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#### TWO PREMIERS ON THE MARITIMES

Outspoken support for the Maritime case is becoming more and more a daily feature in the news of Canada, and a most welcome evidence of progress in the extent to which public men and organizations in the other provinces are expressing the conviction not only that the Maritimes are right in their demands for justice, but that their demands must be heeded. A noteworthy instance of this is the letter from Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, at the banquet of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada in Montreal last evening.

Mr. Taschereau not only declared his own stand plainly, but presented the Maritime case to the Dominion Government as one requiring early and favorable action.

"I have no hesitation," said Mr. Taschereau, "in saying as a Canadian, and as a citizen of the Province of Quebec, that it is the duty of those who govern Canada to-day to see that this important part of Canada (the Maritimes) is looked after and satisfied."

And, of course, these words carry all the weight attaching to his position as Premier of Quebec. He expressed his hearty agreement with the Maritime demand for a fair share of the Dominion's expenditures and activity in connection with immigration, and said Canada, with respect to transportation, must live up to the obligations involved in the spirit of the Confederation pact. He referred to Hon. Mr. Baxter's statement that the Maritimes wanted to keep their native-born home, to share the normal growth of Canada, and have better access to the Canadian market and the markets of the world, and he said:

"They are right, and I believe every Canadian, whether he is in British Columbia, or Quebec, or Ontario, them what is necessary in order that they may live and thrive."

Hon. Mr. Baxter referred forcibly to the slow growth of population in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and to the fact that Prince Edward Island had thousands of people fewer to-day than it had twenty years ago, conditions largely due to the exodus. He reminded his audience that the Maritimes had contributed their full share of the cost of building the new railways to the West and of the immigration which built up that part of the country, and he asked in return for justice in the matter of immigration, the use of Maritime ports, and reasonable railway rates. New Brunswick's Premier submitted that, as a reasonable proposition, the Maritimes should be enabled to enjoy the measure of prosperity which they believed would come to them when they entered Confederation. His presentation of the case received the strongest sort of endorsement from Premier Taschereau. It is noteworthy that at the Shoe Association luncheon another speaker took up the cudgels for the Maritimes—Mr. C. H. Cahan, K. C., M. P.—and for the St. Lawrence-St. George division of Montreal.

Thus the movement for Maritime betterment commands constantly growing recognition as sound, and elicits more and more support. The people of the Maritimes must co-operate and press forward in order to consolidate the ground already gained. They must see that favorable action follows the great body of sentiment aroused in support of justice for these provinces.

#### GET TOGETHER.

Conspicuous proof that the growth of this port suffers from lack of co-operation and from conflicting views on the part of many important interests is afforded by the success of Harbor Commissioner Bullock in having blasting stopped at the Pittburgh wharf site, thus interrupting work which could have been finished in two or three weeks, and which would have meant a great permanent gain in the matter of through traffic henceforward, bringing the C. N. R. elevator into full play for the first time since it was built, and providing much needed additional deep water accommodation.

There has been a singular lack of team play in this matter. In the first place, the Dominion Government, the C. N. R. and the city have not been working together properly, although their co-operation is most essential. Delay in letting the contract for the blasting and dredging operations was the first mistake, but that did not justify the interruption of the work. In a matter of this kind enlightened policy and common sense should have suggested that the water interests most affected should have been called into council, notably the Port Committee, of which the Mayor has been an active member, the steamship representatives, the Board of Trade, the Canadian National Railways, and representatives of the labor unions interested in port and railway work, together with the

federal engineer of the Public Works Department, and the harbor master. Had there been a consultation of this kind before Commissioner Bullock presented his recommendation to the Common Council, and had that consultation been held early enough, there is no doubt that a way out of the difficulty could have been found—a way permitting the completion of the work without involving any important loss of traffic.

The incident affords most convincing evidence of the need of better practice in handling these questions in future. Confusion and conflict are costly to the port, and tend to create the impression that the city does not know what it wants.

Maine's hunting season, which closed on November 30, was marked by fourteen fatal hunting accidents, three more than last year. Four men were shot through being mistaken for deer, and three were killed by the accidental discharge of their own guns, three were accidentally shot by hunting companions, and three were drowned.

The Halifax correspondent of Willson's Monthly suggests that, whatever the Royal Commission headed by Sir Andrew Duncan may recommend with respect to reforms in the coal industry, the situation will remain more or less hopeless unless there is a stiff increase in the tariff against foreign coal. He writes:

"But it is freely predicted that until and unless there is a sharply increased tariff on the imported coal, the mines of Cape Breton will never be able to work at such a profit as will meet the wage bill, give continuous employment, and pay fair returns to bondholders and shareholders. Without such a prerequisite, the commission is regarded by many as engaged on a task like that of 'squaring the circle.' But how a proposed heavy duty on American coal would meet the views and plans of those in central Canada is, as Kipling would say, 'another story.'"

#### Odds and Ends

##### Old Sir John

(Mildred Low in Willson's Monthly.)

Old Sir John, the people say (Ah, there were giants in his day!) Patriot, prophet, leader of men, When shall we meet him like again? A statesman, ably fitted to stand Among the noblest of any land; Laid in his grave these thirty years, Ever remembered with smiles and tears.

Faithful many had old John A. For he had a way.

So rare a way he could all persuade, Bitterest foes into friends he made. And who is there of the lesser throng Dare cast a stone if at times he did wrong.

If zeal than discretion stronger proved? Much is forgiven who must have loved. 'Twas he, when disasters on Canada poured, Proclaimed the acceptable years of the Lord.

His cause was of himself a part, For he had a heart.

A kindly heart that seemed to hate And valued the lowly as the great. In humblest homes the country round Treasured mementoes of him are found.

With merry jest, quick repartee, Ready for any occasion he; Brother to all in common things, Courtier acclaimed at the courts of kings, Ambassador to loose or bind, For he had a mind.

An ample mind that could realize Things obscure to the seeming wise. To him was granted the vision sublime That dazzled Faith and daunted Time. Men trusted him what'er he said And followed blindly where he led. Eloquent? Not so very, yet Could any who heard him e'er forget His course he shaped towards the highest goal.

For he had a soul.

A fearless soul that rose aloft On wings of power while doubters scoffed, Unshaken to yield or firm to stand, As best might further the work in hand.

For love, he held, and loyalty, Greater by far than liberty. Nought cared he for personal gain. Sovereign and country—to these twain He pledged himself to the uttermost length.

For he had a strength.

With heart and mind and soul and strength, His God he served. And when at length Death called him home, all men could say He had fought the fight to his latest day.

He laid the foundations of our state. He saw us weak. He left us great. Him will we follow, now as then; Serve, as he served his fellow-men. Praise, love, honor be lavished upon Old Sir John.

What Not to End a Sentence With. (Christian College.)

The Society for pure English offers the dialogue as a warning against the careless use of prepositions:

Sick Child—I want to be read to.

Nurse—What book do you want to be read to out of?

Sick Child—Robinson Crusoe.

Nurse goes out and returns with "The Swiss Family Robinson."

Sick Child—What did you bring me that book to be read to out of for?

#### Just Fun

NOTHING less than love could make a girl give up a good job for one that pays nothing.

ONE consolation is that they will never be able to build any billboards along the aviation lanes.

ELIJAH went to heaven in a chariot. Look what Henry's sending them in.

A LITTLE change, a little variety, is a thing needed by all of us. Even a dog now and then runs on three legs.

A PARAGRAPHER is one who writes paragraphs; a paragraphist is one who rewrites the other fellow's.

HEARTLESS ACTRESS: What, still alive! I thought you said you were going to shoot yourself when I refused you!

Lovesick Sultors: So I did, but I missed!

ONE reason why there is so much domestic unhappiness in this country is because there are too many "Magics."

STUDENTS of the life and letters of Julius Caesar declare that an addition was later made by Caesar to his famous triquetra: "I came, I saw, I conquered—and she divorced me."

USING a spade will accomplish a great deal more than "calling a spade a spade."

SOMETIMES it seems a mistake to try to establish ideal conditions before the public is educated up to a desire for them.

"A WOMAN'S work is never done," she said, as dinner came on the table half an hour late.

"So I observe," he answered, gloomily, as he pushed away the potatoes.

It's darn easy to look pleasant When you're feeling flip; But the girl worth while, Is the girl who can smile, With a cold-sore on her lip.

THE governor of a western state, when informed by the nurse last week that he was the father of triplets, immediately demanded a recount.

FLAPPER to Ed: Oh, what a cute little I wish I had a dress made out of that.

"TIME flies," as the chap remarked whose fifth watch had been lifted.

IT is easier to drop into a hole than to pull yourself out.

A TELEPHONE call is often an engagement ring.

BONES—"What did your wife say about you're being out so late the other night?"

Jones—"Don't ask me yet. When she gets through with the subject, I'll condense it for you."

TO THE MODERN GIRL Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and the world comes off.

THERE is a difference between loafing and idleness—the former is voluntary and the latter is forced.

IN the movies nothing is impossible except an unhappy ending.

EVEN a goat tries to use his head.

MANY a father comes to the conclusion that a college education is sometimes stunted by too many stunts.

A GOOD many of us sit down and try to think of some way of getting money. We don't try to think of some way of earning money.

GRADY—"The only girl I ever loved is to be married on Wednesday." Hall—"My sympathy, old man!" "Oh, but she's going to marry me!" "My sincerest sympathy!"

THE man who disregards "Safety First" is either a plain fool or devoid of imagination.

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#### The Rivals



Stanley: "Now, boys, I think it's time to make a fresh start with the old gramophone."

David: "I've got a lovely new record, Stan."

Ramsay: "Not nearly so good as mine."

#### The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE LEAST ENDURABLE OF ALL THINGS

NOT many years ago a man spent more than fifty thousand dollars to win a suit for four thousand five hundred dollars.

He resisted all efforts of the defendant to compromise the case, and took it finally to the supreme court of the United States.

"I didn't care about the money, and I don't want it now," he told reporters, when he learned of his victory, "but I just wouldn't allow myself to be cheated."

Injustice is the least endurable of all things. It is not what a man outwardly has or wants that constitutes the happiness or misery of him. Nakedness, hunger, distress of all kinds, death itself have been suffered cheerfully, when the heart was right. It is this feeling of injustice that is insupportable to all men.

THOMAS CARLYLE defines injustice as "Another name for Disorder, for unreason, untruth, and things which veracious created Nature rejects and disowns."

"There is something infinitely respectable in this, and we may say universally respected; it is the common stamp of manhood vindicating itself in all of us, the basis of whatever is worthy in all of us, and through superficial diversities, the same in all."

#### Poems That Live

LUCY ASHTON'S SONG.

Look not thou on beauty's charms; Sit thou still when kings are arming; Taste not when the wine cup glitters; Speak not when the people listen;

Stop thine ear against the singer; From the red gold keep thy finger; Vacant heart and hand and eye, Easy live and quiet die.

—Sir Walter Scott.

#### Dinner Stories

AS ONE of the great transatlantic liners came up New York harbor the other day, a grimy coal barge floated immediately in front of her.

"Clear out of the way with that old mud scow!" shouted an officer on the bridge.

A round, sun-browned face appeared over the cabin hatchway. "Are ye the captain of that vessel?"

"No," answered the officer. "Then spake to yer equal. I'm the captain of this!" came from the barge.

IN a certain city of the South the negro servants for the most part go to their homes at night. In the case of the cook of a clergyman's

family, she not only does this, but frequently arrives at the rectory at too late an hour to prepare breakfast. This sort of thing occurred so often that the pastor's wife informed cook that, for each breakfast missed, there would be a reduction in cook's weekly wages. Passively Sally assented to this.

It was not long thereafter that the mistress heard this conversation between the servant next door and the delinquent cook.

"Seems to me that ye'll all gits to walk mighty late."

"I gits to wuk when I gits ready."

"How do ye' all manage 'bout breakfast?"

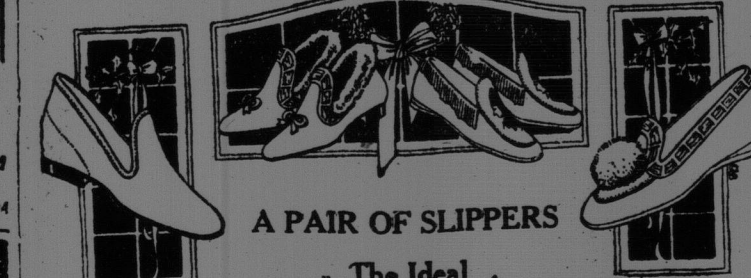
"Oh, I pays de missus to cook de breakfast."

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#### Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

SIR W. REGINALD HALL, THE man who was responsible for the downfall of most of the German spies in England during the late war is just beginning to receive recognition for his services. He is Sir W. Reginald Hall.

Reginald Hall, head of the Intelligence Service of the British Admiralty, during the war. It is now revealed for the first time that the famous telegram which announced the opening of Germany's "pink" without trace submarine campaign, was captured by Sir Reginald and given to Lord Balfour for the American government. From 1911 to 1918 he was naval assistant to the controller of the navy. He also commanded his majesty's ships Natal, Cornwall and Queen Mary. While director of the Intelligence Service he was made a rear admiral in 1917. In 1922 he retired as vice-admiral.

Sir Reginald is 55 years old and during the past two years was principal agent for the Unionist party in England.

#### English Village is Ruled Entirely By Women

There is one village in England that is entirely run by women. It has a woman rate collector, woman church clerk, woman postmistress, assisted by two postwomen, and a woman schoolmistress.

They are responsible for the welfare and destinies of the 800 inhabitants of Lawford. They are all Essex women. Lawford, in fact, is a hotbed of feminism, but not one seems to mind.

"It is nice to see the girls doing a bit," said an old Lawfordian, an ex-railway signalman enjoying his retirement over the fire in his cosy cottage. "Only it does wear out their stockings!" He sat back in his cushioned chair and chuckled.

One of the "girls" is his daughter, a homely Essex woman. Another "girl" is a wonderful old widow of 65 who lives in a thatched cottage next door, which she leaves at six o'clock every morning.

Miss Spooner has been rate-collector for the past twenty years. She is also clerk to the parish council, and lives in a disused schoolhouse.

Now a woman has been appointed in the new school in place of the master, who has retired after forty years' service. Her two young shingled assistants carry on the feminine tradition in this enterprising village.

#### Other Views

UNDERPRIVILEGED AND OVERPRIVILEGED. (Indianapolis News.)

While there is and always will be sympathy for the underprivileged child and while efforts will be directed toward relieving its condition, something ought to be said about the overprivileged child. There are evidences on every hand of children who begin life where their parents leave off, in a manner of speaking. The children's whims are indulged in every possible way. They have a lavish supply of spending

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money, automobiles of their own, extensive wardrobes and a generous list of bad habits. They know little of thrift, discipline, politeness or the joy of earning things for themselves. The underprivileged child usually has no parents. The overprivileged child usually has none worth the name.

SOFT COAL (New York Sun.)

New York has been cheated of its autumn. The champagne days have turned to near beer. Mount Woolworth and his brother ennobles look through a mark of soft coal smoke upon their foothills and the valleys that surround them. The housekeeper finds her curtains unwontedly begrimed. A greasy element in the air to which she is

FORM AND FIGURE

Louville Courier-Journal.

An English professor says the present fashions do not properly disclose the good form of American women. Does he mean to indicate that the disclosure is improper?



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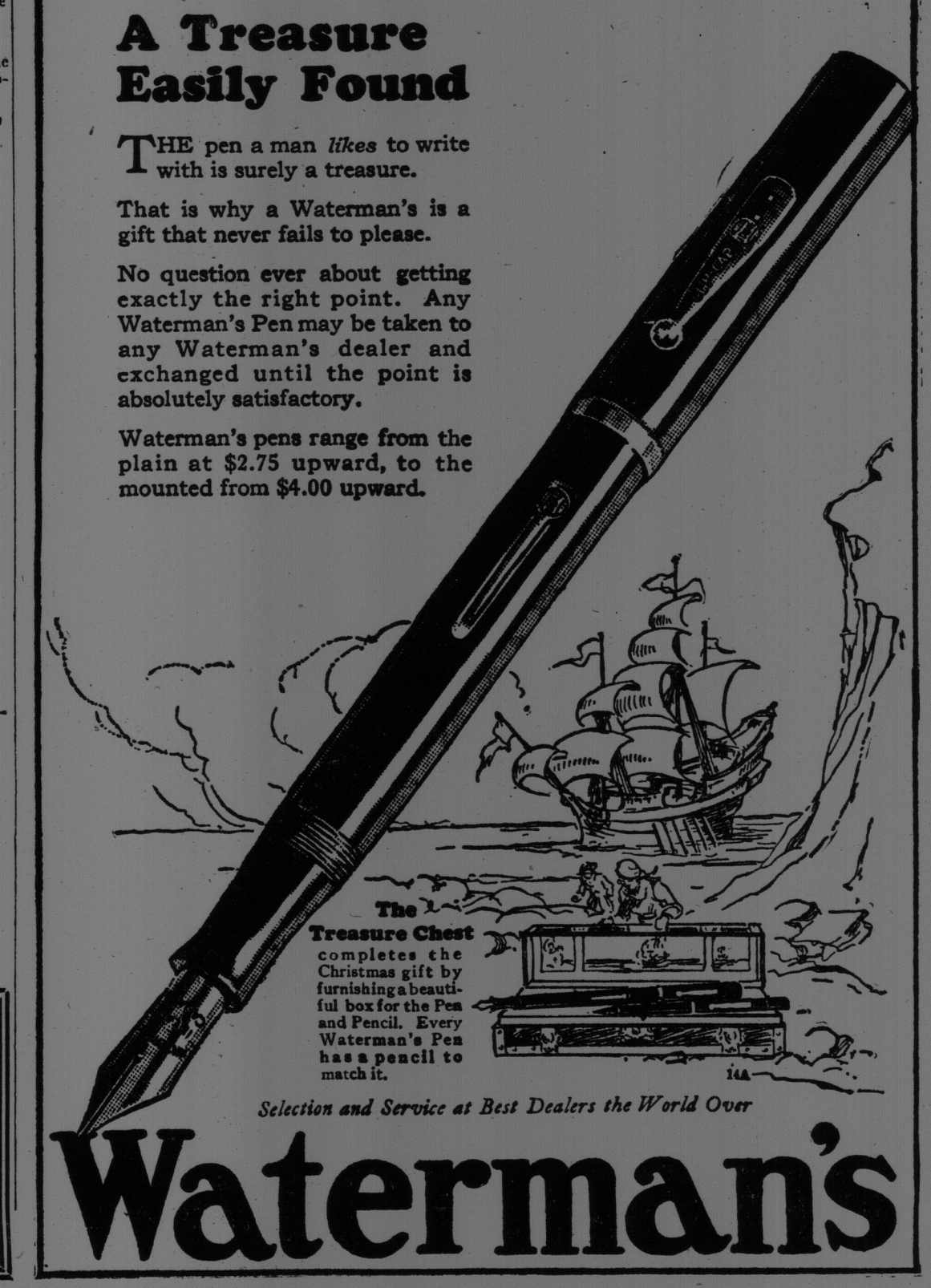
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