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WHY THIS SLUMBER?

The business men of St. John would deem it an offence if they were charged with a lack of enterprise. Yet only nine of them assembled yesterday to hear an address from the Canadian commercial agent in Australia, who came to tell them that in his opinion St. John had something to gain in the future as a port through which would flow some of the trade which must eventually be developed between these two great states of the British Empire. Possibly the immediate prospect of such a trade is not great, but it would be impossible for an intelligent business man, who had been ten or a dozen years in Australia to speak without saying something that would be interesting and suggestive.

The future of St. John is bound up with the external trade of Canada, and the hope of this province lies largely in its becoming a manufacturing as well as an agricultural centre. We can compete in some lines of agriculture if not in the growth of grain; but we can compete on more even terms in many lines of manufacture, whose raw material is at hand, or can easily and cheaply be laid down here. It is in the interests of the city and province to keep in touch with the industrial and commercial developments of the growing time in Canada, and that cannot be done by assuming an attitude of indifference or apathy.

CIRCULATION FIGURES

The St. John Star accuses the Times of "an attempt to discredit the recent circulation statements made by the Star."

On the contrary the Times merely stated the facts, as follows:—"In Printers' Ink one year ago the St. John Star claimed to have an average circulation of 4,000 copies. Yesterday it told its readers that in September 1903 its circulation was 3,261, and that it gained 2,000 in 1904, which would only make 5,261 at the time it claimed to have 6,229. In March, 1905, it claimed a circulation of 6,000, which was almost 300 less than the Printers' Ink statement of the previous year."

As the Times observed, "The Star itself is to blame if the public experience a dizzy spell in trying to harmonize these various statements." The Star now explains that in September, 1904, was exhibition month, and that this explained the Printers' Ink statement; but it made no such explanation last March when the Times called its attention to the little discrepancy. And then, as now, the Star was seeking to "discredit" statements made by the Times.

The Times has not been prompted by envy to disseminate this matter. For days the Star asserted in large type that its circulation in this city alone was greater than the total circulation of the Times. That statement could not well go unanswered when it happened to be false. That is why the Times has spoken.

The Star now claims that its average circulation for the last three months has been 6,229. The Star is five years old. The Times is not one year old. Its issue last evening was larger than the figure which the Star claims for itself, the average for the past three days being 6,236 copies.

In the last two weeks the Times has received two hundred and twenty-two new subscriptions. In fairness to itself, and to those who favor it with their patronage the Times presents this statement of its position and of its rapid growth in public favor. If there be any quarrel with the Star, it will only be when the Star makes the quarrel.

A MERCHANTS' WEEK

Two or three weeks ago, when it seemed probable that Prince Henry of Battenburg, with several warships, would visit St. John, the Times interviewed a number of leading merchants and hotel men, all of whom heartily supported the idea of having a celebration of some sort for several days, to attract people to the city and give everybody a good time. Mayor White said he would cheerfully call a meeting to consider the question, if desired, and would aid in the work of preparation.

There is a feeling among business men that though we are not to have the Prince and the warships we ought to have a Merchants' Week early in October. No doubt all the transportation companies would heartily co-operate, as passenger traffic is lighter in October than earlier in the season.

Many interested in aquatic sports and in horse-racing say there would be no difficulty in providing attractive sports if the proper inducements were held out. Similar inducements would provide hand concerts, fireworks, and other features. It is a question of ways and means. If the business men can solve that problem, the rest is comparatively easy. It goes without saying that St. John is too indifferent in reference to what makes for its own advantage in such matters. There should be each year an exhibition or horse show or special feature of some kind to attract the people and give an additional impulse to business.

It is worth noting in this connection that Toronto has just closed a phenomenally successful fair, which crowded the city and brought much money from other provinces to be distributed among Toronto stores and hotels. Here is a sample statement from the Toronto Globe:—"The Toronto Railway carried 4,201,880 passengers during the two weeks of the Exhibition ending on Saturday evening last. This does not include those who travelled on transfers. During the same period the company's earnings amounted to \$173,940.57, against \$161,571.65 for the same period of 1904, thus showing an increase of \$22,368.92 for this year's Fair traffic receipts."

And here is another from the News—"Over 300,000 people, or twenty per cent. more than any former year, were handled by the various transportation companies here at Fair time. The G. T. R. carried 170,000; C. P. R., 70,000; Niagara Navigation Company, 25,000; and other navigation companies, 35,000. In three days, beginning with Saturday, Sept. 2, as many as 478 trains passed in and out of the city, 222 being on the G. T. R., and 122 on the C. P. R."

It is not necessary to advance any arguments to convince the reader that this fair was of benefit to Toronto. St. John in a smaller way, because it is a smaller city, would reap similar benefit from similar enterprise.

A GENTLE CASTIGATION

The Times quoted a few days ago the fiery denunciation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by Hon. Robert Rogers, of Manitoba, in connection with the transfer of Keweenaw from that province to the Northwest Territories, which one correspondent asserted would fasten separate schools on Keweenaw, and which Mr. Rogers declared to be an outrage on Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) does not take Mr. Rogers seriously. It refers to his utterance in this deplorable fashion:—"Hon. Bob Rogers is happy again. For some weeks he has been mad because the lambent flames of the limelight have not been playing about his noble and expressive brow. Inferior performers—fellows like Billy Maclean and Revolution B. Bennett—have been occupying the centre of the stage, while the chief tragedian stalked, moody and forgotten, behind the scenes. But now he has once more come into his own; and, as he strides up and down behind the footlights hurling defiance at that catfish, Laurier, and swearing that he will defend the fair maiden, Manitoba, from insult with the last drop of blood that courses through his manly chest, there is wild and tumultuous applause from the paid clique in the press box."

The sudden death of Mayor P. A. Collins of Boston deprives the city and state of the services of a man who was eminent not only by reason of ability but honesty of purpose. He was a man to whom the Democrats of Massachusetts could point as one who commanded the respect of all parties, and whose name was a tower of strength to their own. By the Irish-American citizens of the city and state he was honored as a representative whose high character from him four years as mayor of a city which in some respects prides itself on its exclusiveness.

"I want to make my position perfectly clear; I want to say to you that not only am I not announcing a candidacy, but I am not permitting a candidacy." In these words, in Chicago this week, William J. Bryan, who soon is to start on a tour around the world, stated his position with regard to the presidential nomination three years hence. Mr. Bryan added these obviously sane remarks: "I believe that my place in history will be determined, not by what the people are able to do for me, but what I am able to do for the people."

The number of fictitious names on the voters' lists in Philadelphia was said to have been between 50,000 and 60,000. This was an overestimate, but the facts are bad enough. A despatch this week says:—"The total number of voters in Philadelphia, according to the September canvass, the complete returns of which are announced, is 339,980, a decrease of 35,810 compared with the canvass made in May prior to the gas lease fight."

A city that has had twenty-one suicides thus far this year is evidently prosperous at the cost of some sacrifice to the strenuous life. That is the record of Winnipeg. A rapidly growing community attracts all sorts and conditions of men, and among them some who are near to despair before they enter its precincts. When the fall there, they give up the struggle.

Another life insurance company is on the gridiron in New York. The enquiry appears to be more thorough than was anticipated by the skeptics.

A QUESTION OF WATER POWER
OTTAWA, Ont. Sept. 15.—(Special).—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Hyman received a delegation from the Ottawa water-power owners at the Chaudiere, asking the government to prevent owners on the Quebec side to stop a project which was being started to divert the water to the Hull side of the river. The premier said he would look into the matter.

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WILL MEET AT OTTAWA

Anglican Synod Will Hold Its Next Session in the Capital.

QUEBEC, Sept. 15.—At yesterday's session of the general Anglican Synod, being held at Quebec, the house of bishops recommended that Ottawa be the next place of meeting. The motion was concurred in on motion of Canon Richardson, seconded by Very Rev. Dean Evans. Canon Farthing moved the adoption of the report on temperance and a discussion arose on the committee's unfavorable report on the Goulbourn system. Sheriff Innes, of Winnipeg, said local option had proved a complete failure in Manitoba, and he objected to the committee's report that prohibition had proved successful in small communities and country districts.

The afternoon was largely occupied by the consideration of the report on Sunday school work.

The synod prorogued today at noon. Among the most important reports was one from the committee of church statistics. Since 1902 there has been an increase of clergy over the previous three years by 84; lay members have increased 610 to 609; churches from 1,424 to 1,704; ordained parishes and missions from 1,218 to 1,481; baptisms from 35,518 to 41,302; marriages from 12,329 to 14,344; church families reported from 57,508 to 62,047; number of souls reported from 407,261 to 422,682; communicants reported from 119,820 to 123,471.

The contributions for church objects within the diocese amounted to \$801,477 for three years ending 1902, while for the past three years the total amounts to \$1,009,211, an increase of 70 per cent. Contributions for all purposes amounting to \$6,275,616, an increase of \$1,063,098. Though there has been a gross income of sixty-one in Sunday schools and \$6 in teachers, there is a decrease in scholars, which is considered disquieting and there is also a decrease of 617 in the number of confirmed.

A resolution of concurrence was passed in a message from the upper house relative to a thank offering in all Anglican churches on the occasion of the Lambeth Conference in 1908.

The resolution had been sent down with the recommendation that the offering be designated to the S. P. C. A. This was sent back with the suggestion that each diocese should designate the fund to which the offering be given. This was agreed to.

A motion passed to appoint a committee to watch all federal and provincial legislation to further or retard the moral progress of the people.

Canon Richardson's motion that steps be taken to seek the appointment of Thanksgiving Day on a Sunday, the following day to be observed as a holiday, was defeated.

ST. JOHN IS APATHETIC

Nine Business Men Heard J. S. Larke Talk on Trade Development With Australia

There was a very small gathering of the city's business men at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon to listen to the address of J. S. Larke, Canada's Commercial representative in Australia, on the development of Canadian trade with Australia. Those present were H. B. Schofield, president; Geo. Robertson, P. F. H. H. Shaffer, of the I. C. R.; W. E. Karle; S. S. Hall; W. S. Fisher; A. W. Macneary; John H. McRobbie, and C. W. Brown.

Mr. Larke stated that the maritime provinces were to become the workshop of Canada; consequently it was from this end, not so much from Vancouver that the most profitable stream of trade to Australia could be established.

The provisions relative to the collection of duties, said Mr. Larke, are not so favorable now as when he left for Australia ten years ago, but this was because of a political change, and he was sure that the matter would be adjusted.

A discussion of a brief nature was carried on by President Schofield and others at the close of the address. It was said that Australia's heavy debt, the present social unrest, and the drought, caused delay in business development.

At the termination of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Larke for his instructive address.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session Opened in Charlottetown Last Night.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. opened at Charlottetown last night. The report of the maritime committee recommended that \$1,000 be raised by the convention and that \$2,500 be used for general work each year in 1906 and 1907, \$500 of which is to be set aside and added to the endowment fund to support the work in Madras and India. That more secretarial help be secured for general work. The receipts were \$2,254, and expenditures, \$2,224.

Twenty-six associations report 4,032 members, 1,633 of whom are active. Every association has felt the pinch of limited financial support, and many good plans are thereby held up. The distinctively religious work of the associations has been beyond the average. The help of women has been given lavishly in some of the local associations.

"IT'S OFTEN THUS"

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)
"Disappointed in her husband," exclaimed Mrs. De Style in surprise.
"Why, before they were married she used to tell me that he was a Greek god."
"So she did," responded Mrs. Van Nobb, "but he turned out to be a regular Baphus."

William F. Powell, U. S. Minister to Haiti, who is on leave of absence at his home, announced his intention of tendering his resignation at once. He gives as his reason for resigning the prevalence of revolutions, riots and fevers in Haiti. "I have tempted the fates long enough," he said.

The Observator Romano, the Vatican organ, prints an official note stating that the Vatican authorities have not yet reached a decision relative to their future action regarding the sequestration of church and state in France.

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