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A HEARTY WELCOME

Saint John is today the meeting place of leading business men from Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax in the east to Vancouver and Victoria in the west. It is an honor conferred upon the city, and the welcome extended to the visitors is genuine and universal.

The Canadian Board of Trade is a national institution. It was born last year in the great central city of Winnipeg, amid the acclaim of business leaders in the Dominion, from coast to coast.

When an organization of this character is formed, it is proper to ask the cause and purpose. A growing consciousness of the lack of mutual understanding and of the growth of sectionalism in Canada, lies at the root of the movement; and a spirit of patriotism animated those who met in Winnipeg last year. They may be charged with selfishness for the national welfare benefits all the citizens; and they believed they were serving national interests.

So much for the cause. As to the purpose of the Canadian Board of Trade, it aims to break down barriers of misunderstanding, destroy sectionalism, promote co-operation, and give to national leaders the result of their deliberations of trained business minds. Surely this is a worthy purpose.

Too much will not be expected of the new body at the outset. The Dominion is so wide, and the problems of different sections in some respects so divergent, if not conflicting, that immediate great results will not be anticipated. If, however, the spirit which pervaded the Winnipeg Conference last November is not departed from, one would hesitate to set a limit to what the Canadian Board of Trade may accomplish in the direction of economic progress and national unity in the years to come.

There has been well-founded complaint that business men generally are too much absorbed in their own concerns, and have too little to do with the direction of public affairs, whether municipal, provincial or federal. The new Board is a healthy departure from the rule that has prevailed. It will discuss, and through its agency Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce from coast to coast will be led to consider economic problems of national importance and through its agency public men will learn what business men are thinking, and learn much that will be of value in shaping public policy.

It is the universal hope that at this first annual meeting such a spirit will prevail, and such an impulse be given to the thought of all who are present, as will set a noble example for all future meetings of the organization.

The Boards of Trade of Maritime cities and towns join with the Saint John Board in the most friendly greeting to the delegates from the Central Provinces and the West. The only regret is that the latter could not have more time to learn more about these provinces and their people, and gain a fuller knowledge of the value of the Maritimes to the Dominion.

A NOTABLE BOOK

It is not a matter of surprise when a writer for the press or an individual whose work is solely of a literary nature produces a book that is of public interest. When, however, one whose whole life has been given to business pursuits, and with sufficient devotion to achieve success in that line, presents a book, even of small compass, which reveals a great amount of careful reading and research, the credit due to him is far beyond that awarded to the professional writer. Such a work proves that the author's leisure time has been invaded, and that to serve a useful purpose he has not hesitated to burn the midnight oil.

These observations are prompted by the reading of "The True Story of Confederation," by Alexander P. Patterson, of this city. It is not a large book, and is the more effective on that account; for the concise but deadly marshalling of facts and documentary proofs holds the reader's attention, while it leaves nothing essential unsaid.

Mr. Patterson is known to his fellow-citizens as a member of a wholesale business firm, a member of the council of the Board of Trade, and one of those who had a great deal to do with the preparation of the Maritime case for the Duncan Commission.

A number of years he has been seeking a full knowledge of the events and influences leading up to Confederation, and to that end carefully read histories and biographies, and blue books containing correspondence dealing with the subject. Gradually he gained what he sought, and whoever reads this book will appreciate the value of the service he has rendered to the Maritime Provinces. One is not asked to take the author's word for it, since the record

is taken from official sources; and the facts that the people of these provinces did not desire to enter into the union, and that the pledges made to them have not been fulfilled, are made perfectly clear.

The Board of Trade issued a thousand copies of this book. There is scarcely one left. Ten thousand copies should be issued and sent through Canada. There is a very interesting preface by Dr. Ira A. Mackay, of McGill University, who declares that the case for the Maritimes is clear, and that "the time has come for a careful audit of the trusts created by Confederation."

This book contains the answer to the question of citizens of other provinces who ask what all the trouble is about in the provinces by the sea. To its author belongs the credit of having rendered a signal service.

KING AND FLAG

All too infrequently do Britons discover appreciation of their viewpoint with regard to the veneration due to Royalty on the part of our neighbors and very good friends to our south. The more welcome then is it when a newspaper of the standing of the New York Times takes the trouble to explain to its readers that the affection we bestow on the Crown has its idealistic counterpart in their own national sentiment towards the Stars and Stripes.

Referring to the outcry against Mr. H. G. Wells' stupid disrespect towards His Majesty, which drew from the leaders of the Labor Party the rebuke that that somewhat publicity-seeking writer's words were "mean and impertinent," the Times says: "The King is simply thought of, in a public way, as a great national symbol. It is very like the way in which Americans feel about their flag. To do despite to it is not thought of as an injury merely to a person of hunting, but of outraging a deep national sentiment. We should be as indignant at an affront shown the Stars and Stripes as the English are made by derogatory words about King George—and in reality for much the same reason."

Explanation by analogy is ever effective, and the above is a very clear and concise exposition of the matter.

Jacob Gould Schurman, the Prince Edward Islander who is American ambassador to Berlin, has been giving some interesting information, while on a visit to Washington, about the German republic. He says that country is able to meet its financial obligations under the agreement with the United States. He adds that Germany is prosperous, and that its people are working hard and displaying a good spirit. While a million and a half of people are still out of work and receiving aid from the government, there were half that number idle before the war. The German come-back is a tribute to the resourcefulness and energy of her people. The recent decision of German and British industrialists to co-operate and prevent ruinous competition will undoubtedly have beneficial effects upon the industrial life of both countries. The rehabilitation of Europe is slow, but it is in progress.

Odds and Ends

Finer Things of Life

(Winnipeg Tribune.)
There is no dearth of kindness in this world of ours.
Only in our blindness,
We gather thorns for flowers.
—WASELEY.

Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.
—TENNYSON.

That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts,
Of kindness and of love.
—WOODSWORTH.

Kindness—a language which the dumb can speak, and the deaf can understand.
—BOVEE.

Justice consists in doing no injury to men; decency in giving them no offence.
—CICERO.

Be just in all thy actions; and if joined
With those that are not, never change thy mind.
—DENHAM.

Justice without wisdom is impossible.
—FROUDE.

Speak of me as I am; nothing extenuate,
Nor set down aught in malice.
—SHAPESPEARE.

No Objection.
(Answers.)
Fond Father (to daughter)—Dear, I am happy to announce that young Timson has asked for your hand.
Daughter—But, papa, I don't want to leave mamma.
"Don't let that bother you. You can take her with you."
When Seeing Double.
(Humorist.)
Pulborough Council have decided to do without street lighting. Belated revelers will now have to reply on the light of one of the moons.

Just Fun

LOVE makes the world go around without enough sleep.

FABLE: "I'm the luckiest girl," she said, "I'll get all of my older sister's frocks when she is tired of them."

MY LADY
Just an old-fashioned lady,
With hair silver-grey,
And a welcoming smile
At the close of the day,
Though your kind face is wrinkled
And hands toll-worn, too,
I owe you a lot,
Dear old lady, I do.

Just an old-fashioned lady,
And who is she, pray?
Is she my mother?
I'm bound to say nay.
Each year when I leave you
By sea that are blue,
I owe you a lot,
My lady, I do!

NEWBORN: "I don't suppose you're used to driving men like me, are you?"

New Chauffeur: "Oh, yes, I drove the police patrol for three years."

THE chief drawback about playing a piano," said Joe Uklele, "is that you can't take it out in a canoe."

DO YOU love life? Then don't squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of.

THE automobile may be putting a few railroad trains out of business—but not when they meet on a grade crossing.

IF YOU build a big business you're a sinister influence; if you don't you are a damned failure.



NEWLY WED NOTE

BOSTON—Boston University is conducting a course for young wives on the fine art of maintaining happiness in the home. The course is for young students discovered, almost on the first day, that one of the major sins a young wife can commit is to be a "newlywed." That is to say, it's all very well to be orderly, but neatness, for its own sake, is dangerous. More than that, the model young wife merely smiles when hubby flicks cigar ashes on the rug. And when he comes home in afternoon frock, not a too-domestic apron. It is predicted that graduates of the course—well, husbands all over the country are seeking to enroll their wives. The line forms at the right.

LET 'EM FLAP

WASHINGTON—Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, rises to remark that all this belittling of the flapper must cease. It bespeaks an unthinking mind. For, says Miss Anderson, the flapper is no light-headed "Dumb Dora," but a thrifty, industrious person whose pay envelope is shared, in many instances, with the rest of her family. There are now more than 500,000 women employed in America. Most of them, according to Miss Anderson, are still suffering from the Victorian notion that women work for pin-money only. A general revision of wages for women is considered eminently necessary.

A STRAIN OR TWO

NEW YORK—When you recently captured gold bears were brought to town they found civilization just a bit trying. They became morose and then, as the hard reality of the situation began to dawn on them, they started to fight. It didn't matter what. They fought themselves, their cage, their keepers and everything else in sight. At the peak of the performance the crew that was handling them took occasion to burst into song—"Sweet Adeline" or something like that. The bears stopped their rumpus instantly. They gazed, awed, at the singers. And then, victims of helplessness, hopeless fear, they slunk away to a point farthest from the singers. Civilization had no further terrors for them.

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—From Guerin Neuchin, Milan.

Queer Quirks of Nature

LOOKS EVIL, BUT IS HARMLESS

By ARTHUR N. PACK
MANY are the names of this familiar species—water adder, water viper and even water moccasin, a name properly belonging to another and really dangerous species. A large percentage of the snakes heralded as innocuous would, if the truth were known, be nothing more than this harmless species.

While most snakes lay eggs, those of certain groups retain the eggs within the body until they are hatched. The water snake belongs to this latter class, giving birth in early fall to as many as 25 young ones, seven or eight inches in length.

merely tell our own people to "get on with it." This is not a normal situation. Let us face the matter fairly and squarely and see that something better is done about it.

It is the announced intention of the Conservative opposition to facilitate in every way the attendance of Canadian ministers at the forthcoming Imperial conference. A reasonable inference from this is that the ministerial by-elections will not be contested.

Two members of the government at least, are to go to London, one of them being, of course, the prime minister. The way will be made easy for them if the re-election of the government members is reduced to a matter of legal formality. It is possible that the Conservative party would get little comfort out of these by-elections in any event, but whether that be so or not,

became president of the new bank. From Texas he moved to St. Louis where he served as president of the National Stock Yards Bank. In 1914 the Chicago Livestock Exchange National Bank made him its head and since then he has served two other Chicago banks in that capacity.

During the past year Traylor was first vice president of the American Bankers' Association and he is noted throughout the country as an expert on agricultural economic problems.

Other Views
VALUABLE SEAWEED
The seaweed collected along the Breton coast of France brings in the tidy sum of 30,000,000 francs yearly, which at pre-war values meant \$5,000,000 a year. The first factory for the manufacture of iodine, its most valuable product (though seaweed is also an important source of potassium and sodium), was established at Concarneau in Brittany. It takes a ton of fresh seaweed, approximately, to make a pound of iodine.

IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION
(Quebec Action Catholique)
All our attention is monopolized by what we can expect to come to us from the other side of the ocean, and in the meanwhile numbers of our own people in despair are turning their steps towards the frontier. Yet these latter are the best material which we can find to settle Canada. We agree to make sacrifices for the sake of strangers and

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POEMS LOVE

"The Donkey," by G. K. Chesterton.

ALFRED NOYLES is a great admirer of these lines, and I quite agree with him that they fill one with astonishment. It is the kind of idea that is most difficult to "put across." It takes nothing short of genius to make it convincing. I think the poem deserves to live in every anthology—a glimpse of the Chesterton that the world does not get in his other clever writings.

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the morn was born,
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things;

That tattered outlaw of the earth
Of ancient crooked will:
Stone, scurge, deride me: I am
Dumb.

I keep my secret still.
Fools! For I also had my hour:
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

DINNER STORIES

MRS. JONES found Mrs. Smith, the

she asked, anxiously.
"I'm worrying about Jim," said Mrs. Smith. "He's been trying all week to kill our cat, and as a last recourse he took her up two thousand feet in his plane. He said he would drop her over the side."

"What is there to worry about?"
"Lots!" exclaimed the frantic woman, "but Jim isn't home yet and the cat is!"

WHENEVER old Eben Toothaker doesn't understand what you say he says, "what say?" So do his neighbors.

Old Eben's wife noticed that he was somewhat depressed the evening after his boy had got back to the farm from his first year at college. "What's the matter, Eben?" she asked.

"Mary, I've spent nine hundred dollars on that boy's education and I'm afraid it's wasted," said Eben. "He don't know as much as he did when he went to college."

"Why, what do you mean, father?"
"Well, tonight I said to him that if he looked to me as if it might rain tomorrow, and what do ye s'pose he said?"
"Why, I don't know. What did he say?"
"Well, sir, he begged by pardon!"

there are good reasons of public policy why the new government should be given the fullest opportunity to organize, to send their delegation to the conference, and to prepare for the session of parliament. Departmental business has been more or less at a standstill for a year and the ministers ought to get down without delay to the work of administration. This they cannot do if they are compelled to fight again for their seats.

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