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## THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Dr. Bridges, superintendent of schools, has never advocated radical changes or unnecessary expenditure for school purposes. His views have been conservative rather than aggressive. When he tells the citizens, therefore, that they need a vocational high school and should seize the present opportunity to get very substantial help in building, equipping and conducting it, his counsel should carry great weight.

What are the facts? In the industrial area such a school would serve there are 8,216 pupils in grades lower than their ages would warrant, and the retardation ranges from one to six years. If we had a pre-vocational course for children twelve to fourteen years, and then a vocational high school, the curriculum would meet their needs and ability. But there are over 2,000 children between twelve and seventeen years of age who are not in school at all, and of these 1,215 apparently are neither in school or at work. If this is correct, and we may safely assume it is substantially so, both our curriculum and our compulsory attendance law fall short.

A pre-vocational course and a vocational high school would keep these children in school and greatly advance those who are retarded. Not only this, but young people would get the kind of training that would fit them for industrial and business life, and St. John is looking forward to industrial expansion as a result of cheap power and the advantage of location for manufacturing for export. The economic argument in favor of the vocational school is conclusive.

Our present school buildings are overcrowded. We must have more accommodation. Would it not be the height of folly to wait a year or two and then construct another school building at our own expense when we can get a vocational school that would at once relieve the pressure on other buildings, and have the government pay 25 per cent. of the cost of the building, 50 per cent. of the cost of equipment and 60 per cent. of the salaries when it was in operation? The cultural studies would not be neglected in the vocational school, but the vocational would be added.

The time is ripe, the need is urgent, the opportunity is favorable. There can be no colorable excuse for hesitation or delay. The vocational committee should at once be assured of the solid support of the citizens, and should proceed to plan for the new building.

## NEED OF HEALTH WORKERS.

The fact that the Rockefeller Foundation is to pay the cost of medical inspection in New Brunswick schools for two years, and that an appeal is now being made for the training of more public health nurses lends a local interest to the following paragraph from the New York Times.

"A forecast of the probable number of public health workers needed in the next ten years in the United States calls for 20,000 persons. Discussing this phase of the fight against disease, George E. Vincent, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, in his annual report says that there are already 10,000 at present engaged in this work in the United States under Federal, State and municipal or county auspices. In Great Britain probably an equal number are giving their time to the work of preventive medicine. The number in the service of non-governmental agencies of all kinds can scarcely be estimated, but may represent nearly as many more. The self-governing dominions employ a considerable number of professional sanitarians. In continental Europe health organization has not as a rule reached so high a degree of development as in the British Isles, says the report, but in many tropical countries, such as India, Java, the Philippines, both curative and preventive medicine is administered by corps of trained government officials. In all parts of the world there is an increasing demand for men and women competent to do different kinds of public health work."

If in the United States the number of public health workers must be doubled in ten years the like is true of New Brunswick. Running over the list of those now engaged in this work Dr. Vincent says:

"The list now includes officers and chiefs who are in general charge, sanitary engineers, laboratory directors, specialists in statistics of birth, sickness and death, field experts in the control of epidemics, administrators of clinics, hygienists for infants, medical inspectors of school children, mental hygienists and psychologists, leaders in

health education for schools and the general public, visiting nurses, laboratory technicians, food and sanitary inspectors."

It is pointed out that only in the last few years have special opportunities for public health training been available in the United States, and Dr. Vincent says: "The future of preventive medicine depends upon drawing first-class men and women into the profession and giving them efficient, modern, specialized training and supervised practical experience." Most of the students in the past have taken up curative medicine, and young men attending medical colleges still show "ignorance, indifference, and even antipathy with respect to a career in public health work." They say—"It is not a socially recognized, clearly professional calling; there are no special schools for adequate training; tenure and promotion depend not on merit but political 'pull'; salaries are meagre; the private practice of curative medicine is more reputable, independent, profitable and satisfying." To this Dr. Vincent replies:

"Preventive medicine has already gained the status of a profession and is making rapid progress in public favor. At least two special schools of high rank are offering a thorough and appropriate training. An increasing number of important posts are freeing themselves from the trammels of 'spoils politics.' The salary received by a health officer of full rank probably exceeds the income of the average private practitioner. Private practice has many disadvantages; excessive overtime and night work, poor collections, the necessity of dunning patients, little chance to study, constant economic pressure, a heavy burden of unpaid service, competition with quacks and charlatans, temptation to surrender scientific ideals. Public health service, on the other hand, is making a strong appeal to men and women of imagination, courage and social spirit just because it does not involve most of these things and offers many positive attractions."

Dr. Vincent admits, however, that there is need of an educative campaign, and says: "Public ignorance and indifference, invidious comparisons, lack of sound training in many officials, and prejudice against law enforcement, delay the full appreciation of what preventive medicine means to society. The establishment of adequate schools has been a recent event. A few disheartening instances of political tampering with health departments have occurred of late. It is also true that the level of pay is far too low. Even the few health salaries suffer painfully in comparison with the annual income of leading private consultants and surgeons."

It is a realization of the need for training health workers and to test methods that the Foundation has co-operated with state or other agencies engaged in this work and has aided such colleges as have already or want facilities for such training. In looking over the field, and after having been appealed to by Hon. Dr. Roberts and surveyed this province, the Foundation saw an opportunity to make a test in the matter of medical school inspection and has provided the funds.

## RUMORS AND FACTS.

Next week will see in St. John the beginning of practical work to get for St. John the benefits of hydro without a surrender to the New Brunswick Power Company, or it will see the beginning of a bigger agitation than marked the civic election campaign. Rumors are flying thick and fast as to what the power company hope to get, and as to why they hope. These rumors may all be unfounded, but they are having their effect in arousing public interest to a higher pitch, and stiffening the determination of the people at large to brook no surrender. The power company has two very able gentlemen on the job. They know every rule of the game. They are argumentative, plausible, persuasive, insistent, artful, and endowed with rare patience when that virtue seems necessary. They graduated from the novice class many moons ago. They have lived with the "innocent investor" until the mere mention of his name starts the ready tear. If, however, they have persuaded themselves to believe that St. John people have short memories, and are yearning to sacrifice their own interests, it is but a dream that will have a troubled awakening in the cold grey dawn of enlightenment. The city must be ready to get on with its distribution system. That is the answer to any preposterous proposal from the power company. It is understood that Mr. Kirby's estimate is about ready to be submitted in detail, and that it will be well below the original on which the people voted in the civic elections. The stage is set—now for the first act.

Boy Shot Playing With Cartridge. Middletown, N. Y., July 22.—While Michael Paterno, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paterno of New York, was playing at the house of Frank Bonato in Ottville, near here, he found a revolver cartridge. He and other small boys tried to investigate its contents with a nail and a stone. The cartridge exploded and the bullet entered his left lung. His condition is serious.

## SIR GEORGE PARKIN.

When a great tree goes down beneath the weight Of its own years, with all its leaves dying, And branches pointing unto Heaven, There is no sorrow—only a sense of loss. A groping for new shade, a hunt for new leaves. Lost to the one swift avalanche of leaves. And so when a great man goes out the door, Urged by his own magnificence of years, There should not be a sorrow or a tear. Only a loneliness, the groping for a hand, The waiting for a word that does not come.

This mighty figure of life is built of Some loud, resounding; some quiet as light, Some that seem discord until our hearts are tuned to the advancing harmony of Time. When Parkin went he left a gap in rhythm Of the great song. His going was a loss To civility and the fine-mannered years Stumbled into his sleep. On a friend of foe He cast no shadow of intolerance, And took no way of thinking with a warmth Or disagreed you as a gentleman.

O Youth, I have your fire; my life is wine; May I keep this forever; it is good. But sometimes I have seen in an old How wine hath mellow with the drags of time. Here was one whose flow of soul had welled In the cool cellars of near eighty years, A flavor of great richness. Lay him down, This first of our young land, And fold about him that bright cloth of gold Which all his days have woven for this hour. —Wilson MacDonald in Toronto Saturday Night.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Realized at Last. She—Have any of your boyish ambitions been realized? He—Yes, they have. My mother used to cut my hair I often wished I might be bald-headed.

Situation Safe. Wife (away from home)—"Horror! I forgot to turn off the electric iron!" Husband—"It's all right. Nothing will burn long—I forgot to turn off the water in the bathtub."

A Splendid Change. "I understand Mr. Peckton has taken up golf?" "Yes, and it has made a new man out of him." "The exercise?" "Not exactly. After years of subjection in the home it would do your heart good to see the way he worries a caddy."

"On With the Dance." At a country dance in Alabama, when the fiddlers had resigned their bows and taken their places on the platform, the floor manager said: "Get 'ya partners for a cotillion," he shouted imperiously. "All 'ya ladies an' gemen take 'ya shoes off! All 'ya ladies an' gemen take 'ya shoes off! An' 'ya ladies an' gemen take 'ya shoes off! An' 'ya ladies an' gemen take 'ya shoes off!"

## LOCAL NEWS

The case in which George Galbraith is charged with having liquor unlawfully come up yesterday afternoon in the local police court. No evidence was taken yesterday and the case was postponed until Monday afternoon. A deposit of \$800 was put up by the defendant for his appearance.

The contract for the painting of the Fairville schools was awarded to George H. West of Lancaster Avenue, West End, at a meeting of the trustees of the Fairville schools held last night. The West's figures were considerably lower than those of his Fairville competitors. Work will begin just as soon as the buildings have been sufficiently repaired for the painting to be done. The chairman, J. J. Hennessey presided at last night's meeting.

The Douglas Avenue Christian church held a very successful picnic at Crystal beach yesterday. The pleasure-seekers left the city on the D. J. Purdy at 8:15 in the morning and 2:30 in the afternoon, the sail on the river being much enjoyed by the picnickers. Dinner and supper were served on the grounds and sports and games were indulged in, including running, swimming and other games of skill. J. McEwen was in charge of the sports, and the dinner and supper tables were supervised by Mrs. H. Currie.

No mails, passengers or express matter from north shore points arrived on the afternoon express from Halifax yesterday because of a blockade between Bathurst and Campbellton. A freight train was wrecked near Charlottetown, and the track was torn up for a long distance. Nine cars were derailed and it required much hard work to remove the wreckage and restore the tracks.

## MASONIC VISITS.

Moncton Times.—J. D. B. F. MacKenzie of Chatham, prov. grand master of the Masonic order, accompanied by J. T. Hart of St. John, grand secretary, were in the city yesterday afternoon, accompanied by J. P. Stratton, dist. dep. grand master, they left for Shediac where they paid an official visit to the local lodge of that place last night. They will visit Port Began on Thursday evening and Richibucto on Friday evening, thus concluding their official visits to this part of the province.

## WHERE STRIKES STRIKE.

Belleville Intelligencer.—All strikes hit the poor first of all, because the poor are without defense against sudden changes in the regular order of things. Those who have a bank account, and have a little put by for a "rainy day," are not immediately affected by strikes, and in all probability their livelihood is secure by reason of their fixed position in business concerns. It is the man who is employed from day to day that suffers first, last, and all the time by strikes that are instituted in his name.

## Man in the Street

A contemporary prints a musical note to the effect that Long Beach mosquitoes are taking up community singing. From the appearance of our shins the other evening it was apparent that they had also taken up community singing.

Colored pullman car porters are being taught to sing for passengers. Another argument in favor of travel by water.

A writer in the New York Post wants to know who started the jazz. More to the point—who's going to stop it?

The children of Huarez, Mexico stormed the city hall the other day when they found the schools closed and asked that they be opened. "Member we used to get awful sore too when we were forced to take a holiday."

Member of the British House of Commons would punish girls who put up their hair before they are sixteen. Over on this side college heads and others raise Cain if girls over sixteen shear their locks to meet fashion's decree. "Us Girls" certainly have our troubles.

Austria plans a forced loan. We've occasionally felt that way ourselves.

"I had faith in that watch," said the suburbanite as he watched the city-bound train disappear around the curve near the station.

"Yes, but what is faith without good works," replied the stationmaster, as he jumped another trunk on to the platform.

Guard beaten up by nine policeman, says head line in New York paper. Beaten up is right.

Italy This Time Count that day lost whose low descending sun Sees no Old World cabinet on the run.

Some St. John girls would be quite willing to sacrifice their complexion for a few days of the weather.

A man's fifth wife is suing him for divorce. Page Henry VIII or King Solomon.

Headline—"Mr. Beers will open in St. John."...Hooray!

Edison is still busy on the phonograph. Must be some relation to the girl on our line.

The daily newspapers will have their little joke, such as "Weather Fine and Warm."

How To Start A Laundry Business. Memorize the names in the stories of San Yat Sen versus Chen Chung Ming, go to a restaurant and eat chop suey, learn to talk in a cultured way, and you will be ready to wield a flat iron.

A man using a morning glory to hide a yawn reminds us of another man who was caught in a thunderstorm trying to shelter under one of the trees in German street.

"Mercury Ran Up to Seventy-Two"—This is said to have happened yesterday. What frightened it out of its accustomed place?

SASKATCHEWAN IS AT WORK ON WHEAT BOARD BILL Regina, Sask., July 22.—(By Canadian Press)—First reading was given in the legislature yesterday afternoon to a bill to confer certain powers upon the Canadian wheat board. It gives the board power to control the buying and selling of wheat in the province, by license or otherwise, and to exact bonds from the licensees. Other necessary powers for the board to handle the entire wheat crop of the province are included, and provision is being made for the provincial government to give still further powers should they at any time be found necessary.

SACKVILLE PERSONALS (Sackville Tribune) Charles MacCreedy of the Royal Bank staff, left Tuesday for Canoe, where he will visit for a few days.

Mrs. A. E. Richardson and daughters, Alva and Christina of Somerville, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Richardson's sister, Mrs. Samuel Richardson.

Mrs. H. W. McKel and son, George, left last week for Magdalen Island, Que., where they will spend part of the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Beckett left last week for St. John to visit the former's mother, Mrs. Arthur L. Beckett, and children of North Abington, Mass., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brooks, Middle Sackville.

BRITISH INCOME TAX London, July 10. To the Editor of The Times: Sir—A short time ago you were good enough to insert a letter for me on the subject of British income tax. As a result I have had the pleasure of answering inquiries from many of your readers and have been instrumental in pointing out to them how they could recover the tax which has been deducted from income received from this country. In many cases readers were under the impression that they could not claim the securities which were held in the names of persons residing in this country.

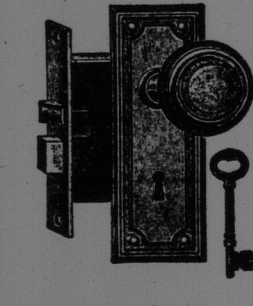
It has occurred to me that there may be others in a like position who are still under the impression that they have no claim for repayment. I should like to point out to such persons that every British Subject, who received income which has suffered deduction of tax in this country may recover the whole or part thereof irrespective as to whether the securities stand in their own names or not.

By the last finance act the income tax was reduced from 6s to 5s in the £ and the recipients of income from this country should take care that the tax is deducted at the lower rate in future. Any further information I shall be pleased to submit. Yours faithfully, S. J. KING.

Room 41 Langhouse Chambers, 17 Fenchurch street, London, E. C. 3, England.

MATTHEW O'CONNELL DRAD. Matthew O'Connell, who had his leg severed in an accident on the elevator of the Waterbury & Rising wholesale warehouse yesterday morning about eight o'clock, died last night at 10:30 as a result of the injury.

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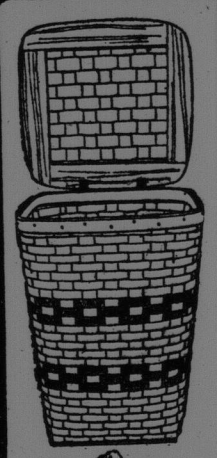
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## SHIPMATES OF 21 YEARS AGO MEET

Pilot Percy Shadforth and Captain Agnew Again Renew Friendship.

(Victoria Colonist) There is on corner of the globe but has its familiar faces for the mariner, according to Captain Agnew, master of the Blue Funnel steamer Talthybius, in port yesterday from the Orient. Friends and one-time shipmates of the seagoer, he says, often crop up when least expected. In proof of his contention, he harks back with a story to the days, twenty-one years ago, when he last visited these waters.

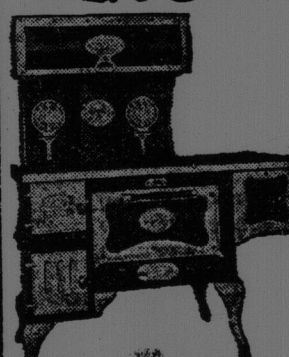
In November, 1901, the British sailing vessel Santa reached Victoria from England, on route to Stevenson, on the Fraser River. Apprentice on the ship was a lad by the name of Agnew. The second mate was named Percy Shadforth. The next time that the former apprentice saw Victoria was two months ago, when Captain Agnew, crossing from New York to Seattle, by rail, joined the Talthybius at Seattle for a year's service on the Pacific. As the vessel approached Victoria, outboard to the Orient on her last voyage, she was met as usual off the breakwater by the pilot boat of the British Columbia Pilotage Association. The pilot, Captain Percy Shadforth, climbed aboard, to discover in the master of the vessel his shipmate on the Santa of 21 years ago, while the one-time apprentice on the sailor was no less surprised to find in his pilot none other than his former second mate.

"It's quite a long time since I was here on the Santa," said Captain Agnew yesterday, when recalling the incident. "Captain Shadforth has changed very little, however, and I recognized him at once. I had neither seen nor heard of him since he left the Santa 21 years ago."

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