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THE C. P. R. AND ST. JOHN.

St. John has known many banquets, but none more successfully carried out than the luncheon given yesterday by President Beatty of the Canadian Pacific in the great dining room of the steamship Montclare. There was a touch of Canadian Pacific thoroughness about it, which seemed to impart itself to the speakers; for they kept themselves well within bounds in the time taken up by their addresses. From the moment each of the hundreds of guests placed his foot on the gangway to board the steamer he found both service and efficiency, such as only a perfect organization could have rendered. The Canadian Pacific does not do things by halves.

It was most agreeable to note the spirit of the assembled guests. They were keenly interested, and quick to applaud the expression of optimistic views regarding the future. The references made by the local speakers to the great railway and its services to this city, the province and the Dominion, must have convinced President Beatty that the city and province fully appreciate the value of those services in the past and that they desire the most harmonious relations to continue.

President Beatty, in behalf of the Canadian Pacific made two striking observations. One was that the relation between the city and company is that of a partnership, and the other was that in order to compete successfully with rival ports St. John must have adequate facilities and must be made as nearly a free port as possible. With these assured, the future of St. John as a great port in the future was not in his mind a debatable question. This, from the head of the great railway system, is testimony of the highest value. Mr. Beatty insists, however, that the city must remain very much alive to the need of continued effort on its own part to bring about the desired conditions. In that work, he assured the citizens, the Canadian Pacific would heartily co-operate; and he added that, after his conference yesterday with members of the City Council and Board of Trade, he had no doubt all matters arising between the city and company could be promptly and amicably adjusted. This assurance cannot but be a source of gratification in St. John.

President Beatty is emphatic in the view that Canada needs more ports. Beyond that he did not discuss the question of immigration, but he made another remark which is worthy of the serious attention of civic, provincial and federal authorities; and it was that for a few years expenditures should be expended to what is absolutely essential, in order that the country may reach the point where taxation may be reduced and Canada made a more desirable place for home-seekers, and for her own people as well. Many leaders in financial affairs have expressed similar views of late, and it is well to have the thought implanted in every mind. If any attended the luncheon anticipating a definite announcement of some new departure by the railway company in relation to St. John, they came away disappointed, but they must have been impressed by the term partnership as used by Mr. Beatty, his declaration of faith in a great future for the port and his assurance of a desire on the part of the company to co-operate and assist; while the generally optimistic nature of his address was a stimulant to any enterprising of gloomy views regarding the future.

Sir Douglas Haden was particularly happy in his address, reviewing in brief the story of the Canadian Pacific and the winter-port agitation in which as a member of Parliament representing this constituency he took an important part thirty years ago, and again in the later period of harbor development. His graceful allusion to Mr. Beatty as the worthy successor of Lord Mount-Stephen, Sir William Van Horne and Lord Shaughnessy was especially appropriate and heartily applauded.

Premier Veniot once more proved himself an optimist so far as New Brunswick is concerned, and some companions here made fully justified his claim that no province had come in better shape through the period of depression. His reference to our resources and their value, and his appeal to all business men to manifest their confidence in the future of New Brunswick were very fitting to the occasion.

Mayor Fisher spoke also in a cheerful vein, as the city's spokesman, and President George E. Barbour of the Board of Trade gave Mr. Beatty the assurance of the very earnest desire of the business community to co-operate with the Canadian Pacific for mutual benefit and the advancement of the port.

One result of President Beatty's visit to St. John should be a more confident feeling with regard to the future of the port; and another should be a more determined effort to bring about whatever changes and improvements are necessary to attract an ever growing traffic. The illustrated book presented to every guest yesterday should, as

Dr. Blackadder died, on Dec. 4 of last year by a by-election was held. The result was—R. C. Finn, Liberal, 8,608; J. J. Power, Conservative, 4,796; J. J. O'Connell, Labor, 2,409.

In yesterday's contest there was no labor candidate, and in a straight contest the Conservatives won by a very large majority.

In 1896 and again in 1900 Halifax elected a Conservative and a Liberal; in 1904, two Liberals; in 1906, two Conservatives; in 1911, a Conservative and a Liberal; in 1917 (Union Government) two Liberals by acclamation; and in 1921 two Liberals in a three-cornered contest.

Now the constituency is again represented by a Liberal and a Conservative. It is said the Labor vote was cast yesterday for the Conservative candidate. At all events there has been a remarkable change in two years. All through this campaign the Conservative speakers laid particular emphasis upon the charge that the interests of Halifax and the Maritime Provinces had been sacrificed, and that the Government was indifferent to the appeals for a fair interpretation of the pledges made to these provinces at the time of Confederation. Yesterday's result is an odd sequel to the great reception given Hon. W. S. Fielding only the other day, and that given Hon. McKenna King on his return from the Imperial Conference. It will greatly intensify public interest in the by-election in Kent County, and we may expect to see prominent men of both parties campaigning there from now until polling day. A "certain liveliness" has been injected into the political situation that will create a nation-wide interest. Among those who will regard the Halifax result with a good deal of complacency is Hon. Mr. Baxter, who was called to the fray in support of the Opposition cause, and made a slashing attack upon the Government and the Liberal members from the Maritime Provinces.

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Press Comment

WAR'S AFTERMATH.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

There is a well-authenticated story that, just prior to America's entry into the World War, in the course of a conversation between two respectable ladies concerning the prospects, one of them said to the other, "Oh, I hope we get into it, because if we do, brother, a real, everything money." Nor were these two individuals by any means unversed, because this very same perverted belief of things appearing to prosper, everything money, was the result of the mental fabric of thousands of other perfectly estimable people, who seemed to be caught in the glamour of the war thought, and to forget, as a result, everything except the mercenary advantages which were likely to accrue to them or theirs through the wartime activities. Moreover, an extraordinary feature of the situation was the utterly inexcusable recklessness which apparently possessed many of those responsible for the disbursement of government funds, so that it has since been discovered that millions of dollars were deliberately wasted in needless fields of endeavor.

Recently, in connection with the disposal of some of the buildings, etc., at Camp Devens, it has been charged that a score or so of men have enriched themselves, by actual stealing and similar methods, to the extent of many thousands of dollars. This afterwards is but another aspect of the same distorted sense of things.

What all this indicates is the fact, which must be apparent to any who will consider the matter for a few moments, that one of the seemingly inevitable consequences of war is a peculiar dulling of the moral sense.

GOOD SAMARITAN, AMERICAN STYLE.

(New York Times.)

Secretary Hughes has strongly reiterated his desire, and the desire of the American Government and people, to help Europe out of her troubles. Again and again, as in his address at New Haven last December, his reply to Lord Curzon on Oct. 16 and his speech last Saturday, he has affirmed and praised our predominantly "humanitarian purposes." But now another opportunity to aid has been laid before him, differing only in a slight degree from the plan which he was ready to accept a month ago, but it is reported at Washington that he is not disposed to accept it. At any rate, it is to be studied with the utmost care, examined in every nook and cranny of it, lest there be found lurking there some trap for our unwary feet. The country is given clearly to understand that the State Department is not going to be betrayed into any act of rash benevolence.

Had the Good Samaritan been actuated by such motives, with a skilled and cautious lawyer at his elbow, what a case he could have made out for doing nothing in behalf of the robbed and banished traveler on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho! Bind up the poor fellow's wounds? Yes, but how would one know that it could be done in a safe and anti-septic manner? The rescuer might get infected himself, and that would never do. And before putting up the beaten and penniless man at the inn, many legal questions and dangerous liabilities would have to be looked into. Unless he got a carefully drawn contract from the landlord, the Good Samaritan might be in for a thumping bill. And he certainly couldn't forget for a moment the suspicious politicians back in Samaria who might detain him the next time

he ran for office if they could show that he had foolishly been led into an imprudence by generous emotions and a warm heart.

MAKING CHRISTIANITY EFFECTIVE.

(Vancouver Sun.)

Christianity, on this North American continent can never attain maximum efficiency until the prediction of Hon. Newton W. Rowell at Toronto that a church union movement to embrace all Christian churches will shortly be undertaken, is fulfilled.

The Christian religion has only one fundamental tenet—service to mankind. The carrying out of that one command need involve no credal differences. Indeed, the more Christian it is split up into churches and sects, the further away do those various sects seem to get from the one Christian fundamental.

The separation of Christianity into many sects is directly responsible for the several recent charges of heresy preferred against ministers in the United States. In no case where the heresy charge has been preferred has evidence been adduced to show that the defendant was opposed to the one Christian axiom of service. All defendants were merely opposed to details of creed. But the net result of these prosecutions has been to weaken the effectiveness of Christianity. The core of religion has been sacrificed for the purpose of maintaining the arbitrary forms of religious expression.

PRISON LABOR.

(La Patrie.)

"The incident of the local judge who condemned a man to prison instead of to the penitentiary is a good illustration of the error of the jail might obtain the advantage of the prisoner's services as an experienced accountant, may be fairly invoked by this way, in the interests of women and children who suffer through the family breadwinner being condemned to prison, maintain that all prisoners should be assigned to the maintenance of the prisoner's dependents. This is a reform which might have been adopted long ago but for the opposition of organized labor. If opposition to productive labor in prison is justified, how is it that the governor of the province of Ontario, in period of his detention, why cannot other prisoners have the same privilege to exercise their skill in different ways? There need be no question of 'scab' wages. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Fair deductions could be made for the maintenance of the prisoner's dependents, and in this way charges on the public would be fewer and the prison worker might through honest toil recover his self-respect."

AN EDITORIAL PROMISE.

(Wall Street Journal.)

To greet the seventh anniversary of the morning the editor raised his tired head. It was a lady this time, and at least she came immediately to the point. "I want to secure your editorial co-operation in the financial drive we are making," she said, sweetly. "Quite a brief editorial would secure our purpose because it would interest your readers and we could reproduce it with our appeals."

Patiently explaining, the editor pointed out that in doing so he might make a friend of her at the expense of a hundred enemies, with charities and funds seeming at least as good, he said, "I should be giving you something which does not belong to us. We publish two editorials a day, both with a 'sincerely' business application. Subscribers expect them and would resent the appropriation of the space even to such a purpose as yours."

"But you did it," said the lady, triumphantly. "Why, yes," said the editor, "you are quite right. So we did. I tell you what. Come and see me when the next war starts."

A MODERATED SORROW.

(New York Times.)

To rejoice over anybody's death, or even to view it without sorrow, would not be right, of course, and it would be especially wrong at this season, when everybody is looking forward with such happiness to Christmas, the season of love and good-will. Just the season of love and good-will, when the taxicab filled with gangsters, into a Long Island Railroad train last week and brought to a sudden and permanent conclusion the enterprise in which the men were engaged. Of the four occupants of the car, one was killed outright, one died soon after the collision, a third was rather badly hurt and only the fourth ran away unhurt. Whether the quartette were intending robbery or run-running seems a bit uncertain, but as all three who were identified had long criminal records, and as they were going some-where together and in a hurry, it is safe to assume that their purpose was reprehensible and that their failure to carry it out was fortunate, except for themselves.

That two of them should have died in their sins may be regrettable, and been, as made by the police, leaves little chance to hope that longer life would have meant anything for them. To each of them courts and penal institutions had done what they could to nothing at all. Again and again they had been let out of jail, only to return in a few days or months for some new offence. Either they didn't want to be good or were incapable of it. Their manifest destiny was the electric chair, if they went on living, and the death they encountered was less dreadful than that.

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RESPECT: PROSPICE.

(F. G. B. G. in New York Times.)

Down the winding English lanes Wall and hedgerow seem to say, "Tread the path your fathers trod, Dare you seek a better way?"

Storied manor, ivied inn (Glowing coals of ancient fires) Echo still the old refrain, "Be ye worthy of our sires!"

Thus and so must we, As it was in days of old, Great and glorious days of old, May it ever be.

But oh, for the land where the road runs free By lake and forest, river and hill, Where the voice of the trail that is yet to break

Cries, "Go ye where ye will!" The sun-bathed prairie is calling, calling, And through the valley the murmur runs, "Work! for the others that follow after, Be ye worthy of our fathers' wrought; Better still must we, Glorious were the days of old, "Send the page unturned" may keep Greater days to be!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Not His Fault.

Customer: "You guaranteed it would last my lifetime." Jeweler: "Yes, sir. But really, you looked terribly bad that day."

Had A Liking For 'Em.

Irate City Chap—"Say, that dog I bought of you yesterday is a dangerous brute, he bit a chunk out of my boy's leg today."

Turn On The Ether.

(Saskatoon Star.)

These college boys are lovely for radio concerts. Last night we heard em sticking pigs in the Chicago stock yards. And a very clever imitation of a hailstorm on a tin roof broadcast from Minneapolis.

"Whee-yow-yow-crunk! Zambanza-whoop!" "That," whispered our hostess, is Kansas City. They always come on the air about this time. I just adore radio!"

"Prof. Ginsberg, of Dublin University, will now give a short talk on the 'Last night, on the back porch.'"

"The Chicago Civic Opera Company will sing a selection from Samson and Delilah entitled—"

"How I love her when the stars are shining bright."

"Cotton, following early heaviness, closed strong, due to the government's announcement that—"

"Oh, I love her in the springtime—"

"The barometer is falling in the mid-western states, because, it is believed—"

"I love her in the fall."

"We have just received a telegram from John Whippoorwill, of Mulligantowny Creek, Iowa, saying—"

"But last night—"

"President Coolidge vetoed the bonus bill after being informed by Secretary Mellon—"

"—on the back—"

"Let us consider the second point first—"

"—porch—"

"Whee-yow-yow-crunk! Zambanza-whoop!"

"Come again," said our host.

"Yes, do," said our hostess.

HON. H. S. BELAND

BACK IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Hon. H. S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, returned to Ottawa today after a visit to hospitals and sanatoriums in the Maritime Provinces. He conferred with soldiers' advisors in Halifax and visited the quarantine station at St. John, which is under the control of the Department of Health. He also paid visits to Jordan Sanatorium, River Glade, N. B., Kentville, Saturday, Camp Hill hospital at Halifax, and Lancaster hospital, St. John.

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PORTLAND WOMAN

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Boston, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Margaret S. Maxwell of Portland, Me., filed in Essex superior court at Salem suit for \$10,000 against — rs. Orah E. Moody of Haverhill, alleging alienation of the

affections of her husband, the late Eugene A. Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell died Oct. 17.

The declaration states: "On May 1, 1922, Orah E. Moody wantonly and wickedly ingratiated herself into the affections of the plaintiff's husband,

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