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SAINT JOHN PRIVATEERS.

Mr. C. H. J. Snider, editor of the Toronto Telegram, who visited Saint John last autumn and contributed a series of instructive articles on Maritime problems to his newspaper, has written for Williams Monthly a striking account of "Saint John Privateers in 1812." He begins with a sketch of the Loyalist city and its founders and says it is natural that such a community should have taken up wholeheartedly the defence of the Union Jack when it was menaced by the Stars and Stripes. "The part Saint John played in the war of 1812," Mr. Snider writes, "has been well high forgotten in eleven peaceful decades following the conclusion of that last armed conflict between Britain and America. Least remembered, yet perhaps most picturesque of all the episodes of that war, are the adventures of the provincial privateers of New Brunswick, volunteer Sea Scouts and commerce destroyers who served their country without cost and maintained themselves entirely at their own expense and the expense of the enemy."

The New Brunswick privateersmen were a hardy and daring lot. They "harried the New England coast in winter, in weather so bitter that American privateers forewent the northern trade routes, and sought the solace of the southern seas. Saint John sailors fought American privateers in the Caribbean at odds of five to one. Saint John transport hands, with inland soldiers to help, battled and beat American privateers at the doors of Halifax."

Mr. Snider gives what he describes as a possibly incomplete list of New Brunswick armed vessels, active as privateers or commissioned as letters of marque during the war of 1812: Sloop General Smyth, Joseph Ridout commander, apparently commissioned 1812; Brig Sir John Sherbrooke, Thomas Robinson commander, commissioned Nov. 23, 1812; Sloop Dart, John Harris and James Ross successive commanders, commissioned May 4, 1813; Sloop Hare, James Reid and James Godwin successive commanders, commissioned Nov. 29, 1813; Schooner Star, Captain John E. Robinson, apparently commissioned 1812; Schooner Snap Dragon, James Reid commander, commissioned Aug. 9, 1814; Ship Herald, Charles Simonds commander, commissioned Sept. 11, 1813; Ship Comet, John Edgington commander, apparently commissioned 1814; The Smythe, a single-masted vessel no larger than a cruising yacht of today, captured \$35,000 worth of enemy property in the first six months of the war. The Dart, a small vessel, was on one occasion chased an American fleet of twenty vessels, and took prizes even off Boston Light right after the great fighting on the Shannon and the Chesapeake. One of her prizes had a four cargo worth \$92,800; but the prevailing price for her then was fifty-eight dollars a barrel. The Hare, although armed with only two six-pounders, "ten muskets, fourteen boarding pikes and five cutlasses," captured several American prizes, and drove one enemy privateer ashore. The Snap Dragon was a privateer taken from the enemy after it had captured ten British vessels. The Sherbrooke was an armed West Indianman sent out here. This vessel encountered an American privateer near Cuba and a long and desperate battle followed. The Americans came to close quarters and tried to board. They were beaten off three times, and twice their ship was set on fire, but when they seemed beaten the Sherbrooke's captain was shot through the head and, without officers, she became unmanageable and was taken by the enemy.

Those were stirring days indeed hereabouts. Mr. Snider writes: "Saint John harbor was full of provincial privateers and prize-ships and King's cruisers and captive Yankee plebeians in the War of 1812. Sometimes, when the King's ships were away, the American navy would play in the pantry of the province—being the Bay of Fundy—and devour New Brunswick ships. Then there would be a meeting in the Coffee House, and Saint John merchants would find cats of their own and bait traps to destroy the pests. Later the city jail would be full of unwanted prisoners—American privateersmen. Notices of the 'Assize of Bread' in the City Gazette, declaring the sixpenny Wheaten Loaf to weigh 1 lb. 1 oz. ditto Rye 1 lb. 11 oz., and other Leaves in Proportion. W. Campbell, Mayor, would be jostled by advertisements of one-guinea rewards for the recapture of escaping prisoners of war, and calls for recruits for the naval service."

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

The usual complaint is heard that there is too much apathy with respect to civic affairs, and if the complaint is well founded this condition may be due in some measure to the lack of a definite forward policy in civic affairs. During the next two years Saint John should make very considerable progress in several directions, notably in con-

nection with port development, and if we secure, as we should, the necessary increase in harbor equipment and a favorable adjustment of freight rates, conditions should be more favorable for securing new industries. Our city taxation is heavy, and seems likely to increase, and, like the province, with burdensome overhead charges, we must increase our sources of revenue.

The coming civic campaign should serve to develop a new spirit of leadership and a programme of objectives. The citizens will respond to sane and progressive leadership, and any candidates for the mayoralty or commission should be able to give definite and valuable ideas as to avenues of advancement for the city, will lack neither a hearing nor a following.

The city at this time needs civic leaders who can see beyond the mere routine of their offices, important as the work of the departments is. There is need, also, for close and harmonious co-operation between City Hall and the Board of Trade in order that our larger interests may be promoted.

What will the campaign bring forth for Saint John?

Odds and Ends

Wanted to Play Hamlet

(Manitoba Free Press.) When William H. Crane was young, he had the actor's usual vaulting ambition to play Hamlet. So with his first profits he organized his own company and went to an inland western town to give vent to his ambition and "try it on."

Van Horne's Joy Ride.

According to modern revision of the Decalogue, "joy-riding" is supposed to be of the minor sins, but it appears that even so august a personage as an early railway president is not immune to the urge to "step on the gas." This, at least, is one inference that can be drawn from the account of the human interest stories included by Sir George Bury in the concluding installment, in the February 1 issue, the memoirs which are published in McLean's Magazine, have aroused such widespread interest. It still remembers an incident that occurred when it was with Sir William Van Horne on one of his trips after his retirement," writes Sir George. "He loved a fast ride and I ask you—why do we have shoulders?"

TO BE SURE.

VISITOR: Your son is rather small for his age, isn't he?

FOND MOTHER: Oh no, but I do think most of the boys of his age are overgrown.—Answers.

SARTORIALLY FRANK.

CUSTOMER: You're the man who cut my hair last time, aren't you?

Barber: No, I guess not. You see I've been down here a year.—Answers.

RETOUR COURTEOUS.

VISITOR (from town): Really, I've been down here for men at all. Since I've been down here I've said "no" to four.

Country Cousin: Indeed! What were they selling.—Answers.

FOR ARTS SAKE.

CUSTOMER: I'd like very much to try on that blue serge suit in the window. May I?

Tailor: I'm afraid not, sir. You'll have to use the dressing room.—Tilt-Bits.

WHY OF COURSE.

YOUNG WIFE (with hair found on husband's coat): George, what does this mean?

George: Don't worry about that, dear. It's far too long to be a woman's.—Tilt-Bits.

Dinner Stories.

WHILE building a house, a Connecticut man had occasion to employ a carpenter. One of the applicants was a plain Connecticut Yankee, without any frills.

"You thoroughly understand carpentry?" asked the employer.

"Yes, sir."

"You can make doors, windows and blinds?"

"Oh, yes, sir."

"How would you make a Venetian blind?"

The man scratched his head and thought deeply for a few seconds. "I should think, sir," he said finally, "about the best way would be to punch him in the eye."

A NEGRO servant, on being ordered to announce visitors to a dinner party, was directed to call out in a loud, distinct voice their names. The first to arrive was the Fitzgerald family, numbering eight persons. The negro announced Major Fitzgerald, Miss Fitzgerald, Master Fitzgerald, and so on.

This so annoyed the master that he went to the door and said, "Don't announce each person like that; say something shorter."

The next to arrive were Mr. and Mrs. Penny and their daughter. The negro solemnly opened the door and called out, "Three Cents!"

Just Fun

JUST because an aviator wears a hat, it doesn't mean that he is a high hat.

IT TOO often happens that we seek to cover up our own faults by pointing to those of our neighbors.

EVEN the rain that falls on the unjust does some good to the just in the end.

ONE High School flapper's complexion was ruined the other day. The cat got into the box and licked it all up.

FIVE AGES OF MONEY.

Star  
Patrol  
Maid  
Acet  
All

A SCIENTIST claims that women are 20 per cent. crasier than men. What the women will want to know is how crazy the scientist thinks men are.

DOCTOR: "Yes, gentlemen, I have sold these pills for 25 years, and never had a complaint. Now what does that prove?"

Voice in the crowd: "That dead men tell no tales."

A PASTOR enumerates for girls nine essential virtues in husbands but the average girl would be tickled to death to find a husband who had any one of them.

THERE is one kind of wood that is the same after it is burned, ash.

THE glad hand is one receiving a favor.

THE poor envy the rich their money, and the rich envy the poor their digestion.

THERE is many a man who thinks he is a go-getter when he is only a goat-getter.

WILLIS: This is a fine fat you have here. What a nice-looking phonograph!

Gillis: That isn't a phonograph. That's our heater.

Willis: How stupid of me! And what an attractive stand you have!

Gillis: That isn't a stand. That's our combination bed and dining-room table.

Willis: Of course. And—is this pretty creature here the baby or the dog?

THE still, small voice will reach you all right, if it is not a bad night for static.

A DOCTOR advises that holding your breath will cure the hic-

coughs. Not only that, but if you hold your breath long enough it will cure any disease.

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON.

There ain't no use in growin' and grumbin' all the time.

When music's playing everywhere, And everything's a rhyme,

Just keep on smiling cheerfully, If hope is nearly gone,

And bristle up and grit your teeth, And keep on keepin' on.

HE IS a real friend who will take care of your cat while you are away on a vacation.

A BIRD in the hand, says John J. isn't to be compared with a chicken in the arms.

SHOULDERS are necessary for fighting and legs are necessary for running and I ask you—why do we have shoulders?

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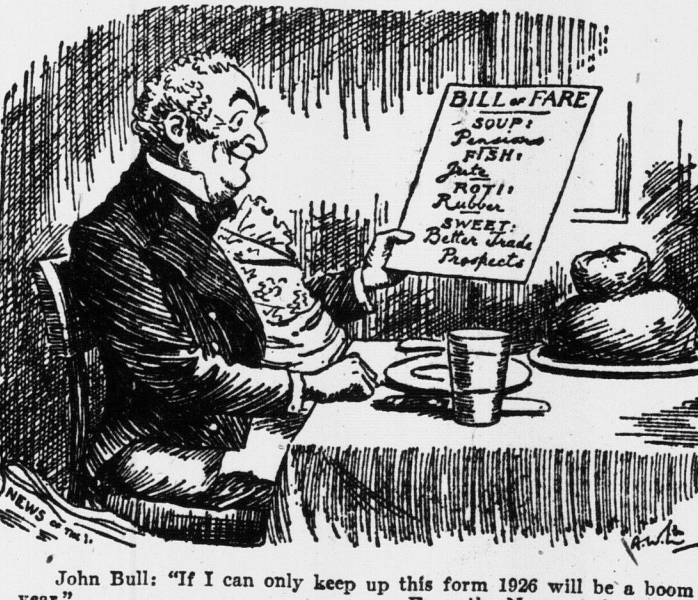
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Some Bill of Fare!



John Bull: "If I can only keep up this form 1926 will be a boom year."

Poems That Live

LAST LINES.

No coward soul is mine,  
No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere;  
I see Heaven's glories shine,  
And faith shines equal, arming me from fear.

O God within my breast,  
Almighty, ever-present Deity!  
Life—that in me has rest,  
As I—undying Life—have power in Thee!

Vain are the thousand creeds  
That move men's hearts; unutterably vain;  
Worthless as withered weeds,  
Or idlest froth amid the boundless main.

To waken doubt in one  
Holding so fast by Thine infinity;  
So surely anchored on  
The steadfast rock of immortality.

With wide-embracing love  
Thy Spirit animates eternal years,  
Permeates and broods above,  
Changes, sustains, dissolves, creates, and rears.

Though earth and man were gone,  
And suns and universes cease to be,  
And Thou wert left alone,  
Every existence would exist in Thee.

There is not room for Death,  
Nor atom that his might could render void;  
Thou—Thou art Being and Breath,  
And what Thou art may never be destroyed.

—Emily Bronte.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE BEST OF HUMAN FRUIT

GOETHE made the remark that the vulgar is their jocularity; and we men's character than what they find laughable.

This is true because, as Hazlitt observes, man is the only animal that is laugh or we his high complexity of what things are and what they ought to be.

The sources of laughter and tears come very close together. At the difference between things as they are and as they ought to be, it is the point of view, or the temperament.

"Life is a comedy to those who think it a tragedy to those who feel it." It is the TINKLING half of humanity that, at the sight of life's incongruities, is moved by laughter, the FEELING half to tears.

To explain the nature of laughter and tears is to account for the condition of human life," Hazlitt observed, and no philosophy has as yet succeeded in accounting for the condition of human life.

It is sufficient to know that laughter is the best of human fruit, purely human, and sane, and comforting.

Realizing that the priests did not look with favor upon a republic, Reza Khan set about to disconcert the one and all an opportune moment when he had gained sufficient power to seize the throne for himself.

He has endeavored himself to the people by tempering his absolute dictatorship with liberal rule. The price of bread has been reduced and political prisoners have been liberated. They hold in great esteem the throne of Darius now sits upon the throne of a day when the shahs would not have condescended to recognize such a commoner as Reza Khan.

This ruler of the once mighty Persians, a few years ago was an obscure, uneducated soldier. Today he sits on a marble throne in a palace. At the coronation ceremonies he rode in a gold coach.

Reza Khan began his sensational career as a private in a Russian Cossack regiment stationed in Persia. He became very popular with the soldiers and his superiors. That was the reason he succeeded in keeping together a handful of men after the Russian Government collapsed and his regiment was disbanded.

In February, 1921, backed by loyal soldiers, Reza Khan overthrew the government, appointed a prime minister and made himself minister of war. In 1923 he discarded the civilian cabinet and by means of a second coup d'etat assumed the premiership.

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Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

THE death of Alderman Christie occurred at his home about 4.35 a.m.

THE mortgage, amounting to \$3,500, was burned at a ceremony held in the Congregational church.

MALCOLM KING, son of Senator King was in town from British Columbia. Mr. King reported that a number of New Brunswickers were doing very well in business in the West.

Other Views

KEEP TO THE FARMS.

(Saskatoon Star.) Since most of the immigration is to the land, it follows that there has been a drift from farm to city. Nothing can be done except an improvement in the economic status of farming as an industry. This should be the first concern of all Canadian public men. Neglect of farming for the sake of encouraging manufacturers will be a fatal error.

DIFFERENT ROADS, SAME END. (Toronto Mail and Empire.) English-speaking Canadians are not as quick and as ardent in their feelings on some of the matters touched by politics as are their French-Canadian fellows. The latter are entitled to their own way of proceeding towards the same goal as English-speaking Canadians approach. National objects as dear to the one race as to the other can be attained, sometimes by diverse rather than uniform methods.

MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS. (Vancouver Province.) An Ontario pastor recently denounced the new live-theater as "one of the devil's agencies." "People in moments of weakness," he declares, "are often led to place them on collection plates in churches because of the resemblance they bear to quarters. Fourteen of them were dropped in the collection plate at one service."

TEMPESTUOUS FLORIDA. (Ottawa Citizen.) One of the most surprising items of news which has appeared lately is that of Florida being in the grip of terrific storms. Anyone whose knowledge of Florida is based chiefly on what the advertisements say will read the news with incredulity. Florida, we thought, was a sort of Arctid where storms were as remote as snowshoes.

TO STUDY COST OF FUNERALS. (New York Times.) After the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has spent \$25,000 in investigating the cost of funerals it will have discovered only what everybody knows already—funerals are expensive things and that often more money is spent on them than the relatives or friends of the deceased can afford.

It is highly desirable, however, to know just how much profit is made on what can be called the paraphernalia of death, and information on that point, besides being startling, may have some effect in the way of rendering people more sensible in the manifestation of sorrow and respect in that particular way. Nobody likes to haggle in making arrangements for a funeral, and that fact, undoubtedly, is ruthlessly exploited in many, many cases. And extravagance in funerals, curiously enough, is more marked among the poor than among the rich.

A GENTLE HINT. A business man was worried at the insolence of one of his clerks manifested when he was not being watched. He did not want to reprimand him directly, so he said to him one day: "Mr. Black, if Mr. Wallace calls today, please tell him that I am out." "Very well, sir," the clerk said. "And Mr. Black," the business man continued, "don't be working, or he'll know it isn't true."

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