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THE ROYAL STEAMERS.

The attitude of the Telegraph and the Times in attempting to cast doubt upon the coming to St. John this winter of the splendid Royal line of steamers and in scoffing at the benefit this port will derive, is, we prefer to believe, due to a lack of information rather than a deliberate desire to deceive the people. Whatever the cause the effect is the same and the impression circulated is most unfair.

For instance, in the Times last evening appeared this paragraph: "Up to last night no application had been made for berths for the Royal steamships at St. John, and from the reports there seems also a doubt whether the first sailing of that line, or its substitute, will be from St. John or Halifax."

Reference to the Globe brings the information that before the above item was printed the Marine Superintendent of the Royal Line had arrived in St. John to make arrangements for the winter service. Application for berths, it is understood, will be made today.

Undoubtedly the people of St. John regret to lose the Empresses, but we have lost them, even though it be but a temporary loss, and regardless of what decision may be rendered in the Guelish agreement. Very well. We have gained the Royal Line, and if one is to believe what one reads in the Chronicle, the machine Grit organ in Halifax, the Royal Line has been of far more value to Halifax than the Empress steamers can be.

Certainly through the exchange St. John is in a better position than ever before to make a thorough test of our claims as a mail and passenger port. We will have a full service by four steamers, two of which, at least, are the fastest in the Canadian service. What better condition could we have for a test as to mail ports?

As to the amount of money left here, the Royal steamers will be as large purchasers of supplies and service as were the Empresses, and we understand each boat will mean an expenditure of \$300 to \$500 for labor in connection with the handling of mail, something St. John never before experienced. From a business standpoint, then, there can be little loss.

And how about port prestige—of which there has been so much talk during the past few weeks? This winter we are a direct mail port. Previously we were but a port of call. It is not easy to see where the change means loss of prestige.

The Standard believes in St. John. We have no quarrel with Halifax, but we honestly believe that with a fair chance, such as we will receive this winter for the first time, this port can demonstrate its superiority as a mail and passenger port just as easily as it has proven to be the better freight port.

The Government, largely through Hon. Mr. Hazen's influence, gave us the open door and an equality with Halifax as a mail port. We now have an opportunity to prove our fitness and the fastest steamers will help us do it.

For the Telegraph and Times to intimate that there has been juggling, that we are being "gold bricked," etc., is all very well, as far as it goes, but just where is the ground for complaint?

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

Says the Times: "Tory partisans in this province who in 1911 were horrified at the mere suggestion of selling produce in the American market, and thus paying the way for annexation, are now boasting of the thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of potatoes, hay and cattle that are being marketed at a good figure south of the boundary line."

Just so, there is only this difference. New Brunswick farmers who, today, are gaining the market south of the United States border are not being called upon to pay for the privilege. Under reciprocity the price asked for a chance in the United States market was too heavy for Canada to pay, and we refused to trade. Now the United States needs our produce, and has made concessions to get it, while we pay nothing. The advantage is all on our side.

Not much difference, perhaps, but enough when added to the record of the Grit miracle to hurt the Laurier government from power and establish in its place an honest, patriotic administration. The same difference contributed to the revolution of September 21, 1911, as a result of which the Times and its big brother, the Telegraph, became grouchy grumblers, preaching the dreary dogma of Pugsley and pessimism. Meanwhile the country has prospered and the judgment of the electorate in rejecting the iniquitous reciprocity bill has been abundantly justified. That accounts for the publication in the Times of such items as the foregoing. It also explains the gloom on Canterbury street.

OUR OWN MR. CARVELL.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton County, who attained some notoriety in connection with the dark-lantern brigade at Ottawa, and who was one of the principal participants in the disgraceful opposition to the Borden Naval Aid Bill last session, has no reason to plume himself on the high regard entertained for him either in this province or in the Canadian West.

Recently the Moose Jaw News heard report that Mr. Carvell had under consideration the advisability of leaving this province and practicing law in Western Canada. Moved by the possible truth of the report, the News proceeded to extend a hearty welcome to that gentleman and it did it in this fashion:

"Report has it that F. B. Carvell, Liberal member for Carleton, N. B., in the House of Commons, is to leave his native province, his intention being to practice law in the West. Those familiar with political conditions in New Brunswick will not be surprised to hear of Mr. Carvell's evacuation; for in 1911 he had eleven majority. Since then things politically have for him become worse. Naturally then he seeks a retreat in a quarter where the political prospects appear to be more favorable. He is mistaken, however, if he imagines that the West will receive him with open arms. Politicians who, in the Eastern provinces, can only get in by the skin of their teeth, are not eagerly sought after in the prairie provinces."

Judging from the News' comment it is not likely, if Mr. Carvell decides to locate in Moose Jaw, that he will be met at the depot with a brass band or anything of that sort.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

St. John merchants are commencing to garb their places of business with the brightness and sparkle of Christmas goods and the Christmas shopping season may now be said to have fairly started. With but twenty-nine shopping days from now until the great festival of giving arrives, the advisability of making purchases early and in good season should be impressed upon the public.

The practice of leaving the selection of gifts until Christmas week and, in many cases until the very eve of the day itself, is not only a selfish one but it is not good business. The shopper who buys now can have complete lines of new fresh goods to select from. These stocks are gradually depleted with the approach of Christmas, until the belated one, who hopes to make a last minute selection, is working under difficulty.

Then there are the salesmen and shop girls to think of. It is not generally realized, though nevertheless a fact, that in practically every St. John store where Christmas goods are offered, the small sales during the week before Christmas total more than in any other four weeks during the year. Of course, extra help is usually engaged to cater to the throngs of gift buyers, but this by no means removes the strain upon the men or women behind the counter. Christmas is a holiday season, let everyone help to make it so and in no other way can there be a greater distribution of happiness than by lightening the burden which the last minute shopping rush brings to the salespeople.

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There will be hearty accord in the wish that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who celebrated his 72nd birthday yesterday, may long be spared to lead the Liberal opposition. In his political career Sir Wilfrid has made mistakes but there is little doubt that he has been sincere in them. Anyway all his mistakes pale into insignificance when compared with the possibility of Mr. Pugsley as leader of the party. The Liberals may well ask themselves—After Laurier, what?

The reports that the contending parties in the Irish Home Rule dispute have agreed to compromise may be true, but we reserve the right to doubt them. When two parties are as far apart in their ideas and ideals as those led by John Redmond and Sir Edward Carson, the only compromise that can be effected comes after one of them has been counted out.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

The Halifax fishery award in favor of Canada was paid in London by the United States minister thirty-five years ago today. The fisheries of Canada and the United States had been made free to the citizens of both countries by the treaty of 1871, but it was agreed that Canada should be paid a sum commensurate with the difference in value. An arbitration commission was appointed to fix the sum to be paid. Sir Alexander Galt was chosen to represent Canada, and Mr. E. T. Kellogg acted for the United States, while the deciding vote was left to M. Delfosse, the Belgian minister to the United States. The commission met in Halifax in June, 1877, and reached an agreement the following November, whereby the United States was to pay \$5,500,000. Mr. Kellogg dissenting. The justice of this award was strongly questioned in the United States, the people of that country having become accustomed to getting the best of disputes with Canada, but Kellogg, to his credit, promptly voted an appropriation for its payment. The entire sum did not go to Canada, for the Dominion received \$4,490,882 as its share, the remainder going to Newfoundland. In the light of subsequent events, the award of \$5,500,000 as the value of the fishing privilege abridged the real classes of the treaty was eminently just.

November 21 is the birthday of Sir Samuel Cunard, who founded the line of Atlantic steamships bearing his name, at Halifax, N. S., 1787; and of the Rev. Dr. Neil McNeill, Catholic bishop of St. George's, Nfld., and archbishop of Toronto, at Mabou, N. S., 1851. On this date in 1858 the mail steamer India was wrecked off Newfoundland, with a loss of twenty-seven lives.

THE PASSING DAY

VOLTAIRE'S BIRTHDAY.
Voltaire's birthday will be celebrated today by admirers of the immortal French philosopher and wit, as it has been on every twenty-first of November for over a century. The anniversary recalls a memorable duel of wits between Voltaire and Piton, the epigrammatist. They had exchanged challenges for a literary duel, in which each was to attempt to write the briefest possible letter. It was on his birthday, when Voltaire was going into the country for a day's holiday, that he wrote to his antagonist, "Piton," which is the complete Latin for "I am going into the country." Piton's reply was even briefer, for it consisted of the single word, "Piton," which means "go." Voltaire has been the subject of hundreds of anecdotes. On one occasion, it is related, he remonstrated his genius to base uses. "But I must live," pleaded the youth, in extension of the philosophy. Voltaire, the reply of the philosopher, Victor Hugo, whose eulogy of Voltaire at a celebration of the birthday of the latter, was published in the French oratory, also engaged in a duel of brevity. Being absent from Paris, and anxious to know how his new novel, "Les Miracles," was selling, he wrote to his publisher, "T," and the latter replied with an expressive and triumphant "T."

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

WESTERN STATESMAN.
William Henry Murray is the full and formal name of the distinguished statesman from Tishomingo who is one of Oklahoma's representatives in the councils of the United States Congress, but everyone in his home district calls him "Alfalfa Bill." Mr. Murray prides himself on that pseudonym, and would be seriously offended at any of his constituents calling him William Henry. "Alfalfa Bill" was born at Collinsville, Tex., just forty-four years ago today, and his subsequent career has been just one thing after another. At twelve he ran away from home and—to quote from his official biography—has since purchased cattle, chopped cordwood, worked in brickyards, been a farm papers, taught school, practiced law, and is now an extensive farmer and planter. He is a Bachelor of Science, College Hill Institute, '89. During his journalistic career he was editor of the Farmer's World of Dallas and the Corsicana, Tex., Daily News. After his admission to the bar in 1896 he practiced law in Port Worth for two years, and then removed to Tishomingo, where he married a niece of the governor of the Chickasaw nation. He was prominent in the Oklahoma statehood movement and, as president of the constitutional convention, he earned the title of "Father of the Oklahoma Constitution." He was speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives before going to Washington. He is, according to his own admission, "generally recognized in Oklahoma as a remarkable parliamentarian." He was the Wilson leader in his State during the last presidential campaign and on one time it was rumored that "Alfalfa Bill" would be rewarded with a cabinet portfolio.

BRITISH NOVELIST.

Sir Arthur Thomas Quiller-Couch, novelist, poet, and professor of English literature at Cambridge University, was born in Cornwall half a century ago today. His grandfather, Jonathan Couch, was famous ichthyologist. His first book, "Dead Man's Rock," appeared in 1887, while the author was a lecturer at Oxford. After several years in London on the editorial staff of the Speaker, he devoted himself entirely to literature until his recent appointment to Cambridge. He is called "for short," was commissioned in 1897 to finish Robert Louis Stevenson's uncompleted novel, "Treasure Island," and he finds his chief recreations in rowing and yachting.

HETTY GREEN.
New Bedford, Mass., was the birthplace, seventy-eight years ago today, of Hetty Green, the Bostonian, later called the "Queen of the Money Market," the greatest of woman financiers. The world's richest woman retired some years ago from active participation in business affairs, turning over the management of her vast estate to her son, Col. Edward H. R. Green, whom she sent to Texas as a youth to be educated in the best school of experience and sound business common sense.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Looking Well

Mr. Toogood—"I went under an operation yesterday." Mr. Markwell—"You surprise me. Was it very serious?" Mr. Toogood—"I had a growth removed from my head." Mr. Markwell—"My goodness! and here you are about and looking well." Mr. Toogood—"Oh, don't fret, old sport; I only had my hair cut."

No Such Animal

I don't attempt to criticize the hats that she may wear. Though ornaments which they devise have often made me stare. The plumage, as she turns around, into my eyes may brush, I stand with a respect profound 'Mid an admiring hush.

From learned men the truth I've sought.

While wandering through the zoo. They say there are some lines of thought. A man cannot pursue. But this far is my boldness stirred. I say and say anew, I'd simply like to see the bird On whom those feathers grew!

A Great Character

"King Lear is a great character," remarks the friend, "and" answered the actor: "I suppose you remember my performance last season?" "No, I must confess I have never seen you in the part." "Indeed!" was the rejoinder in a tone of gentle surprise. "Then how on earth did you know it was a great character?"

There You Are

"It's hard to hire help in my business. I manufacture dynamite and we need cautious men." "Well, why don't you look for cautious men?" "A really cautious man won't take such a job."

The Better Way

Mrs. Hoyle—"Do you go through your husband's pockets?" Mrs. Doyle—"Sure; it's the best thing for him." Mrs. Hoyle—"How is that?" Mrs. Doyle—"The doctor says that he must avoid excitement, and I think my husband is better than finding him by asking him for money."

Mer Mistake

Sweet was the lass, low was the gas. It was the evening she expected him to put across the big question. He did not look well. Something seemed to be troubling him. He tried to say something, but the words stuck in his throat, and noticing this, the girl turned the gas even lower. Suddenly he turned to her and cried, "I'm a dub!"

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She was a sensible girl, and realizing that he ought to know best, she thanked him for warning her in time and handed his hat to him. It was only after the door had slammed behind him for once that she realized the awful truth. He had contracted a nasty cold, and what he had been trying to say was, "I'm in love!"

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In 1902 Mrs. Eugene Her, of street, Truro, N. E., wrote as follows: "From an infant one of my children was troubled with bronchitis, and, least cold would aggravate the trouble. We could not get anything to him, and were often greatly alarmed. Hearing of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Licorice and Turpentine as a treat for bronchitis, we used it, and are to state that it effected a complete cure. If any of the children take cold or cough, we give this remedy and have never known it to fail to bring relief."

Mrs. Her now writes that she has proved this medicine to be sure for whooping cough, and is not without it in the house.

YORK L. O. L. ELECTIONS.
At a meeting of York L. O. L. N. in Orange Hall, German street, evening the following officers were elected:
Worshipful Master—C. M. Lingle
Deputy Master—Walter Spencer
Chaplain—Edward S. Hodgkin
Recording Secretary—A. W. Han
Financial Secretary—A. R. Conl
Treasurer—Charles Beers
Director of Ceremonies—Will Reid.
Lecturer—W. Roy Spencer.
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PORTLAND
MAN LOSE
ALLEN LIME

Andrew A. Allen Intimate this may be Result Unless Longshoremen Moderate their Demands.

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Andrew A. Allen of the Allan Line, issued a statement today in which he intimated that unless the longshoremen at Portland moderate their demands, Portland will be cut out of the itinerary of the company's Glasgow-Boston-Portland service. Hugh Allan of London has already been advised to make preparations for the withdrawal of Allan liners from Portland, should such action become necessary. T. Portland's longshoremen demand 35 cents an hour for handling general cargo and 40 cents for handling coal. They have been offered 33 cents an hour for general cargo and 35 cents an hour for coal, the rates paid Boston and New York. The prospects of the shipping business in the immediate future are bad, continues Mr. Allen, "and the business we are going does not justify the demand made, and further than terms offered should not go, even we have to withdraw our ships from Portland." At Montreal we are paying 35 cents for general cargo and 40 cents for coal, while even the John Longshoremen have accepted thirty-five cents an hour all round, both day and night work."

CONGREGATION OF
CENTENARY TENDERS
RECEPTION TO PASTOR

Reunion Held Last Night
Words of Appreciation
for Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Barracough.

In the school room of the Centenary Methodist church last evening was held a congregational reunion, which formed itself into a reception to Rev. Mr. Barracough, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Barracough. There was a large number present, and during the evening many gifts and tributes were paid to the work of Centenary's pastor, and active part taken by Mrs. Barracough in the church work of the community. The members of Centenary congregation have marked with keen appreciation the part played by Rev. Barracough throughout Methodist life of the city and the devotion to the present last evening were words of praise for his faithful and earnest work.

George A. Henderson presided last evening's gathering and opened the meeting with a few brief remarks. E. T. C. Knowles, who was among the present speakers on behalf of officials of the church. W. B. Thomas replied for the members of congregation. Rev. H. B. Thomas, representing St. John district spoke briefly and remarks were also made by Rev. George Steel for the New Brunswick and P. E. I. conference. During the evening a short musical programme was carried out to which Mr. Hanbooy and Mr. Dickinson contributed vocal numbers. A concert was given by the Messrs. Chilton. Refreshments were served and meeting dissolved.

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