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EVERY WOMAN, MARRIED OR SINGLE, WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS, IS A BRITISH SUBJECT, AND HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHN FOR SIX MONTHS. SHOULD GET HER NAME ON THE VOTERS' LIST BEFORE OCT. 6. IT IS A DUTY AS WELL AS A RIGHT.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

The resolution which Mr. R. E. Armstrong submitted to the Rotary Club yesterday urged a development of the community spirit in St. John. To that end the Times-Star has urged a wider use of school buildings, the formation of Improvement Leagues, and a get-together movement which would eventually embrace the whole citizenship.

Mr. Armstrong sets forth definite aims to be accomplished, and it is worth while to repeat them in the words of the resolution:—
"Therefore resolved, that the members of this Rotary Club pledge themselves to use their best endeavors to bring about an improved community spirit; that they will seek to promote the good name of the city and to impress its advantages and attractions upon all whom they meet or correspond with; that they will discourage damaging criticism of city affairs, publicly and otherwise; that they will take a deep interest in civic matters and in the men who represent them; that they will use their influence in favor of clean and improved streets and in the removal of such obstacles as may hinder the city's progress; and, until the city has attained its objective as a national port and as an attractive commercial and residential centre, that they will employ their best thoughts and efforts in its behalf."

The resolution further urges the Rotary Club to appeal for the co-operation of citizens, regardless of class or creed. It would also be well to say regardless of politics, for partisanship has too often stood in the way of united effort for the advancement of the interests of St. John. Fear lest the other party might gain some credit or advantage has too often been a more compelling influence than public spirit and civic patriotism.

When all the people can be got to take a personal interest in improving conditions in St. John there will be no knockers, criticism will be constructive, and an era of greater progress than the city has ever known will begin. The Rotary Club has here a fine opportunity for service.

ANOTHER CAUCUS

The political pot at Ottawa bubbles again. A caucus of the Unionist party is called for today, and the Standard's Ottawa correspondent says it may have "far-reaching consequences."

It has been perfectly clear for a long time that things could not go on as they were. Even if it were decided to perpetuate the Unionist party, that party must declare a policy. Now that by-elections are at hand, and there is a reorganized Liberal party with a popular and able leader, it is all the more essential that the country should know what Unionist stands for.

Sir Robert Borden is in poor health. He has been advised to take a complete rest. Doubtless he would gladly relinquish the reins of office if he could do so with a feeling that he had not made the road harder for his party, whether it be the Unionist or the Conservative party. The possibility of his retirement makes the situation all the more interesting. It is said that he favors continuance of a Unionist party, and the Standard's correspondent intimates that he has prepared a policy for the consideration of the caucus, although he will be unable to present it in person. Hon. Robert Rogers and the high tariff wing of the Conservative party have no sympathy with Unionism unless it adopts their views. The result of the caucus will be awaited with very keen interest throughout Canada.

LONG REACH

One needs to go beyond Westfield into Long Reach to know the full charm of the St. John river in summer. When the steamer passes the Nerepis and nears Crystal Beach there is a noticeable change in the atmosphere. It is warmer and more dry. The colder and heavier air lies behind. Fog, from the bay, seldom or never enters the Reach. There the air is more exhilarating. The scenery is less picturesque looking up the river than looking down toward the headlands jutting into Grand Bay, but it is more beautiful. Its great breadth, flowing between green hills, lends an air of majesty to the river, while the pretty beaches, the farms and woods, add variety and loveliness to the picture. It is true the land of man has as yet done little to develop the rich resources on either shore. For these hillsides, though steep in places, lend themselves readily to cultivation, and would yield immense quantities of vegetables and small fruits. The apple tree, for example, is found growing wild, and orchards would flourish. Specimens of almost every tree that grows in New Brunswick may be found

along the shores or in ravines or on the hills along the Reach. One who spends a summer along this portion of the river finds it calling him again, and the call grows more insistent with each summer he returns to feel the spell of its constant and varied charm. The Valley Railway will do much for Long Reach, but more people must go there, more of the land must be made productive, and that already under cultivation made to yield, under modern methods, larger quantities of small fruits and garden products, poultry and live stock. The time is coming when families summering on the Reach will provide a market for great quantities of the products of the gardens and the farms. St. John people should have a special interest in the development of this region. One can easily look into the future and see those shores dotted with cottages, with craft of every kind afloat upon the river, and a thriving country stretching back where now the green woods flourish. The opportunity is there. Will it be seized by immigrants, or by our own people?

The University of New Brunswick has the largest class of new students ever registered at that institution. Mount Allison University has the largest attendance of students in its history. These are healthy signs of a growing consciousness in this province of the value of education. St. John has a fine opportunity to make a good beginning this fall in the matter of vocational training. Those having the work in hand should lose no time in completing the necessary arrangements for fall and winter classes.

Already the steel strike in the United States has resulted in loss of life. There are hotheads who cannot be restrained from injudicious action, and sometimes positive crime is the result. As to the strike itself both sides, as usual, express confidence as to the result. If the trouble is prolonged it will be a serious blow to industry in general, for steel is a basic industry. It is most unfortunate that the employers and employed cannot arrive at an understanding that would ensure a continuance of work while differences were being adjusted.

King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium are today en route to the United States. The welcome accorded them will be worthy of their noble record. Canada, also, would be very glad of an opportunity to honor them and give expression to the universal feeling of sympathy for the country which suffered so terribly because it dared to stand for the sanctity of treaties and for its own honor among the nations.

Captain D'Annunzio is still supreme in Fiume, and more Italian soldiers have joined his forces. The Italian government is apparently afraid to attack him and asks the Allies to perform the task of driving him out. Imagine the tales that will be told in Italy in years to come of the man who defied even his own king to separate Fiume from Italy. But meanwhile somebody must take up the challenge. Who will it be?

Hon. J. A. Calder announces that the question of soldiers' gratuities as well as those affecting the civil re-establishment of soldiers may properly be taken up by the special commons committee of which he is chairman. The gratuities question will doubtless, therefore, receive attention.

With nine hundred delegates present, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress meeting in Hamilton is a deluge of good of great importance. Organized labor has made enormous strides in re-organization, and its views must be received with respect, by even those who may feel constrained to oppose them.

The Russian Soviet government admits that it has been compelled to withdraw from a region whence Soviet Russia receives coal and wood, and appeals to the workmen and peasants to rally for a great effort to regain that territory.

Many of us can remember a time when St. John fought for its rights as a winter port even to the point where its representatives in parliament presented their resignation as the alternative if justice were not done.

When the Standard attempts to belittle the work done on New Brunswick roads in the last few years it loses the confidence and respect of every motorist who uses the roads.

The discovery of a hoard of 240,000 pounds of sugar held by one concern in Winnipeg sort of helps to remove that sour taste from one's mouth.

Makers of motor cars in England are asking for a protective tariff. The reply of the government gives them no hope of success.

The board of commerce is said to be coming to St. John. Did anybody hear prices drop?



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LIFE ON MARS

I have heard a learned professor say that Mars has living folks, while another gifted guesser hailed his arguments as jokes. And they wires around and wrangled like a pair of locked cats, and they got their wires around and wrangled like a pair of locked cats. Some endorsed the learned professor, held as gospel his belief, some stood up for 'tother gusser, helping him to yawn and yawn. And the row became a riot, so the whole bunch went to jail, where they had a frugal diet that was void of toast on quail. You may climb the highest steeples with a telescope in hand, and you cannot tell if people drill around on Martian land. There's no earthly way of proving if inhabitants are there; so your arguments, though moving, are but piffle and hot air. So we waste the moments, precious, cheating rage, letting habits vain enmesh us, when we should be bailing hay. Whether Mars has people on it I protest, we'll never learn; but this world of ours, doggone it, has inhabitants to burn; here they are, where Nature hung them, on a prehistoric day, and our work is here among them, not a billion leagues away.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

THE PORT OF HALIFAX

There are two great doors into Canada on the Atlantic coast. One is St. John, N. B., and the other is Halifax, N. S. Both are of vital interest to every Canadian. The value of the port of Halifax was never fully realized until the Empire of the War of Independence and again in the war of 1812-1814 it was one of those strongholds whose fate was never in doubt. It grew steadily and became of greater importance as a fleet base each year. For a long time it was the headquarters of the North Atlantic fleet, while in the forts overlooking the harbor the British soldiers kept constant watch. In September 1905 the regulars were removed from the fort and the Canadian government undertook the task of manning the defences there. This it carried out with satisfaction to the military and naval authorities upon whose shoulders the work of maintaining the defences rested. The city is not merely the key to the Canadian Atlantic, but it is also a place of great beauty—marked some- what by the great explosion of the war and the seaboard terminus of the Inter-colonial Railway.

WALKING AT NIGHT

My face is wet with the rain
But my heart is warm to the core,
For I follow at will again
The road that I love of yore;
And the dim trees beat the dark,
And the swelling ditches moan,
But my heart is a singing, soaring lark
For I loved the road alone.

Alone in the living night
Away from the noisy throng;
Alone with the old delight
Of the night with my lungs;
And the wet air on my cheeks
And the moon's first pallid smile,
Alone with the joy he knows who seeks
The thrill of the young spring rains,
With the smell of the petted earth,
Making him dream of the sound of
mirth
That comes with the clearing breeze.

'Tis a rare and wondrous sight
To tramp the wet while
And watch the moon's first smile
Of the sun's first pallid smile,
And hear the meadows breathe again
And see the far woods turn green
Drunk with the glory of wind and rain
And the sun's warm smile between!

I have made me a vagrant song,
For my heart is warm to the core,
And I'm glad, O glad that the night is
long
For I travel the road once more
With the dim trees beat the dark
And the swelling ditches moan,
With the joy of the singing, soaring lark
Traveling alone, where they will be sold for
(Amory Hare in Contemporary Verse.)

LIGHTER VEIN

"I know a man who always gets more game than he wants when he goes hunting."
"How is that?"
"He is generally hunting trouble."

Mrs. A.—Are you bothered much with your chin?
Mrs. B.—No, but I am with my telling the truth at very inopportune moments.

"I think I will try to get over to Europe and settle down in Venice."
"Why Venice?"
"Because it is the only place I know of where you don't have to keep dodging the automobiles in the streets."

"What has become of the man who used to tell us how anybody could get rich raising chickens?"
"I guess," said Farmer Cornsloss, "he has switched around and is makin' a fortune out of plans for sellin' chicken feed to the people he started raisin' chickens."

SHEEP-RANCHING IN ALBERTA

The importance of the southern Alberta sheep ranching industry may, perhaps, be judged from the fact that this year the wool clip shipped by members of the Southern Alberta Wool Growers' Association, with headquarters at Lethbridge, has reached the figure of 1,750,000 pounds, valued at prevailing prices at more than \$1,100,000.

Last year's shipments were practically the same, these two years having established the record for Southern Alberta. In 1918 the Southern Alberta Wool Growers' Association shipped 87 per cent of the wool handled by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Toronto, a national organization, showing the place this portion of the west holds in the wool producing industry.

With more and more irrigation being introduced in the province, the Lethbridge district will, no doubt, become even more important as a sheep growing area, for with wide ranges available for summer grazing for the flocks there will be plenty of winter feed assured on the irrigation farms, making it possible to carry the maximum number of sheep at all seasons of the year.

WOMEN AND INSURANCE

Mrs. Nellie McClung, a distinguished writer and speaker on social and national problems, appears to have given the members of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada food for thought in relation to life insurance for women.

She addressed the annual meeting held in Calgary last month, and the announcement that she would speak brought a crowd that filled the hall to overflowing. Not only did she go and see, but she conquered. A report of her address says:
"The only woman speaker on the programme began by telling the assembly that she had always wanted to address an underwriters' convention, especially since she had become a policyholder, as she felt she had a few things to say to the insurance men. The attitude of the companies in not admitting women to disability privileges and in charging them a higher rate of premium than men was deplored. One urged that something be done, possibly by raising the rates to men so that the risk of loss which insurance companies claimed was involved when a woman was insured might be taken care of and the women taken into the companies on the same basis as the men. While the humor of this clever woman was much enjoyed, the homely truths that she was able to drive home regarding some improvements that might be made by life insurance companies in their dealing with women bore fruit at the closing of her address, when G. J. Reany of Edmonton moved a resolution that the convention go on record as favoring the suggestion. Mrs. McClung had always regarding the raising of rates to enable women to take up insurance on a fifty-fifty basis with men, which was unanimously passed by a standing vote. K. K. Yoshell, as the representative of the national underwriters, added a few words of approval on behalf of the men he was associated with in the United States who he felt sure would be in sympathy with Mrs. McClung's suggestion."

THE FEDERAL HOUSING SCHEME

Thomas Adams, town planning adviser to the dominion government, in a recent communication to Canadian Finance, deals with a number of phases of the federal housing scheme. He states that the low rate of interest charged and the architectural and other assistance given with the government loan really means a saving of over three and one-half per cent per annum on the value of the home to the homebuilder. He further suggests that "cheap, clean, and good management, together with the money at five per cent, there should be no difficulty in building houses on an economical basis even at the present cost of labor and materials—having regard, of course, to the higher rental value of such houses at the present time."

LARGE FUR SHIPMENTS

Over one million dollars worth of furs are reported to have reached Edmonton from the north country recently, according to officials of the E. D. & A. Co. and the A. & C. W. Rogers. The larger portion of these furs has been transhipped straight through to eastern points.

The fur carried by a recent A. & G. W. train to arrive at Edmonton with baggage from Port McMurray consisted of two and a half car loads of the precious furs. This cargo in itself is valued at \$200,000, and is valued at close to a million dollars. Nearly twenty-four thousand pounds of furs were consigned to the Hudson's Bay and about 10,000 pounds to J. H. Bryan.

Among the shipments was one to Colin Fraser, well known fur man of the north. His "catch" brought him just \$20,444, the purchaser being Robert A. Alish, fur dealer, who, it is stated, is shipping the entire consignment to London, England where they will be sold for European consumption.

The collection contained the following furs—121 beaver skins, fifty red fox, eight wolverines, eight skunk, seven ermine, five wolf, sixteen lynx, twenty-five bear, one white fox, one silver fox, 119 mink, seventy-four ermine, one fisher and 238 martens.

WEALTH OF THE OKANAGAN

Great activity has recently prevailed in all points throughout the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, the movement of fruit and other produce being full swing. It is estimated that the value of the output for the city of Kelowna and adjacent districts this year will amount to \$1,750,000. The two canneries at Kelowna are under the same management and the capacity of each has been doubled this year. One plant specializes in the canning of tomatoes, and in season three hundred workers are employed as well as the regular staff of fifty. The women workers do the peeling and averaging \$3.00 per day, while experts make as high as \$7 per day. The canneries have a capacity of 70,000 cans a day, and expect to handle 200,000 cases. The crop this year does not promise as heavy a yield per acre as usual, but there is a much larger acreage. The second canneries specializes in fruits and vegetables, and has a capacity of 60,000 cases per day.

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CAUCUS TODAY TO DECIDE FUTURE OF UNIONIST PARTY

Ottawa, Sept. 23—In order to make clear the position of the Unionist party in Canada, a caucus is to be held today in Ottawa of leaders therein to decide upon its future, whether it will see the birth of a new party or whether it will give way to the Conservative party.

The time of the House was occupied yesterday in the discussion of two motions. One was the proposal that hereafter Thanksgiving Day shall be celebrated each year on November 11 so that by so doing Peace Day may also be commemorated. As this would upset the present arrangement of having Thanksgiving Day always fall on Monday, the government decided to postpone further action until the public could have an opportunity to express an opinion.

Mr. Mowat (Parkdale) introduced his motion to substitute election for hanging as a death penalty and it was strongly supported by Dr. Thompson (Yukon). Mr. McMaster (Brome) moved an amendment that for the death penalty be substituted imprisonment.

Mr. Doherty who was leading the house, moved that progress be reported, and that the house adjourn at 9:30 in order that members might show their respect for the late Hon. Frank Cochrane, by accompanying the body from his late residence to the train by which it is being conveyed to Toronto for burial.

GRATUITIES TO COME BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMONS COMMITTEE

Ottawa, Sept. 22—The question of gratuities and all other matters affecting the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life will come before the special committee of the commons on civil re-establishment, according to a ruling of Hon. J. A. Calder, chairman of that committee, made shortly after the session opened last night.

The question arose as to how far the committee was competent to go into matters outside of those set forth in bill No. 10, on soldiers' civil re-establishment. Mr. Calder said in his opinion it was quite competent for the committee to recommend any amendments to the bill creating the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment which it might see fit, and if the committee found that the objective for which the department was created was not being attained under the present act, it had every competence to recommend alterations.

F. P. Pardee asked if the committee had the right to take up the question of gratuities.

Mr. Calder replied in the affirmative and said they could also take up any other scheme in regard to placing soldiers back in civil life. "It is perfectly

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Saves the cost of tearing up and more will arrive shortly, say the officials of the Canada Steamships Line. A boat loaded with sugar docked at Toronto yesterday morning; three others with full cargoes have reached Montreal and two are on their way from New York. Confectioners and wholesale dealers are getting it in larger quantities already.

Silo Juice Has Kick.
Cedar Grove, N. J., Sept. 23.—For some time St. Perkins, chairman of the local Board of Poultry Trade, noticed that his silo was attracting more attention than an ordinary silo should. Then he also observed that some of the visitors were wearing more or less when departing from its vicinity. He had some of the juice tested and this was found out:

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QUANTITIES OF SUGAR ARRIVING IN CANADA. (Toronto Globe.)

Sugar in large quantities is arriving and more will arrive shortly, say the officials of the Canada Steamships Line. A boat loaded with sugar docked at Toronto yesterday morning; three others with full cargoes have reached Montreal and two are on their way from New York. Confectioners and wholesale dealers are getting it in larger quantities already.

UNIQUE COMPLIMENT TENDERED BEATTY BY THE LOWER DECK MEN

Portsmouth, Eng., Sept. 22.—V.R. Admiral Sir David Beatty was tonight given a unique compliment when, with forty-two of his admirals, he was entertained at dinner in the town hall here by some 500 lower deck men and presented with a silver cigar box as a token of loyalty and affection from all the ratings in the navy.

The day was made a great occasion here, salutes being fired upon the vice-admiral's arrival, and his automobile being hauled through the streets to the town hall by sailors.

Twenty thousand townspeople gathered at the town hall and cheered heartily while the 500 hosts of the vice-admiral formed up on the steps to welcome him.

HEAVY YIELD OF HONEY.
After having made a careful and conservative survey of the honey industry in Manitoba, J. H. Evans, deputy minister of agriculture, recently stated that 1,000,000 pounds of honey will be produced in the province this year. This is stated to be 100,000 pounds in excess of the production in previous years.

