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LEAVING ST. JOHN OUT.

The Times understands that the Board of Trade is very properly taking up with Ottawa the absence of this port from a pamphlet, the chief feature of which is a map purporting to show Canada's ports and trade routes, issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, and which it is proposed to distribute at the British Empire Exhibition. The object of the pamphlet is to promote Canadian trade within the Empire. The information, it appears, was prepared in the Trade and Commerce department, the map drawn in the Department of the Interior, and the press work done in the Printing Bureau. This appears to leave the responsibility finally with the Department of Commerce, under the authority of which the pamphlet comes out. It should not be distributed without correction, and the cost of correction would be small, as the pamphlet, though it contains many striking facts about Canada's trade and products, is not of an expensive type.

Over the map, which is too small to be clear or rightly impressive, appears the line "The Routes of Trade Are the Channels of Empire—Keep Them Open," a worthy enough sentiment. An explanatory paragraph says that "Canada lies on the highway of world trade," that "from her great ports on the Atlantic and the Pacific Coasts she is able with equal facility to serve the markets of South Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand," and that "she has direct steamship sailings to the principal ports of the world." All of which is true.

On the map these great ports are supposed to be shown by dotted red lines connecting them with the various countries to and from which they have steamers sailing. Vancouver, Halifax, and the St. Lawrence route are fairly well brought out, but St. John and Quebec are invisible. As Canada is shown in red and the ocean lines are also in that color, and as an ordinary man's thumb would cover the habitable part of the Dominion on the map, the impression of omission and confusion is enhanced.

Now, as more than a dozen lines of ocean steamers connect St. John in the winter not only with the United Kingdom but also with South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the British West Indies and British Guiana in the Empire, and France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Cuba, South America and Pacific ports via the Panama Canal, any map of the character indicated ought, of course, give this port one of the thin red lines such as properly indicate Vancouver, Halifax, and the St. Lawrence route.

As a means of promoting Canadian trade within the Empire the pamphlet may rightly be credited with containing some excellent material. But the map is poor at best, and small as its cost is, the people of St. John pay their share of it—and find that their port is "not on the map."

The Board of Trade will no doubt proceed to pick a bone with the Minister of Trade and Commerce who officially fathers the production. These things are not deliberate, but they ought not to happen. The matter is not in any sense a political one but one of justice and efficiency, both of which, like St. John in the case of the map, are conspicuous by their absence.

PARKHURST AT EIGHTY-TWO.

When a Presbyterian clergyman made an extensive tour of New York's underworld in the nineties and bluntly told the public what he found, there was a storm of indignation which had far-reaching results. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst was denounced in some quarters and praised as a real crusader in others. Perjured testimony was brought forward to damn his personal character and his revelations. He shook Tammany Hall to its foundations by his exposure of its system of encouraging and taxing every form of vice, and an extensive reform movement was launched. Tammany recovered, as it always does, but the attempt to discredit Dr. Parkhurst failed.

He has just passed his eighty-second milestone, and though it is thirty odd years since he let loose the storm his birthday brought him stacks of congratulatory letters and telegrams. An interviewer who looked him up found a man whose hand is steady and whose mind is clear, and who "makes his way fearlessly and adroitly across Broadway at the peak of the afternoon traffic with a backward pitying glance for the youthful companion still clinging timorously to the curb." Dr. Parkhurst not only defies the years but looks ahead, not backward. "I am hard at work," he said. "This is a very live time—a time which should stimulate a man to put his best thought upon the problems of today for the sake of tomorrow. There is much to be done."

He expressed disgust and indignation because of the way in which Congress has handled the Japanese immigration question, saying that while a kind and conciliatory course was open,

Press Comment

HUSH! DON'T VEX HER. (Hamilton Herald.) Spring, thou art a laggard!

THE PEDESTRIANS' TURN.

The only time pedestrians have the right-of-way is when the ambulance is taking them to the hospital.

THE CUTS IN THE TARIFF.

(Manitoba Free Press.) And some they cheered, and some they muttered, Depending where their bread was buttered.

GO TOO OFTEN.

(Peterboro Examiner.) Mederic Martin of Montreal has succeeded in proving, just as the Congregational Church did in Toronto, that a pitcher can go too often to the well.

POLITICS AND FINANCE.

(Financial Post.) The situation now is that the public is willing to believe almost any rumor which may be started as to manipulation of Ontario's finances. The credit of the province will suffer if there has been graft, the grafters should be exposed. The lifting of a corner of the curtain has revealed too much to have it dropped again without a complete exposure of what lies behind.

RAIN-MAKING.

(Edmonton Journal.) Hatfield, the rainmaker, who took quite a bit of money out of the farmers near Medicine Hat some years ago on the strength of his reputed ability to produce the moisture which they were in very serious need, is out of luck at present in California. He has been operating in one section of the San Joaquin Valley. The best of the valley recently had the heaviest rainfall in many months, but there was hardly a sprinkle within the area for which he has a contract.

FIRST OR "BUST."

(Vancouver Sun.) Side by side in the news are two stories from the "great republic to the south of us."

One tells about the new American secretary of the navy, Curtis D. Wilbur, who wants to spend \$100,000,000 to make his country first among naval powers. The other story is from Kansas City and tells about Frank Ruffalo, champion spaghetti-eater of the world. Last night Frank met Joe Cassano of St. Louis, a fellow spaghetti-eater. Both of these gentlemen who wanted to be first among spaghetti-eaters are seriously sick today.

The day's news gives a cross-section of human nature. And that cross-section shows that human nature is pretty much the same in high and low, in government offices and in spaghetti parlors.

MILTON'S SATAN said that he would rather reign in hell than serve in heaven. That's what Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Ruffalo think, too.

STIMULATING CIVIC INTEREST.

(Vancouver Sun.) Plans for Vancouver's civic research bureau have been launched with enthusiasm by the four service clubs of the city.

The thing to do now is to make sure that all that enthusiasm does not peter out before the bureau is definitely established and put to work on the civic problems of this city.

Certainly, reports that come from other cities indicate that the civic research bureau plan should tend to increase enthusiasm rather than diminish it.

Calgary, for instance, recently announced a cut of 5.82 mills in her current tax rate. This reduction from 48.92 to 44 mills is said to be the result of the direct duty to the efforts of the Citizens' Research League in placing accurate information before the public and in building up in the public mind a real working knowledge of how civic efficiency could be attained.

Vancouver's immediate need for a civic research bureau does not arise from any inefficiency in the City Council, nor from any particular defect in our system of civic government, but from the simple fact that Vancouver is not attaining a metropolitan aspect in which the present machinery for maintaining an informed and intelligent public opinion in civic affairs must of necessity be reinforced.

DONALD SMITH AND SIR JOHN.

(Toronto Globe.) Scandal talk arising out of the current proceedings in Queen's Park naturally sets memories at work and old uprisings are recalled.

The record, not only for the amount involved, but for the political consequences, chief of which was the resignation and temporary retirement of the great Conservative chief, Sir John Macdonald. The scandal arose from the payment of a four-hour sum of money, \$35,000, to the Conservative campaign fund by Sir Hugh Allan of Montreal for the Canadian Pacific Railway syndicate, then planning a line across Canada.

Sir John was the storm centre of the scandal, but he bore himself with courage and cheerfulness. Sir George Cartier, who was largely concerned in the charges, was absent in London, where he died within a few weeks. A week after the charges were made in parliament by Lucius Seth Huntington, member for Sherbrooke, Sir John wrote a chery letter to Cartier, in which he said:

"The imprudence of Sir Hugh in this whole matter has amounted almost to insanity. His language has been as wild as his letters, and between you and me the examination must result greatly to his discredit."

A Royal Commission held a lengthy inquiry and the evidence made the fall of the government inevitable. Macdonald made a four-hour speech on Nov. 3, and tried once more to rescue the loyalty of his supporters.

"I throw myself upon this House," he said, "I throw myself upon posterity, and I believe and I know that notwithstanding the many failings in my life I shall have the voice of this country and this House rallying round me. And, sir, if I am mistaken in that, I can confidently appeal to a higher court—to the court of my conscience and to the court of posterity."

As the end of the debate approached there had been much concern over the attitude that might be taken by the determined Scotsman, Donald A. Smith, afterward known to fame as Lord Strathcona. Hon. Peter Mitchell, at Tupper's request, arranged an interview between Macdonald and Smith, with a view to a reconciliation. When

Smith came from Macdonald's room the failure of the purpose was evident. Mitchell says of the incident:

"I saw by the expression and color of his face that he was very much excited, and I feared it was all up with us. Mr. Smith came along to where I sat and said to me:

"Oh, Mitchell, he's an awful man, that. He has done nothing but swear at me since I went into that room."

"Mr. Smith said: 'I don't want to vote against your government, and particularly on your account, Mr. Mitchell, because you have always treated me very fairly, but there is nothing else for me to do, and I will have to do it.'"

Donald Smith's arraignment of the government that night marked the turning point, and the government resigned next day.

THE FIRST SINGING.

(Katharine Tynan in London Observer) When I shall come some evening to God's house on the hill, I ask no singing angels by lute or windfall.

Nor any harp or cithern, but only the wild song The thrush and the blackbird sang when I was young.

Give me no fadeless Summer and no high heaven's wreath, But the year in its seasons and new life after death, And in the heart of Winter the joys that were made new.

And the blackbird singing on a rim-pale tree.

O Paradise skies, be cloudy sometimes lest I should pine For the soft mists and raining in that old land of mine, And the blackbird singing bravely amid the dripping boughs, And the thrush with his talking of a love-lit house.

I should miss, 'mid the tuning of the high heavenly wreath, The song of the blackbird telling my heart's desire, Amid the joy and glory and the old world made new.

The thrush for the blackbird would break my heart in two.

I think where I'll be doing the Lord will not forget

The joys He gave His people; sure He'll remember yet! He'll keep a cloud, a raining upon the blue and gold,

And the thrush and the blackbird their songs in the cold.

THE DOORWAY.

(Faith Baldwin in N. Y. Times) I wonder if the Doorway of Paradise, that Paradox of quiet, homely folk who love time-mellowed wood and gleaming brass

And great simplicities—shall be like this Old Doorway of an ancient house that sets

Its sunny face to still, tree-bordered paths, And, with its sturdy feet in garden paths, dreaming, toward the hilltops

Looks, dreaming, toward the hilltops and the sea;

A friendly door, the little sweetly worn uneven by the feet of eager years;

A door that reaches out like blessed arms In lovely welcome.

Birds are not too shy To venture on this sill with miming steps, And apple blossoms in the wistful Spring

Lie, as a carpet, there.

A door that stands Wide to the sun and happy air, and has The color and dreams of memories,

Of love and laughter, children's drowsy smiles And fine tradition.

Look beyond and see The careful rooms that wait on weariness, With flowers gentle, or, on frosty

Gallant with flames upon the blackened hearth.

Oh, surely Heaven's just such a door, As open as God's heart.

A well-beloved face, and steeped in peace,

That simple folk who enter in may say, Forgetting the bewilderment of death,

"How good it is, how comforting and dear,

This waiting door, this guarding door of Home!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Busy Bobby Little Bobby came crying into the house, rubbing the places where he had been bitten by a pet sheep.

"But what did you do?" his mother demanded, "when the sheep knocked you down?"

"I didn't do nothing," Bobby declared, protestingly. "I was getting' up all the time!"—Onward.

One of The Family

Margaret was maid of all work in the Bradley family, the members of which are given to quarreling. One morning Margaret sought her mistress and tendered her resignation. Mrs. Bradley was depressed and loath to part with so excellent a servant.

"And are you really going to leave us, Margaret?" she asked sadly. "What is the matter? Haven't we always treated you as one of the family?"

"Yes, mum," replied the girl, "an Olive shooed it as long as O'm gonn' to mum."—"Everybody's magazine for May."

Ingratitude.

The old Scotchwoman had put herself to the considerable inconvenience of going a few miles on foot to see a sick friend, and, on her arrival, the alarming symptoms had subsided.

"And how are ye the day, Mrs. Crawford?" she inquired in breathless anxiety.

"Oo, I'm quite weel now, thank ye, Mrs. Gosser," was the reply.

"'Gude weel!" exclaimed the breathless visitor indignantly. "Quite weel—after ye comin' sear far to see ye?"—Yorkshire Post.

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GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS. Once the idol of Russia and the famous commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, who is living in a small country house near Paris, guarded by a few Cossacks who were part of his staff during his campaigns in Russia. He is living the life of a recluse.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COSTS

The following statement submitted by the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of the City of Saint John, as to the estimated annual cost to the city of establishing, equipping and maintaining a VOCATIONAL SCHOOL in the City of Saint John, is published by order of the Common Council of the said city for the information of the electors of the said city who may cast their vote at the Final Civic Election on Monday the 28th day of April instant when the plebiscite will be taken as to whether or not they are in favor of establishing, equipping and maintaining a Vocational School in the City of Saint John.

Building—		
Architect's estimate	\$350,000.00	
Less government aid	\$7,500.00	\$262,500.00
Equipment—		
Estimate	\$100,000.00	
Less government aid	\$5,000.00	\$95,000.00

Initial outlay	\$312,500.00
Annual cost of carrying above liability, based on a 25 year issue, of 5 p.c. bonds sold at par	\$812.50
Interest, 5 p.c. on \$812,500.00	\$15,625.00
Sinking fund at .020986	6,547.64
Teachers' salaries per itemized sheet attached	19,860.00
Janitor and help	1,000.00
Fuel and light	2,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00
	\$46,032.64

N.B.—The above statement does not include the purchase of land, repairs to building, or water rates.

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THE BEST WAY OUT

Blessed is the peacemaker! A demonstration of the peaceable solution of difficulties was witnessed this week in the offices of the New Brunswick Power Co., when the result of a crash between a street car and an automobile in Dock street was amicably straightened out between the owner of the automobile and the company official of the car asked for compensation for a damaged mud guard.

It appeared that he had turned out into the street car tracks to pass another automobile standing at the curb and the tram ran into the rear of his car. He contended that the street car operator did not give him a warning bell. The motorman asserted that the automobilist turned out without a warning signal. The fender of the street car was demolished, as well as the auto's mudguard.

They were deadlocked on the matter when another official of the company sat in as arbitrator. He expressed the view that the responsibility for the accident seemed to be shared by both drivers; they saw the point of the decision and agreed. So everybody was satisfied and happy.

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RICHARDS AND PINDER PRAISED

The Opposition party in the Legislature held their final caucus of the session at noon on Thursday, with John L. Peck, permanent chairman, presiding.

A resolution of thanks to C. D. Richards, House leader, for his efforts on behalf of the party during the session and expressing confidence in his leadership was passed also one expressing appreciation of the long services for his party of James K. Pinder, nestor of the House. Mr. Pinder, who celebrated his 83rd birthday a few days ago, was visibly affected and spoke feelingly in reply. Mr. Richards also expressed his appreciation of the loyal support the Opposition members had given him during the session.

New Language

It's tough to be in a crowd of radio and Mah Jong fans when you understand only English—Brooklyn Eagle.

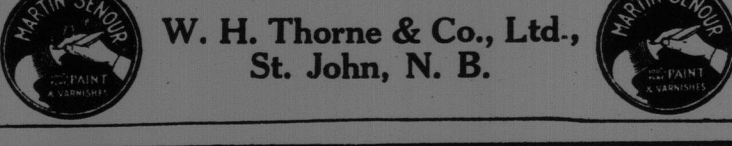
LESS CRIME THIS APRIL.

The month of April 1924 has been a far less busy one for the police department than was the same month of 1923. Last year during the month there was 110 arrests for various crimes and this year only about one-third of that number have been made. The number of arrests for drunkenness are also less than they were for last year.

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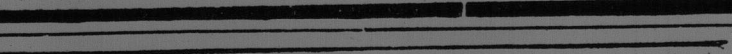
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