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NATIONALIZATION

discuss the details of a bill providing for nationalization of the port of Saint John. There was talk of a conference of representatives of the City Council, Board of Trade, the railways, and the Trades and Labor Council; but it has not been held. Obviously such a conference is very desirable. It should include men thoroughly familiar with the harbor and its equipment and requireregarding the terms, and the matter of harbor improvement would thereafter be taken up and a comprehensive plan of harbor development considered. In whatever relates to the harbor all the that the City Council receive hearty co-operation in dealing with the subject. However well qualified the Mayor and Commissioners may be to deal with it, they will undoubtedly feel they ought to have the benefit of consultations with representais now to be done will affect the whole future of the port of Saint John. The wisest heads may well be brought together in sympathetic co-

THE UNITED MARITIMES

WE have another evidence that political paryesterday to nominate a candidate in the Conservative interests for the federal by-election to be held on January 15. Mr. Neil R. McArthur, K. C., who lives in Glace Bay, but who is a native of the constituency, received the nomination. In a public meeting following the convention he said that if Premier King brought down legislation athletics" deserve encouragement. implementing the recommendations contained in the Duncan report he would support the Liberal leader. This puts the quietus on a rumor that Nova Scotia Conservatives might not be disposed to give the Government support, whatever legislation it might bring down. So far as the Duncan report and its recommendations are concerned, there is only one party in the Maritime Provinces. The people remember the pledge of the Prime Minister, made in these provinces, that he would bring down legislation based on the recommendations of the Duncan report. They accept that assurance and await the issue with confidence.

WHY NOT THE AIR-PORT?

THE origins of prosperity, whether personal civic or national, are not always easy to trace. The progress of prosperity is less difficult to follow; purpose, tenacity and a modicum of good there must be a beginning, and this is not usually a matter of blind chance. By no means invariably, but nonetheless of frequency sufficient to warrant the stating of a general rule, is vision the foundation foresees events, and prepares for them in strengthen credit. advance; he breaks the ground and digs in anticipation; he is that much ahead of his friends, and thereafter it is a matter of keeping his "light so shining a little in front o' the next."

Saint John has an opportunity at the moment to make a bid for something that might well place our city amongst the leading air-ports of the world. The Imperial Conference has shown that ocean air-lines are to be an important factor of Imperial communications. Mooring masts are to be constructed, high towers for the reception of these great ships. Some of these are to be erected in Canada and it is fairly certain that the Maritimes must see the first of these structures. Where is it to be placed? Why not at Saint John?

There are numerous reasons why it should be placed at Saint John. Saint John can offer protection from gales second to none. In point of distance, as the airship flies from Great Britain. Saint John need concede no more than a few miles to any other place with pretentions to suitability. Its land communications are comprehensive and avoid the strategic danger—the possibility of war must never be neglected-of the Tantramar neck. It is already the winter mail sea port of Canada; and it will soon-so we confidently believe-be a nationalized port. Is there any better place for Canada's Atlantic air port?

But Saint John must not sit back and wait for a mooring mast to be offered. It is up to those in authority to ask for that mooring mast. As a suggestion, the Mayor, the Board of Trade, the C. P. R. authorities, the Provincial Governmentl beyond doubt a sympathetic Dominion Postaster General-might lay claim to that mastbefore somebody else forestalls them. Let Saint John get there first, and thereafter keep aheadalways just ahead of immediate requirements.

NONSENSE

AS an example of that type of fanatical exaggeration for propaganda purposes which does not stop at the deliberate alteration of the meaning of words, the declaration at Milwaukee of a Columbia University professor stands high. "Instead of crushing Prussian militarism," he said, "we have taken it to our bosom in our colleges." When the United States sees signs of anything approaching a state of affairs when officers clear civilians off the sidewalks and cut them down if hey dare to object; when the military forces of he United States are able to claim privileges over ne civilian population in everyday matters, and cure recognition of special "rights" in the courts: then one law applies to a warrior caste and anther to the peaceful citizen, and officers and nonoms use fists and whips on conscripts who must cringe or suffer long imprisonment; then it will be time to talk of Prussian militarism in the United States. To imply that a country is taristic because it insists on adequate defensive preparation; because it throws off the sickly sentimentality of the "I didn't raise my son to be a soldier" variety, is the sheerest nonsensical perversion of meanings, and cannot but fail to defeat

its own object. Apparently a Japanese graduate of the Univerof Washington who has just returned from

nis native country took the opportunity of the symposium of pacifists to drag out the old skeleton of Americo-Japanese ill-will, and to rattle its bones -presumably to create that atmosphere of alarm and despondency necessary to rush high-souled, but short-sighted youths, into voting resolutions hat the millennium be declared open despite Franted that few can foretell the future with any degree of exactitude, and that the signs of the times are often misleading; but to most it appears that not for a long time have Americo-Japanese relations been so amicable. One way and another people will be as much disturbed by the fog of gloomy prognostications emanating from Milwaukee as by the prediction of the Russian savant years as the result of an eruption of acne on the face of the sun. The average man will dub it all

REAL ESTATE ATHLETICS

THE phase of sport known in the United States as "real estate football" is one that doubtless may be employed legitimately and to advantage. Briefly, the idea is to promote a game likely to It is an advertising festival, and probably achieves sale is half made. Few localities are so devoid of attraction in one form or another that out of a few tens of thousands of people who may come forget that there are splendid opportunities for winter and summer athletics, with Gormans and Snodgrasses and budding Gormans and Snodgrasses aplenty, to furnish proof of the sporting spirit of the Loyalist City. Why not capitalize these advantages? Not so long ago the Board of Trade, led by certain public-spirited men, determined that the great port of Saint John should suffer wrong no more; and have waged the battle, the victorious results whereof seem almost within our grasp. It were to lose sense of proportion to deny that, tisanship is not to stand in the way of united situated as is Saint John, commercial prosperity is the most important factor. But there are other no detail, be it never so small, that promises to spread the fame of Saint John and write our city's name more boldly on the maps drawn for noncommercial reference ought to be overlooked.

Saint John already has a reputation for sport That reputation may be enhanced, and "real estate

FRANCE AND HER DEBTS

MILLERAND, one time President of the French Republic, has expressed what outsiders have long suspected, namely that the general sentiment of France is that she should not tax herself one centime to pay her debts. There is plausibility in M. Millerand's general contention that France should not engage herself to perform the impossible, but his conception of the possible is illuminated by the words that follow: "The agreement which will be submitted to Parliament contains a clause, by the terms of which France must pay to the Allies more than she receives from Germany. Ratification of such a clause is impossible." In other words France does not feel in honor bound to meet the debts she owes to her friends, except insofar as she can make her former enemy provide the money. The French people fortune are, as a rule, the ingredients. But always | must not be asked to pay. Apart from the general question of inter-allied debts, this national state of mind is not the right one in which to negotiate, and will not inspire foreign financiers to aid France in the task of rehabilitating her currency. tion stone of prosperity. The man with imagina- It will not engender confidence, it will not

Other Views

NOT SO EASY TO DO.

(Boston Post)

A PSYCHOLOGIST in Rhode Island has discovered that two-thirds of 100 apparently normal children were laboring under some sort of handicap that hindered development. In every instance the shyness or fear or showing off habits were traced to family influence. The investigator concludes that if these handicaps had been corrected. concludes that if these handicaps had been cor-rected in childhood, the children would have had much more chance for success in after years. But is it not true that most geniuses and a great many characterized by just these very qualities? The problem of shaping the habits of children is not always as simple as the psychologists imagine.

"W. F." AND SPELLING REFORM.

(Chesley Enterprise)

BILLY McLEAN, ex-M. P., is to the front again with a two-column article in support of sim-plified spelling. There is much to be said in favor of phonetic spelling, but it must be started with a new generation that knows nothing of derivatives. a new generation that knows nothing of derivatives. Just fancy how impossible it would be for Billy McLean to get Billy McDonald to spell column, kolum; and through, thru. It can't be done. We are prepared to lead the boys and girls of the pioneer days in support of the old system which we, like so many others, acquired by burning the midnight oil or remaining in after school because we spelled phthisic in McLean's phonetic way, ticic

THE ABOLISHERS OF WAR.

(Kansas City Times) A TREATY to abolish war is being promoted by the Christian Century of Chicago. It is indored by a group of fine citizens, including the professor of philosophy at Columbia University, the professor of Greek at Oxford, a leading rabbi of New York city, the minister of the Community Church of New York and a woman preacher of

Now if they can get Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Poland, Jugoslavia, Turkey, Greece, Roumania and Hungary to come in and back them up, everything will be great.

THE INCOME TAX. (Calgary Herald)

(Calgary Herald)

THE Dominion income tax is due for an overhauling. Reductions are bound to come but inequalities of the burden of it should also be removed. When this is done the government will be in position to go forward on a fair basis toward lowering this tax to the minimum and eventually abolishing it. Ultimate abolition of the income tax should be the government's aim. NOW IT CAN BE DONE. (Hamilton Spectator)
THE mother country has already shown its

PUNCH HAS ITS JOKE. "PUNCH" can usually be depended upon to extract humor out of even the most serious subject. It observes that "as a result of the imperial conference it now seems practically certain that Great Britain will remain within the empire."

"Our Yesterdays" SAINT JOHN IN 1846

(By "Old Timer") ONE of the earliest books relating to the Province of New Brunswick is Abraham Gesner's "New Brunswick with notes for Emigrants," published in London in 1847, and the author, according to the preface, had been employed by the New Brunswick Government for five years in making WHAT memories cling about some a geological survey of the province.

Gesner's description of the City of Saint John makes interesting reading after the lapse of nearly eighty years, and forms an interesting basis of

upon a rocky peninsula of very uneven ground, it was kept clear for access, that slopes in opposite directions from a central grew the meadow grasses, ar ridge. A great deal of labor has been employed in cutting down the hills and levelling the streets, several of which are still steep, and the ice in winter sometimes renders them dangerous. That division of the city which is nearest the entrance of the harbor is called Lower Cove. The principal wharves, docks and warehouses are situated far-ther to the north, and extend around the head of the basin to within a short distance of the falls. The whole shore is lined with timber-ponds, booms, and shipyards, which receive the numerous

"The streets have been regularly laid out, and two pieces of ground, King's Square and Queen's Square, near the centre of the town, have been Square, near the centre of the town, have been reserved for public accommodation. The city, which includes within its boundaries a town on the western side of the harbor, called Carleton, consists of six wards. It is incorporated, and governed by the Mayor (who is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor), a Recorder, six Aldermen, six Assistant Aldermen, a Sheriff of the County, a Coroner, Common Clerk, Chamberlain, High Constable, six Marshalls, and sixteen inferior Constables. The revenue of the city amounts to about £5,000 per annum. A part of the public property still remains unleased, and is yearly growing more valuable. It is well built, and the whole range of wharves, to the distance of a mile and a half, is lined with stones and large piles of deal, and is lined with stones and large piles of deal, and other kinds of lumber, destined for the British market. The principal buildings are made of stone and brick, and a number of the shops are not excelled in beauty in much older cities.

"On the 14th of January, 1837, a destructive fire broke out and consumed 115 houses and stores, which were equal at the time to one third of the commercial part of the city. The loss was estimated at £250,000. Several severe fires have occurred since, and whole streets, including the north and south market wharves, have been laid in ruins, ful not to startle them for they roiled with a new market-house at the foot of King street.
The extreme point of the peninsula belongs to the Crown, and is occupied by two batteries, military stores, and barracks, capable of containing two regiments. In front of the barracks is a spacious regiments. In front of the barracks is a spacious parade-ground, which affords a fine promenade in summer for the public, who are admitted without distinction. The principal public buildings are three Episcopal Churches; two Presbyterian, one Roman Catholic, two Methodist, one Baptist, one Covenanter, one Christian Band Chapel, a Grammar School, a Methodist Sunday school, Courthouse, Gaol, Poorhouse, two Hospitals, a Mechanics institute. Mayor's and City Office, three Banks. institute, Mayor's and City Office, three Banks, Market house, Custom house, Saint John Hotel, and Penitentiary. A number of private houses are tastefully builty and the residence of the Chief Justice, situate in a small park, is quite in European style. The low wooden buildings that formerly occupied the suburbs are yearly replaced by handsome cottages, and the city is rapidly increas-

ing in magnitude and population.

"Carleton, on the west side of the harbor, forms two wards of the city; it almost surrounds a large pond supplying water to saw-mills during the recess of the tide. It has several handsome streets, an Episcopal Church, meeting-house, and extensive wharves. A steamboat plies between the shores, which are a quarter of a mile apart, every fifteen minutes. The fishing is excellent; and, from the convenience of the situation, several mercantile establishments have been opened of late, and the

appearance of the place much improved.

The manufacturing industry of Saint John has advanced with the growth of the city. It has now three iron foundries, in which exalted steam engines and other machinery are made. There are also a number of flour mills, turned by steam and water, for the manufacture of foreign grain; but, from the present abundance of timber, the sawing of logs into deals, scantling, shingles, and laths, has called forth the greatest amount of capital; several steam saw mills are employed in this business, and others are contemplated. The descent ness, and others are contemplated. The descent of the river at the falls has given rise to the Saint John Mills and Canal Company; and machinery for sawing and grinding grain is propelled by the steam, as it rushes down the frightful rapid towards the ocean. At the site below the falls, where the river is very narrow, an attempt was made a few years ago to erect a bridge between Carleton and the opposite shore. The work was nearly completed, when, from the lock of engineering science, a part of it fell into the stream, and a number of workmen, with a mass of timber, were plunged upwards of one hundred and fifty feet into the river below; of the men only a few were

into the river below; of the men only a few were saved, and the event is among the painful records of the loss of life which has been but too frequent at and below the cataract.

"Formerly there was an Indian village a furlong above the falls, and the spot is still called Indian Town. The river steamers and small craft generally land here, and a little town has sprung by within a space of a few years. The distance to generally land here, and a little town has space of a few years. The distance to the city is a mile and a quarter, and the street runs through the thriving town of Portland, which should be united to Saint John, instead of being should be united to Saint John, instead of being should be united to Saint John, instead of being should give more sh a separate parish. The whole shore of Portland is occupied by timber-docks and ship-yards; and, except for its lack of cleanliness and frequent disorder, it would be a valuable appendage to the

city.
"Northward of Portland stands Fort Howe Hill, "Northward of Portland stands Fort Howe Hill, which commands the upper part of the harbor. The hill is the site of a military post, with a magazine at its base. Portland is the site of a hand-some Episcopal Church, a Roman Catholic Chapel, two meeting-houses and an academy.

"By the recent exertions of an active company "By the recent exertions of an active company formed for the purpose, the principal streets of Saint John are now supplied with water, brought from the small lake situated a mile and a half northward. The water is elevated by forcing-pumps to the highest ground, and then conducted through pipes to its several places of destination. The streets are very imperfectly lighted, and an effort to introduce gas was resisted by the Corporation of 1842.

"The situation of Saint John is by no means unfavorable for fortification. Battereis on Partunfavorable for fortification. Batteress on Fart-ridge Island, Fore Howe Hill, and other eminences, would defend the haven and city. At present the defences consist of three small batteries on the east, and a stone tower and blockhouse on the west side of the harbor, and a fort on the island. Although those works are not in a state of perfect repair, the well-known spirit of the militia, with the expertness of their artillery divisions, would render the approach of an enemy even with a strong force very hazardous."

The Danger In China

(New York Times)

THE real danger in China is not so much from the acts of military chieftains as from crowds the acts of military chieftains as from crowds rendered hysterical by vicious, anti-foreign propaganda. This has been fostered by the Soviets with the purpose of embarrassing foreign nations, so that the Russians can step in. Under this propaganda of hate it is not impossible that there will be a troiting such as a very committed during the willingness to assist in every possible way the settlement of Britishers in the Dominions, and, as usual, is prepared to back up its good will with the most liberal financial contribution. Now that the matter has been taken vigorously in hand by the government, there is every prospect of a successful outcome.

Time To Decide Now

(Toronto Mail and Empire) A DECISION of the coal rates' case before the spring is desirable because the spring and summer are the most suitable seasons for an eastward movement of coal

Queer Quirks of Nature

CLEAR SPRINGS ARE FOUNTS OF YOUTH

By Arthur N. Pack. what memories cling about some favorite and well-remembered spring!

Perhaps it bubbled up through the sand in some hollow at the edge of no one quite like her in literature; yet the meadow, with alders growing she is scarcely known save to those close about on all sides except where who make a study of all poetry their



from its clear well. Or perhaps we are thinking of some

honey-laden spurs, lent to the borders their lovely presence.

In the mossy carpet at the base of the rock-wall the wood-violets reared tiny stream that fed by branches from other springs soon grew to the meadow rill beneath whose grassy banks the bright-spotted trout lurked for careless

Timely Views On World Topics

By Dr. J. Franklyn Jameson.

THERE is far more interest in in



political history. Times have changed. There has been a won-derful increase in the world's com-plexity and inter est in politics havisibly diminished An important fac-tor in changing the general state

keep the Butter Swe SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

Poems I Love

"The Last Night," by Emily Dickinson I HAVE already told of my passion for the poetry of this amazing close about on all sides except where it was kept clear for access. About it grew the meadow grasses, and sweet flags, and blue irises.

Frogs with green backs and creamy white throats, and huge outstanding this world, dipped into infinity, and came back like some frail spirit to tell us what she had seen. Her lines almost frighten me at times, blest as she was with clairvoyance. Even her crude

> The last night that she lived, It was a common night, Except the dying; this to us Made nature different.

We noticed smallest things,-Things overlooked before,
By this great light upon our minds,
Italicized, as 'twere.

That others could exist While she must finish quite, A jealousy for her arose So nearly infinite. We waited while she passed:

It was a narrow time,
Too jostled were our souls to speak;
At length the notice came. She mentioned, and forgot: Then lightly as a reed, Bent to the river, shivered scarce, Consented, and was dead. And we, we placed the hair, And drew the head erect;

After Dinner Stories

And then an awful leisure was, Our faith to regulate.

ON HOT SUMMER DAYS

Here we went on hot summer days, THE Bam family were spending sevwhile fishing along the brook that then seemed so wide, and now has summer vacation. eral weeks at a farm for thei Neither the mother, father no shrunken so. Later, when weary from swinging the scythe through thick weedy grass, we took frequent drinks been in the country before.

Little Margaret was poking around Or perhaps we are thinking of some other spring at the base of the rocky hill near the old mill, like the one here pictured.

Entire Margaret was power and the margaret was power and in the grass one afternoon when suddenly she shricked out, "Oh, mummy, here's a pretty little green snake."

"Well, be careful, dear," admonished

over it from the sheltering tree above.

Columbines with their bright red and yellow blossoms each with its five

DOWN at Camp Taylor in DOWN at Camp Taylor in the early days of la guerre, a colored outfit, newly arrived, was lined up before the clerk for preliminary paper work.
"Name and address," demanded the their blue flowers. From it flowed the tiny stream that fed by branches from "Huh?" "What's your name and address?"
"Lordy, suh," replied the John. "Yo'
ought to know. Yo' sent fo' me."

A COUPLE of actors had what is called in the vernacular of their profession a "dumb act." They owned WITH CHANGING SEASONS To this spring, too, we came, for each favorite meadow, or hillside, or ravine had its fountain. In the springtime, save for the moss and the evergreen, it was alone in its beauty; in summer, bright blossoms were re-

ter was the same, clear, cool and re-freshing. The years slip by, and with them bring recollections of many de-parted scenes, but always these clear springs will recall to our minds some of our dearest memories. They are fountains of youth.

As Methuselah

POSITION OF POLITICS IN SCHOOL HISTORIES IS ATTACKED



attention to the tion as distin-guished from mere

years!" of mind, in America at least, has been the growth and diffusion of an ampler culture—increase in art galleries, music, libraries, college graduates, European travelers. More college graduates go into business than into the professions, as formerly. Therefore, courses in history should be given a broader scope.

There is one point, however, upon which the rhymster has left us in doubt. Did the nine times centenarian who ate what he wanted when he wanted it wax fat? That he holds the record for longevity, we know. But what about his figure?

And now there comes one to suggest, by inference, that very likely Methuselah had the right idea—it is not food that makes for fat as much of mind, in Am-

"THESE dizzy spells are really alarmas sluggish living. In other words ing," said the boss, as he read and re-read the new stenographer's batch of letters.

whether we keep our sylph-like forms or not very likely depends not upon our meals but in most part upon what

HELL is also a state of mind caused by over eating.

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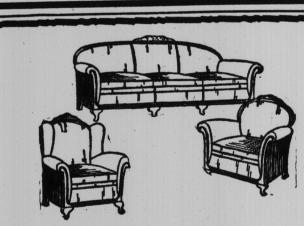
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According to Mrs. Theodore Parson uthor and lecturer; "When women are padded and fatbound where they ought to be free and lithe, the blood cannot reach the brain with its usual force. Even when it

SOME was has said that all the world is divided into two classes—those who eat to live and those who live to eat. To the latter, life in the good old days must have resolved itself into one long picnic if the following jingle is a fair portrayal of the patriarch:

"Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, And never, as people do now, Did he note the amount of the caloric count—

He ate it because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed as at dinner he sat

Destroying a roast or a pie,

Inche, the blood cannot reach the plant with its usual force. Even when it does get there it has picked up impurities on the way. A lumpy, stodgy body inevitably companions a lumpy stodgy brain. And if the brain is fat, one thinks fat thoughts."

Mrs. Parsons believes that the begining and end of beauty in living lies in balanced thinking and a harmoniously developed body, and that when these exist—fat doesn't!

"People rarely develop themselves to their greatest possibilities," she says. "That is why life is only half-lived by the great majority. Colorless, mediocre people are victims of their own ignorance and slothfulness. Through education there must come that Elysian age when every woman shall be sian age when every woman shall be radiant of personality and mentally

Destroying a roast or a pie, To think it was lacking in glandeur fat,
Or a couple of vitamines shy.
He cheerfully chewed every species of food, Untroubled by worries or fears Lest his health be hurt by some fancy dessert— And he lived nine

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hundred "HAVE you a Charles Dickens There is one point, however, upon "No!" she snapped

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