless—as has been suggested
by the prime minister—the other pro-
vinces agree that an amendment provid-
ing for this be added to the B. N. A.
Act. The other provinces are by no
means likely to accede to this request
without objection. They all naturally
desire influence for themselves. Yet
they may see things in a more gener-
ous light, and perhaps if a conference
were to be held there might be but lit-
tle difficulty in securing permission
now considered necessary before legisla-
tion may be sought.

But the real remedy, and the only one
which can be regarded with satisfaction
by our own people, is the develop-
ment of these provinces to that state
wherein no concessions need be asked
from the rest of Canada. We must re-
tain our present membership, and we
must increase it, by our own right, based
on growth of population. The west
has had and is still having its day.
During the past forty years most of
the effort of the Dominion has been to-
wards opening up the land to the west
of the lakes. The east has borne a large
share in this development, and has con-
tributed generously with men and
money. But today the west is able to
look out for itself, and our own pro-
vinces are in need of all the help we can
give them. The easterner's present duty
is to the east, and on our own energy
and progressiveness will depend our
future representation at Ottawa.

TRUSTS AND PRICES.

Walter E. Clark, discussing in the
Review of Reviews, "Trusts and the
Cost of Living," inclines to the opinion
that the greatest increases in prices
during the past ten years are to be
found in the commodities which are
not affected by Trust control. He says:
"The Labor Department index num-
ber shows that general prices have
risen 22.3 per cent. in the last decade.
Granulated sugar, produced by one of
the oldest trusts, was in 1908 only 4 1/2
per cent. above its average price dur-
ing the base years 1890-1899. Coffee,
prunes, and sugar were the three glori-
ous exceptions in a list of thirty prin-
cipal food articles whose retail prices
were studied by the United States La-
bor Department experts in 1908. As
compared with their average retail
prices during the years 1890-1899 these
three articles were each lower in price
in 1907. The other twenty-seven ar-
ticles, over half of them free from
trust control, had risen for the same
time by amounts ranging from 4.8 per
cent. to 67.3 per cent., and averaging
over 21 per cent."

"Refined petroleum was 51.7 per cent.
higher in 1908 than during the base
years. This means that refined petro-
leum had advanced in price more than
twice as rapidly as general commodi-
ties. It must be noted, in fair and per-
haps full offset, that crude petroleum
had risen in the same time 95.8 per
cent."

"The Beef Trust is the special target
for many an opprobrious shaft. Yet the
higher cost of hogs and cattle rather
evenly balances the higher prices of
products. As compared with the base
years, cattle of all kinds averaged a
rise of 27.4 per cent. in price for 1908,
while fresh beef (native sides) sold 21.1
per cent. higher, and bacon averaged
23 per cent. higher, and smoked hams
only 14.3 per cent. higher. In 1908, then,
during the base years."

"The Steel Trust has held the price
of its steel rolls steady at \$28 per ton
since its formation in 1901."

"When the rising cost of raw materi-
als and the average rise of wages per
hour (reported at 23.5 per cent. by the
Labor Department) are considered, it
must be admitted that the trusts, as

represented by four of the greatest and
the most-abused of them all, do not ap-
pear to have forced their prices to arbi-
trary heights. Certainly there is no
indication at all that the trusts are re-
sponsible for the general price rise.

"This conclusion, sustained by the
price records, is by no means a justifi-
cation of the trust level of prices. It
affirms simply that trusts have not
played an important role in the drama
of the rising cost of living."

Now that Mr. H. C. McLeod, Gen-
eral Manager of the Bank of Nova Scot-
ia, has resigned there is an evident
desire on the part of other bankers
and of newspapers, to convey the im-
pression that Mr. McLeod's resignation
was unexpected and came as an
entire surprise. This is certainly not
the case. Mr. McLeod is getting along
in years. He has favored banking
methods to which other bankers have
been opposed and which were not
warmly supported even among the di-
rectors of his own institution. His
resignation has been rumored for at
least two years, and in the past six
months his approaching retirement
was frequently referred to among of-
ficials of the Bank of Nova Scotia, al-
though there had been no intimation
of when he intended handing in his
resignation. His course has not been
unexpected, nor have the causes lead-
ing to it, mentioned by Mr. McLeod,
as well as others not so particularly
referred to by him, been wholly un-
known to his associates.

So another fire-water investigation
is to be held. It will be remembered
that the last one resulted principally
in the discovery that a fairly large
proportion of members of the fire de-
partment did not know how to man-
ipulate the hydrants. Mr. Murdoch be-
lieves they have not yet learned. Pos-
sibly the coming inquiry will shed
some additional light.

Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings

Have you drifted?

That question every
man must face if he
would render a fair
account of himself in
life.

For it is man's pec-
uliar glory that he
may direct his life
according to selected
principles.

He need not be the
servant of inherited in-
stincts.

He need not drift
aimlessly with the
crowd.

It is for him to de-
termine what his life
shall mean.

Have you become
what you vaguely
dreaded you would?

Have you formed
the habit of obedience
to your conscience?

Do men recognize
in you a man who
may be depended up-
on to do that which he
believes to be right?

Or have you drifted?

Have you become
one of the crowd?

Do you follow the
fashions in morals as
well as in clothes?

Do you habitually
select the easy way or
the right way?

Do you smile in a
superior sort of way
at the men who have
convictions?

Are you proud of
yourself when you so
smile?

Or do you some-
times wish that you
dared to do the right
thing always, that you
would govern your
life by selected prin-
ciples, that men could
depend upon you al-
ways to play the man?

This campaign is for
you.

It is a call to you and
to all of us to put pur-
pose into our living.

It is the call of Jesus
and it means manhood

Feb. 7th to Feb. 28th

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 1910

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

An exclusive and wealthy woman's club in Chicago has a very novel pro-
gramme for this year.
It has pledged itself as a club and as individuals to expend its energies
in the effort to make its daughters good housewives.
These daughters, most of whom are society girls, are to be taught to be
capable and economical housewives, to cook simple, wholesome, appetizing
meals, to make nice dishes from left-overs, and to know how to select good
meat and the right kind of vegetables.

It is a splendid programme and one that it seems to me that all the
women's clubs in the land might take up some year to
good advantage.

And before they go back to their Browning and civic
reform and milk inspection I have another suggestion
for them.

Suppose, after they have taught their daughters to
housewifely virtues, they attempt to provide them-
selves and the community with some well-mannered
sons.

I wish some one would kindly tell me just why it is
that although a woman of any breeding at all never
thinks of attending to her nails anywhere outside of her
own home, men who come of good families and, sup-
posedly, have been well brought up, will walk up and
down their offices or sit in the train, calmly filing their
nails.

Suppose, after they have taught their daughters to make nice dishes from
left-overs, they teach their sons to use dental floss instead of a toothpick,
and to use neither in public.

Suppose they attempt to turn loose in the world a few men who never
fall to rise when a woman—especially an older woman—enters the room,
and who even occasionally go so far as to remain standing until she is
seated.

Suppose they try to supply a few young men, who never fall to say
goodnight to their hostess mother and
Suppose they bring up a few boys
in the discovery that a fairly large
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partment did not know how to man-
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some additional light.

And suppose, if they have time to
go a bit deeper, they see what they
who never allow themselves to speak
slightly of women.

On the whole, I think the community
will be quite as much benefited by
such a programme as if its women's clubs
had spent the winter rearing
Browning or trying to help low their
husbands. On this ground the writer
filed a counter-suit for an absolute di-
vorce.

Decision was reserved.

While on his vacation a city doctor
attended the Sunday morning service
at a little country church. When the
congregation was dismissed several of
the members shook hands with him,
and one, wishing to learn if he were
a Methodist, inquired, "Are you a pro-
fessor, brother?"

"Oh, no, indeed," answered the phy-
sician, modestly, "just an ordinary doc-
tor."

Joakley—"You're right; most people
worry over what they haven't got, but
I know certain people who worry be-
cause of what they have."

Say Butter-Nut to your grocer
and see that you get it.

That little blue label you see
on every loaf of Butter-Nut
Bread is the prize mark of qual-
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A Liver

that is sluggish needs only
a few doses of our

Cascara Cathartics

to start it working
properly.
50c. BOX

FRANK E. PORTER
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST,
Union and St. Patrick Sts.

SURGEON OPERATES BY MOTOR LAMP LIGHT

Electric Illuminant Cut Off From Hospital
by Labor Agitation—Patient's
Life Saved.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—A remarkable
tragedy was narrowly averted in one of
the Paris hospitals last night, owing
to "King" Pataud having cut off the
electric light in several districts of the
city.

A wealthy Parisian was undergoing
an operation for appendicitis, which
was being performed by a surgeon, which
had been received by telephone,
stating that the electric light would
be cut off in ten minutes.

Fortunately, the surgeon's motor car
was at the door, and the powerful
acetylene lamps with which it was
equipped were carried into the operating
theatre just before the electric light
faded.

Had the telephone message not been
received the patient would probably
have died during the time it would
have taken to procure another illumina-
tion of the great operating room.

The danger to patients under these
circumstances will result in emergency
lamps being placed in operating the-
atres.

The failure of the electric light in
various sections of the city was for
the purpose of demonstrating that
"King" Pataud is still a power in the
industrial world. A panic occurred in
a number of shops, and some of the
cafes had to resort to candles stuck in
bottles for illumination.

"The man's own words prove him a
prevaricator," said Mr. Quibbles.
"In what way?"

"He writes me an insulting letter
and signs it 'Yours respectfully.'"

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A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Brown as well as black chintilly lace
veils are being seen more as the season
advances.

With the black and white evening
dresses the French women are wear-
ing gaily colored stockings.

The time-honored black lace shawl
hangs from the back of many a mag-
nificent evening gown.

There is a tremendous vogue of gold
and silver in the realm of millinery,
blouses and laces.

An extreme novelty of the season is
the heading of hats for evening
wear with Irish crochet lace.

Fashion has decreed that short coats
are smart, and the newest gowns from
abroad show the abbreviated coat.

Ivory and gray satin, stamped with a
good design, also green satin, are on
the modish list for evening wear.

A cluster of silver tassels, trimmed
with mock dewdrops, is high in vogue
for the evening dress of today.

There is no doubt about the attrac-
tiveness of a military cut in coats and
waists for the majority of women.

Some of the handsome Japanese cord-
ed silks are being bought by women
who like clothes a little unusual.

For dressy wear, black satin slippers
are always in good taste. They are,
too, more economical than many others.

Gold, silver and brass buttons, with
insets of semi-precious stones, are
made in order to carry out the color
scheme of a costume.

For the foundation of blouses over
which dark chignon falls, Persian silks
are artfully utilized by many of the
best dressmakers.

Nearly all evening gowns and the ma-
jority of reception gowns are a-glitter
with beads, gems, sequins, steel orna-
ments or jet.

Silver flanges, frequently modelled
after the old Italian button, will serve
as fastenings and as jewelry at one and
the same time.

When using staid bread for puddings
always soak it in cold milk. Bread
that has been soaked in cold milk or
water will be crumbly and light, where-
as if soaked in hot liquid it will be
heavy.

Frosted grapes are a most attractive
garnish for many a dish. Take white
grapes and brush them over with whis-
ky or egg, and then sprinkle the bunches
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Household : Hints

The careful housekeeper covers her
mattresses and other tickings with un-
bleached muslin to keep them clean.
This should be based on, or better yet,
should be provided with buttons and
buttonholes.

When carpets are not taken up they
can be greatly refreshed by washing
over with water to which a tablespoon-
ful of ammonia has been added to each
pail of water. This should be done
after a thorough sweeping.

Do not use wood alcohol for the
chafing dish as the fumes are poi-
sonous. As grain alcohol is quite cost-
ly, the best fuel is denatured alcohol,
which is cheapest of all.

Never use a wooden spoon for stir-
ring anything containing onion, as the
wood will absorb the flavor and will
impart it to other food-stuffs, even
after a lapse of many weeks.

When the head of a hatpin comes out
of it is of glass, porcelain or wood, melt
a bit of resin, stick the pin into the
resin, insert it in the ornament and it
will hold well.

A pleasing effect is obtained, if may-
onnaise for a fish salad is colored green.
A little spinach juice will answer,
or soft mashed green peas will give
color as well as consistency.

Fumio soap and ammonia will cure
the worst case of tarnished brass.
Just moisten the cloth with ammonia
and rub it briskly over the soap and
apply to the article to be cleaned.

If a quick dessert is wanted, use pop-
overs. As the batter is poured into the
tins, add a piece of fruit to each;
served with a simple syrup, these pop-
overs are delicious.

When using stale bread for puddings
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