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## AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION

The Attorney General of Saskatchewan has made a helpful suggestion to the Rotary Club of St. John—and others. It appears there was a suggestion that Rotary Clubs might lend assistance in the campaign against narcotic drugs by becoming a clearing house for information regarding the laws of the provinces relating to that subject. The Attorney General of Saskatchewan, when appealed to, along with the law officers of other provinces, pointed out in reply that there were no provincial laws, but only the federal statute. He mildly added, however, by way of suggestion, that the Rotary Clubs could very properly lend a hand in securing better enforcement of the prohibitory liquor laws of the provinces.

The point is well taken. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self." It stands for law observance and good citizenship. Why not jump in where there is real work to be done and the opportunity is so large? The prohibitory law in St. John is said to be openly and notoriously violated. There are said to be places where liquor is sold in violation of the law, and some of these have been long in business. The inspectors and police do not know and have not known about them, their powers of discernment are said to be easily at fault. It does not require exceptional powers of vision to see men much under the influence of liquor in the public streets, any day in the week, Sunday included. To put it mildly, prohibition enforcement in St. John is described as a howling farce. It is true that so long as large stocks of liquor are stored in the city the facilities for evading the law are many, but we are assured these stocks must be disposed of and this temptation removed before the end of the fiscal year. It should not, however, be necessary to wait until then to close up any well-known places where liquor is freely sold. Once it was understood that the lid must go on and stay on, a temptation would be removed from many weaklings whose families suffer through their indulgence. The point raised by the Attorney General of Saskatchewan is a practical one. The citizens can do it. They need leadership and organization.

## THE PORTS AND GRAIN.

While Halifax people are today pleased that a new grain elevator is to be erected there they are not unduly excited. It is realized that the mere construction of an elevator will not bring business. They have now an antiquated elevator with capacity for half a million bushels, and it has been of no particular benefit in recent years. Secretary Saunders of the Board of Trade says—

"The Board has been pushing for a modern elevator on the unit system, with a minimum capacity of a million bushels, to be constructed at the South End Terminals, with conveyors to each of the loading berths there. This would make it possible to load more than one ship at a time."

It is assumed this elevator will be completed for the trade of the winter of 1924-25, but in the meantime an effort will be made to get the one cent differential in favor of St. John and Portland removed. Not that Halifax can hope to rival St. John, but that it may be in a position to get more of the Canadian trade. The Chronicle frankly says—

"It may as well be admitted that Halifax will not become a competitor of St. John as a place of shipment for full grain cargoes or full cargoes of heavy freight. Halifax is pre-eminently a mail and passenger steamer port. Each such steamer will carry a certain portion of express freight to Canada, and can take away a limited quantity of grain and other freight. It is to the development of this business that Halifax may look."

The Chronicle points out that the new provision in the preferential tariff should stimulate shipping through Canadian ports, and benefit both St. John and Halifax; but contends the differential should be removed. In addition to carrying on an agitation for its removal the Chronicle says there is still something for Halifax to do, and that is to let the west know about the port. The example of Vancouver is cited in this connection, and the Chronicle says:

"Halifax could send representatives to all the grain-growers and grain-shipping centers of Canada, setting forth the advantages of Halifax as a shipping port. No effort worth the name has ever been made by Halifax to press its claims upon the vision and judgment of Canadian business men. Yet it must be done. No one else is responsible for such representations. That lies with ourselves."

This is such good counsel that St. John might well profit by it, and take steps to make the merits of this port better known to all western shippers and importers. Our neighbor will not rest content with the promise of an

elevator, since an elevator without grain is merely a costly ornament. And, obviously, if grain can be shipped over the C. N. R. to Halifax we should be getting a great deal more than we have ever got over that route to St. John. But for the C. P. R. our grain traffic in the past would not be worth talking about. St. John as well as Halifax has a work to do.

If a successor to Mr. Bonar Law could be found who would unite the Conservative party he would stand a better chance of holding the reins of power till the end of the parliamentary term. In naming the new Premier, however, the prophets are all at sea. Will it be Curran, or Baldwin, or a dark horse? Mr. Baldwin appears to be the favorite, because of his brilliant record in the last two or three years, but even he does not seem to be given the assurance of unanimous party support. Mr. Lloyd George must be viewed with a lively, not to say sardonic, interest.

The first forest fire of the season has occurred near The Narrows, Queens County, and has burned a house and barn. The blaze first appeared in an empty barn and is said to have been of incendiary origin. It spread to the adjacent woods and did considerable damage there. The utmost watchfulness should be exercised throughout the province for the next few months, to prevent the spread of fire and consequent destruction of valuable property.

Malcolm Bruce, the labor agitator who is wanted in Nova Scotia on the charge of sedition, turned up in his own city of Toronto last night, admitted for a seat in the Ontario Legislature. The Communists in Toronto are not troubled by trifles such as a proposal to drag the Union Jack in the mud. In the meantime why not bring Bruce to book for his alleged utterances in Nova Scotia?

The poet's wares are appreciated to their full value in a limited circle, but there is a vein of the poetic in the most prosaic among us. St. John heartily welcomes Blais Carman, and joins in the warm tribute paid him in an article by Rev. H. A. Cody, himself a writer of international fame, in today's issue of The Times.

"The waste on drink is worst of all," said Lloyd George recently to Manchester Liberals. "And no programme and no policy can be complete unless it puts forward proposals of a thorough character for eliminating the great waste produced by alcohol in the health and strength and happiness of the people of this land."

The ratepayers of Amherst have voted in favor of a supply of hydro-electric energy from the Economy River, the development to be made by the Provincial Hydro Commission. Thus another town has declared in favor of public development of water powers for the benefit of the people.

Greece appears to be ready for another war with Turkey. The last one did not turn out very well, and the Turk is stronger now than then. These ancient foes are not easily reconciled, but war is the last thing either should desire.

With the beginning of work on the civic distribution system and ornamental street lighting system St. John is appreciably nearer to the enjoyment of cheap light and power. A real system of street lighting will almost shock the people, but let the light shine.

Eggs from Ireland have been offered to Montreal buyers at thirty cents per dozen, delivered in that city. They already have New Zealand butter. Modern transportation makes many things practicable that formerly were impossible.

Our old friend the Marvale, formerly the Corsican of the Allan Line, has come to grief on the rocks on the Newfoundland coast. Happily her passengers and crew are safe. This steamship has sailed out of St. John for many winters.

Port Arthur opened its doors in warm welcome to the Dominion Council of the Navy League last week, and the comments of the press in that town show that the people of Central Canada realize very fully the importance of the navy to the Empire.

No doubt the suspended policemen now restored to duty have suffered somewhat in mind and pocket—but have they signed the pledge?

The eight patrolmen suspended two weeks ago have been reinstated. The night men went on duty last night, and the others will go on today.

## The Marriage Game

The Snappiest of Pastimes As Played to a Decision Every Day

By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hatton



### ADDRESSED TO SOME WHO THINK IT IS SO.

His Play:—What fools some women are. Nothing personal in that, but just a generalization. Do you know that a lot of women, when they think that the way to hold a man's interest is by keeping him guessing? It's a fact! There are a lot of artful Annes in this world who have the idea that if a man isn't sure of his sweetheart or his wife, he is just naturally bound to be a better tutor or husband. In the most preposterous notion that ever seeped into a feminine mind. A man who isn't sure of his beloved, whether he is married or not, is a man with suspicion gnawing at his vitals. It's all right for a while, but a man doesn't crave to worry his wife through life, he is likely to seek one who wants him to be sure of her. The marriage game is fifty-fifty and any man or any woman who tries to play it on any other basis is playing with dynamite. A woman who deliberately seeks to hold the affection of a man on any other basis is due for a lot of grief and loneliness. No man who cannot be sure of his kind of treatment if he has any spirit. And what woman wants a man who is too foolish to tag along after her, let's not sure he can depend on her loyalty and her love? You know the kind of fool woman who pursues that policy, don't you?

Her Counter-Play:—Of course, dear, you are right. Should I dispute it? The Referee:—All this today.

### PLUTARCH

On Reading His "Lives" (By Hope A. Thomson.)

Plutarch! Thou wert far wiser in thy day

Than we in ours, our progress seems as naught;

Yet Time, the tireless teacher, works away

Evolving brain and elevated thought.

To Evolution, law of all the spheres, A million rolling years are but as ferns.

Had mind evolved like matter down the years

Our modern sages would be gods, not men.

'Tis nigh two thousand years since Plutarch's day,

Yet Superstition clogs Progression's road.

For up the rocky slopes of Wisdom's way

How slow the turn of Evolution's wheels!

### BRITAIN'S LOST PENNY POST.

(Boston Herald.)

For many years the British took an honest pride in the penny post.

Their penny postage followed almost immediately by the first issue of postage stamps, in 1840. Up till then no "ordinary single letter" had been conveyed any distance of one to fifteen miles from a post office for less than four pence, or eight cents, and the rates rose to a shilling, twelve pence, or twenty-four cents for 300 miles, one penny or two cents for every additional 100 miles.

By the adoption of Rowland Hill's scheme Parliament did away with all these rates according to distance, and established a uniform penny rate throughout the United Kingdom, first for the half-ounce letter and afterward for the one-ounce letter.

But the world war killed the "penny post" and it has not yet been recreated. Attention is attracted to the matter now by the effort which the Government has made in its new budget to pare off some parts of the postage increases that have been made since 1914.

Expenditure, especially for payment of war debts, is still so great that the inland first-class letter, which for one ounce cannot be reduced from the existing three-halfpenny (three-cent) charge, but which is not being put under "foreign postage" will remain at three-halfpence up to one ounce, but will be one penny instead of three-halfpence for additional ounce.

Our postage for a one-ounce letter to Great Britain is only one cent, but the correspondents must pay three cents for its reply. The British foreign rate now comes down from six cents to five.

What could show more plainly how hard pressed the British are by their stupendous national debt than these tiny relief parings on postage? The burden is borne without a wince. That is one thing which must be said. And when we learn that \$1,045,890,000 of debt has been paid in the last four years, and see that for redemption of the budget carries \$200,000,000 this year, that \$225,000,000 will be provided for each of the next two years and that thereafter the debt redemption payments will be a good word for the "British pluck" that stands up to the giant task and means to carry it right through to the end. The penny post will come again.

### MAKING IT EASIER.

Fort William Times-Journal.

In making easier the contract terms under which 30,000 farmers purchased lands from the company the Canadian Pacific Railway put sand on the rails leading to economic readjustment. The farmer concerned will be on an easier basis, his outlook more cheerful, and his purse in better condition. No man harried by debt and interest can do his best work. All along the line the ripple of optimism should be felt, and in the natural course of events these ports will be included in the good cheer.

Mrs. H. E. Collier, Queen street, has announced the engagement of her sister, Ethel Beatrice Boyes, daughter of the late Connelly and Emma Boyes, to Charles Allen McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKee, of Rothesay, the wedding to take place on June 12.

## GLORIA SWANSON

IN NEW PICTURE

"My American Wife" a Wonderful Story Presented in an Interesting Way.

A Motion picture actress must often reverse, in practice, the theory of reincarnation, says Gloria Swanson, famous Paramount star.

And to prove that it can be done, she dons a bejewelled costume and headpiece, steps into a setting representative of the architecture of the Incas in South America and becomes to all appearances an Inca princess of hundreds of years ago.

The sequence is a cut-back vision in her latest Paramount picture, "My American Wife," which is being shown at the Imperial Theatre again today.

In a love scene between the girl and the man, played by Antonio Moreno, the hero points out an old portrait hanging on the walls of his castle to the public to need no special mention.

It is enough to say that she had a good part and was at her best in it. Gloria Adams, the leading man of the company, played the part of the most confirmed old bachelor whose heart was gradually won over by a child.

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Practical Pointers Concerning Wireless in all its Branches.

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Headphones are most sensitive when wound with the finest wire to give the greatest number of turns; copper is the best kind of wire used.

A Good Ground.

A wire from the front of the house to a pipe in the rear will not make so good a ground as a wire from a set down the side of the house to a pipe near the water meter.

Worth Knowing.

When using more than one stage of radio frequency amplification, the ways advisable to use a coupling device which will permit a wide separation between the stages, otherwise the tuning may be too broad.

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The lower a radio set is placed with respect to the aerial, the better the results obtained. For example, with the aerial 40 feet high, the set should be placed on the street floor instead of in the attic.

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According to experts, wireless waves do not run altogether in the air, they are really double, half in the earth and half above it, at no great distance. The waves hug the ground, and go around the bulge of the earth, instead of straight out into space.

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riage in doing it might well bring home a lesson to those who are always looking for the easy way. All the bachelors married in the end, and no one pays for what one gets in the long run.

Five local kiddies, trained by Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, played the parts of the orphan children really well. They were Rita McMahon, Frances McGillivray and three boys styled as Francis & Co. Little Miss McGillivray was especially good, showing promise of a real ability to play difficult parts.

John Gordon played the part of one of the bachelor club in the place of Charles Stevens, who died suddenly yesterday. He had a little difficulty on account of his lack of knowledge of the lines but carried off the part well, his breezy natural style helping a lot.

Sylvia Farness and Clement Taylor, as the only original pair of lovers in the play, carried on in the conventional, know-it-all attitude of an old couple very realistically. Doris Kelton, as the mother, had another part that suited her ability and gave her a chance for good interpretation. The part of the butler, long enough in the service of the family to have certain rights of speech, was played by Malcolm Arthur.

Bob Lynn, the recent arrival who is becoming better and better liked by the audiences on his every appearance, gave one of his characteristic good interpretations of his part as juvenile lead. The work of Miss Lillian Foster, playing opposite him, is well enough known to the public to need no special mention.

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