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SAINT JOHN AT WINNIPEG.

On the programme of the National Conference to begin at Winnipeg on November 10 an important place is given to discussions of the greater use of Maritime Province ports. This subject, upon which national attention will be concentrated at Winnipeg, is to be taken up at a time when conditions are most favorable for its consideration. The country has harvested the second greatest grain crop in its history, and while the additional traffic thus provided will have some effect upon railway earnings, the country at large is still confronted by the fact that an immense and constantly increasing amount of Canadian freight is being diverted to American channels. This is not a matter of grain alone, but of flour as well as other products, and it means a grave economic loss to Canada.

So far as the port of Saint John is concerned, probably few of the delegates who are to assemble at Winnipeg from the other provinces realize that the people of this city spent some \$2,000,000 of their own money in order to provide facilities for handling national traffic at this port. By so doing they performed an important and unique service to the country at large, and made this harbor a first-class national asset. The Winnipeg conference will find nothing in the history of Canadian transportation to match this action by Saint John's citizens. But the time came when, as a matter of common justice and business prudence, the Government had to take over the enterprise of port improvement, and since it did so one national administration after another has failed to keep the terminal facilities here up to the demands of the winter traffic. It is true that the war interrupted many plans of national development, but expenditures on the canals have gone forward, and to-day millions are being spent upon the Welland and other waterway enterprises while our own harbors have lacked the improvement demanded by the freight actually in sight.

Thus, while the Dominion has been providing for the distant future by deepening the canals, it has been neglecting the pressing demands of the hour by failure to equip Maritime ports. While it has been looking ahead to the handling of traffic ten years hence, it has been neglecting the need to loss and delay through failure to provide facilities in Maritime harbors, with the result that more and more traffic is going into alien channels.

The national conference may fairly give consideration to the one-sided nature of our partnership with the rest of the Dominion—to the extent to which we have paid for railway, canal and immigration development without receiving anything like the direct returns from these enterprises to which we were entitled, and which the other provinces have received. It will be clearly understood at Winnipeg that the Maritimes, far from objecting to the prosperity and expansion of the other provinces, welcome such signs of Canadian progress, but it will be readily understood, also, that the Maritimes are suffering from a sense of injustice because while they have been taxed heavily for many national enterprises which have been of benefit to the Central and Western Provinces, the Maritime Provinces have, in most instances, received little for their money.

There is a traffic lesson in this year's grain crop. While the opening of the Panama Canal means that an increased amount of freight will go by way of Vancouver, it is to be remembered that not only the Western wheat crop but the general volume of Canadian freight will be steadily increasing for many years to come as the country regains its business stride. That means that there will be more and more freight available for the eastern as well as the western ports, and in order that this freight may be moved expeditiously and may be kept in Canadian channels, it is necessary that the always open harbors in the Maritimes be developed sufficiently to meet the requirements of future traffic. The greater utilization of Maritime ports is not in any sense a sectional issue. It is a national one, calling for vigorous action along lines which are perfectly clear.

LONGER LIVES.

A survey of conditions among wage workers and their families in the United States and Canada with respect to longevity, made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, reveals some remarkable results. It is shown that in 1911 the average expectation of life at birth in the families of wage workers in the two countries was 46.6 years, and that in 1924 it had risen to 55.6 years. "This gain of nine years," says the Boston Transcript, "is so great that it brings the expected life span of the industrial population approximately to a level with that formerly established for the nation's population in general, including all persons living in circumstances of a

character especially propitious to health.

"If the advance were a measure merely of lengthening years, it might or might not give great cause for rejoicing. But unquestionably, the figures mark progress of a still more significant sort. They measure the advance of America's industrial population both in the material means to attain and in the intelligence to apply an improved standard of living. To this end the vast work of public health education, and the services of clinics and dispensaries publicly and privately maintained throughout the land have made, and are making to-day, a contribution of untold value."

This is Friday the Thirteenth, and while the superstitious count that a most unlucky combination, an examination of record would be likely to prove that, on the average, good luck is quite as abundant as bad on any Friday, or on the thirteenth. It is said that, for centuries Friday was associated with ill fortune because in many European countries it was the day commonly chosen for public executions. That might tend to show that the criminals were unlucky, but, on the other hand, the public was in luck in disposing of them on Friday, or on any other day.

The Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of Ontario are engaged to petition the Dominion Government to introduce legislation at the next session to reduce the income tax to the level of that now in force in the United States. That would be an immense cut, but the country at large would welcome it. The Ontario boards take the position that taxation has been exceptionally burdensome and has prevented the expansion and stability of industry and checked investment in new enterprises. They favor also the repeal of the stamp taxes on checks, notes, drafts and receipts.

Odds and Ends

The Dawning

Events have been moving rapidly during the last ten years. A tremendous war has been fought. National boundaries have changed. Men have crossed the ocean by air, has sent his voice around the world, has sent his tireless, inquisitive mind into the depths of the universe in search of knowledge that will enable him to live more happily and more fully. There are even signs that the great war itself has borne some sort of fruit after all that is not wholly bitter—that it has brought us to the realization and determination that such a calamity need not happen again. And science has gone onward, drawing steadily nearer to the elimination of disease and toil, to the unlocking of the doors that keep four-fifths of mankind imprisoned in the realms of soul-deadening labor and poverty. Humanity stands at the dawning. An epoch in human affairs is different from everything that has gone before that it staggers the imagination seems about to open before us. How will we meet it?

Will we be ready for it—for universal peace, for freedom from toil, for universal prosperity, universal leisure? Or is the spirit of man to be the only thing that does not progress? It is up to us to make ready, individually. To become more tolerant, more kindly, more alert; to learn that life is not merely a matter of goals and houses, and automobiles and theatres, that happiness cannot be expressed in dollars, that the well-being of one portion of the race must not rest on the misery of another.

That is our task. Let us apply ourselves to it.

The Human Touch.
(London Mail.)

The death of M. Viviani recalls a story heard in Paris about his American mission with Marshal Joffre during the war. When he returned to France a colleague asked him whether his mission had been fruitful, in a human as well as political sense. "Oh, yes," replied Viviani, "but I left the human part of the business to Papa Joffre. While I was doing my best to impress the Senators, he was kissing all the girls!"

Homeward Bound Ships.
Your ships will all come home to you. Across the purple and the blue Of rolling seas, past sunsets gold, With heaps of treasure in the hold, The day you least expect them to, Your ships will all come home to you.

Perhaps.
(Ottawa Citizen.)

Complacency, voting is to be introduced in Australia. Delinquents will be fined \$10, unless a valid reason is found for not voting. This suggests a great anti-slavery source of revenue for Canada's next Minister of Finance and as such it will probably be of the greatest value to Australia.

Work and Success.
(Thrill Magazine.)

Any person who hopes for personal progress must remember first of all that he cannot attain his ambitions without a willingness to settle down to hard work.

Just Fun

A SMILE is like the bright spring grass. Easiest to produce, but most grateful to the eye.

SKATING RINKS might sometimes be aptly called "Landing Fields."

THE best of cosmetics can't give hard old eyes that school-girl look.

SOME FOLKS have an idea that all's necessary in order to carry on a conversation is to know how to pronounce the word psychology.

JOHN J. says that even if he lived in a land flowing with milk and honey, he supposes he'd have to milk the cow and tend the bees.

I know a giddy girl
Who dresses like a whizz.
And though her mind's not oft made up,
The rest of her sure is.

THE WAY to make a welcome last is not to make the visit first.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN
SHE: My hands are cold.
HE: Here are my gloves.

MANY a heated argument between a man and his wife, is due to an old flame.

THE dumbest fellow on earth is the guy who thinks that a cowgirl is a she cow.

A HALIFAX MAN was fishing in Lily Lake recently. He caught a big fish, the biggest he had ever landed in his long and busy life. He was elated. He was teased with joy, and he telegraphed his wife: "I've got one, weighs seven pounds and it is a beauty." The following was the answer he got: "So have I, weighs ten pounds. Not a beauty—looks like you. Come home."

WHY is it the girls spend so much money to get just the right curl put in their hair and then wear these short dresses?

MANY PEOPLE never stop for the vulgar because it is so far above them.

FIRST CONVICT: When I get out of this place, I'm going to have a hot time, ain't you?
Second DITTO: I don't know, I'm in for life.

"WHY so depressed, Jimmy?"
The horrible cost of living, old chap, constant bills for materials, paint and shingling.
"What, house?"
"No, daughters."

A MAN is never really old so long as he can thrill to an old love song or a new idea.

IT DOESN'T require a musical education to play a dumb-bell.

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned rocking chair that squeaked?

NO, Arathusa, a profile is not a carpenter's tool.

ADY: Visit our women's department today when all silk undergarments will be half off.

SUNSHINE SPELLET

By DR. W. F. THOMPSON.

There was an old woman who lived in a flat—
She hadn't any children—just an old yellow cat.
She turned on the steam and made up their beds—
Now she and the cat have colds in their heads.

Better a house without a carpet than a home that's full of gloom.
Fine feathers make fine birds but fresh fruit makes fine feathers.

I know a man that's papered by buying stuff that's advertised. To cure his chronic Bright's disease; He'd have his wealth and dough to boot.

If he had lived on milk and fruit, Lettuce, spinach and black-eyed peas.

For comfort and good health, keep the living room temperature at 65 F., the relative humidity at 60.

Exercise in the cold air, without clothing, hardens the skin and increases resistance to cold.

Bath room—drop light; wet floor—Good Night!

When the air is cold and dry you seldom see a drowsy eye.

Dustless sweeping, so I'm told, knocks the doctor out of gold.

Dinner Stories

"What is this leathery stuff?" the diner asked when the second course of the dinner was served.
"That is a fillet of sole, sir," replied the waiter.
"Take it away," said the diner, after attacking it with his fork, "and see if you can't get me a nice tender piece of the upper, with the buttons removed."

The captain of a foreign coasting steamer was apt to break the monotony of his existence by communicating with his chief engineer's abilities. The latter, in return, made the remark that he understood the captain's job better than he—the captain—did himself. As a result the captain decided to change places with his chief engineer, the latter to take charge of the bridge, whilst he would demonstrate how the steamer should be properly driven.

For the space of an hour all went well. Then suddenly the ship stopped, and, try as he might, the captain couldn't make her go any farther. After juggling with the machinery for upwards of an hour or two the captain gave up and telegraphed to the bridge. "I say, chief," he cried, "I can't get this hooker to move! You'd better come and put her right! She won't shift either way!"
"No, sir," replied the engineer, "don't expect she will! We've been around this last hour!"

"Seat" You Brute



From the New York Evening Post.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD.

YOU CAN'T FOOL EVERYBODY.

ALL of us know what a pleasure it is to meet a person who is real—without pretensions, without affectations. Yet few of us ever allow ourselves to appear to others as really are. BE YOURSELF, is certainly good advice from the vernacular.

To affect a quality, and to plume yourself upon it, is just to confess that you HAVE NOT GOT IT.

Whether it is courage, or learning, or intellect, or wit, or a way with women, or riches, or social position, or whatever else it may be that a man boasts of, you may conclude by his boasting about it that that is precisely the direction in which he is rather weak.

For if a man possesses any faculty to the full, it will not occur to him to make a great show of affecting it; he is quite content to know that he has it.

This is the application of the Spanish proverb, "A plattering hoof is a nail gone."

OF COURSE, no man ought to let the reins go entirely loose and show himself just as he is, moles, scars, birthmarks and all.

There are, many of us know, well sides to our nature which require what Schopenhauer calls "the negative attitude of dissimulation," but this does not justify a positive feigning of qualities which are not there.

It should be remembered always that affectation is easily recognized, even before it is clear what is being affected. Affectation cannot last very long and one day the mask will fall off.

No one can preserve for long a fictitious character; for Nature will assert itself.

THERE is a maxim attributed to Napoleon, "Everything that is unnatural is imperfect."

It is a rule of universal application.

Poems That Live

OFF IN THE STILL NIGHT

Off in the still night,
Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me;
The smiles, the tears,
Of boyhood's years,
The words of love then spoken;
The eyes that shone
Now dimmed and gone,
The cheerful hearts now broken.
Thus in the still night,
Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

When I remember all
The friends so linked together
I've seen around me fall,
Like leaves in wintry weather,
I feel like one
Who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are dead,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed.
Thus in the still night,
Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

—Thomas Moore.

Other Views

THE AGE OF COMBINES.

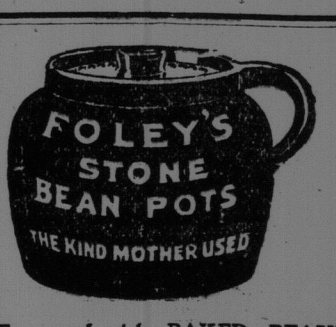
Quebec Action Catholique: Every body knows that the current of industrial centralization has set in strongly in our country; for some months now the City of Montreal has been debating a trust in bread, and in every domain of industrial production we are running rather than walking towards great monopolies. Trusts in production lead to trusts in finance, and the numerous fusions of banks which have occurred during the last few years prove to us that we are progressing by leaps and bounds.

CLASS GOVERNMENT.

Le Monde Ouvrier: It is an unfortunate fact that one class of society appears to be trying more and more to grab all candidatures and to imagine that outside of its cast no one has the necessary aptitude, or the desired intelligence to help on the administration of a country, and yet it is a notorious fact that men of the liberal professions are, as a general rule, very indifferent administrators and know appallingly little regarding the needs of industrial or mercantile, or to an even greater degree the needs of the working classes.

A NASTY COMPARISON.

Sherbrooke Tribune: It is not fair to draw a comparison between conditions in Canada and conditions in the United States, without taking into considera-



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Englishman Baths In Rain Out of Train Window

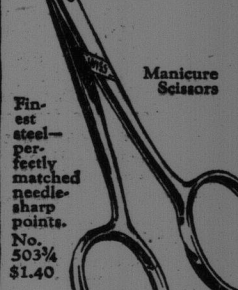
The other day the honest inhabitants on Voss, on the Oslo-Bergen Railway, were greatly shocked, says a dispatch from Oslo. The night train from Oslo, which passes that point at about 8 a.m., does not usually present anything sensational, but serves as an alarm for most of the blameless people living in this tiny town. But this time it was different. The rain was pouring in torrents. The tradesmen had just opened their shops and were waiting for their first customers. Then came the train, and, as quite natural, all eyes turned toward the railway line; only to be greeted by a truly astonishing sight. From one of the compartment windows a man was leaning out—quite naked. He had stepped right out of the window and was holding onto the roof of the carriage. There he remained, swaying on the edge, taking a bath in the fresh morning rain while the train was rushing along at more than 45 miles an hour. The nearest stationmaster was immediately advised by wire that the man must be mad. When the train stopped at the next station an official entered the compartment, only to find the man, still naked, sitting in his seat and humming a cheerful ditty while he shaved himself. He was quite normal. It was merely an Englishman who wanted his morning tub!

Letters to The Editor

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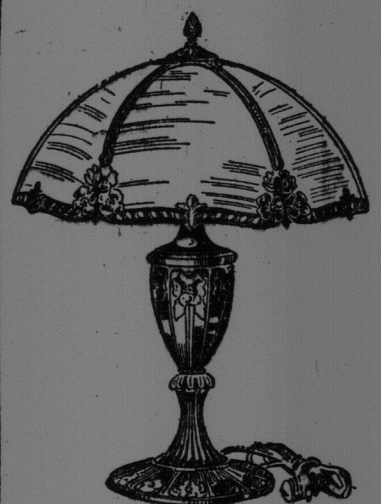


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membership of the Board of Censors of Moving Pictures that I had been chairman of said board, whereas as a matter of fact my connection with the board was only that of acting chairman which I had held for a period of six

months during the illness of our esteemed friends Dr. H. S. Bridges. My engagement, as you will see, was only of a temporary character, and it terminated in December, 1924.

JOHN B. JONES.
Saint John, Nov. 13, 1925.

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