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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 urges what this newspaper has long advocated—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 in the city and to press 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 deeper 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 Unionism stands for.

Sir Robert Borden is in poor health. He has been advised to take a complete rest. Doubtless he would gladly relinquish the cares 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 Nerpis 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 hand of man has as yet done little to develop the rich resources on either shore. The 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



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LIFE ON MARS.  
I have heard a learned professor say that Mars has living folks, while another gifted gesser hailed his arguments as jokes. And they wined around and wrangled like a pair of loosed cats, and they got their wires around and grew more beneath their hats. Some endorsed the learned professor, held as gospel his belief, some stood up for 'other gusser, while some went to jail, where they had a frugal diet and wash of hot water on quail. You may climb the highest steeple with a telescope in hand, but 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 crouch us, until the great war came, then it became a scene of varied but never ending activity. Troops poured through 40s port almost daily, while the soldiers were gathered there for the fighters on land and on sea.

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 by the Empire until the great war came, then it became a scene of varied but never ending activity. Troops poured through 40s port almost daily, while the soldiers were gathered there for the fighters on land and on sea.

When the fleet is there what a thrill comes to the harbor of Halifax. Ever since the place was founded in 1749 it has been noted for its unwavering loyalty to the king. In the troubled days of 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 by the work of the great explosion of the war and the seaboard terminus of the Intercolonial 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 travel the road once more.

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 deliberate and important one. Organized labor has made enormous strides in recent years, 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.

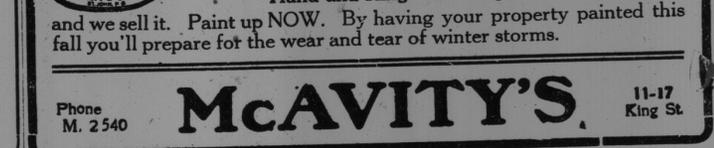
The discovery of a hoard of 240,000 pounds of sugar held by one concern in Winnipeg set of help to remove that sour taste from one's mouth.

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?

Suppose There Was No Paint!

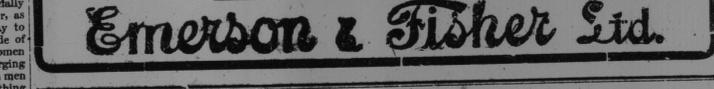
The hot summer sun would broil the life out of your house and barn, the winter rain and snow and sleet would rot the wood, and the wind would rack them asunder.  
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CAUCUS TODAY TO DECIDE FUTURE OF UNIONIST PARTY

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 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 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 "Not exceeding life," a somewhat humanitarian way of expressing his desire to leave a way open for a substitution in certain cases of shorter terms of imprisonment for the life sentence.

Hon. 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 which 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 Monday. The 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 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."

UNIQUE COMPLIMENT TENDERED BEATTY BY THE LOWER DECK MEN

Portsmouth, Eng., Sept. 22—Vice 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 fleet.  
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 forced 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.



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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.

Silo Juice Has Kick.  
Cedar Grove, N. J., Sept. 23—For some time Si 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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