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A BAD FIRE

There will be very general regret because of this morning's fire in the business heart of the city which caused so much damage to the premises and stock of Messrs. F. W. Daniel & Co., and, though in less degree, to neighboring firms.
Occurring as it did at an early hour in the morning and during a heavy drifting snow storm, the fire was a most difficult one to handle, for the streets were almost impassable and the fire apparatus was hard to move. A high wind made matters all the worse, and it would seem, under all the circumstances, the department did well to prevent much more disastrous results.
This is the third serious fire we have had within a few weeks, and it is a heavy blow to important business enterprises.

THROUGH SAINT JOHN.

The recent arrival at this port of a steamer carrying a cargo of oranges from Spain for the general market in Ontario has attracted considerable attention in other parts of Canada, as affording evidence that such importations, formerly made by way of American ports, might better be made direct. Under the heading "It Can Be Done," the *Boston Citizen* devotes an editorial to the matter, in the course of which it says:
"One of the most notable cargoes to arrive at the port of Saint John, New Brunswick, recently, was brought by the steamer 'Valmiera,' and consisted of 160,000 pounds of oranges from Spain, grown in the district around Seville and destined for wholesale manufacturers in Ontario. It took a train of 61 refrigerator cars, routed by the Canadian National line as far as Quebec, to handle the shipment.
"What was noteworthy about the orange ship is not the size of the cargo. Ontario has been using huge quantities of Spanish oranges in the manufacture of marmalade for years. But they have been coming via Buffalo from the port of New York heretofore, and lots of people probably thought they could not come any other way. But the *Maritime Province* has been raising their voice, demanding that Canadian shipments use Canadian ports. The cargo of oranges goes to prove that this can be done, if only importers take thought and ask it."
The quick dispatch given this shipment by the C. N. R. after the steamer arrived was a good example of enterprise and of a determination to secure other such cargoes for this route.
Speaking of matters affecting this port, the *Dominion Government* is now calling for tenders for steamers for the West India service, under the provisions of the new treaty, and it is important that when this matter is discussed in Parliament, Saint John's claims should be indicated as a port to and from which these steamers should ply. If the treaty serves the purposes in view, Canada's business with the West Indies and parts of South America will be increased very materially, and one result should be the direct importation of the tropical fruits which now come to us almost entirely through the United States. Saint John is the Maritime port affording the shortest rail haul to the interior of Canada, and it is important that its strategic position and the advantages it affords in this respect should be definitely recognized when the details of the new steamship services are worked out.

BOORS IN PARLIAMENT.

There are a few members of Parliament, according to the editor of the *Ottawa Citizen*, who have very much like the bad boy in the country school who makes faces at the other pupils when the teacher's back is turned. The *Citizen* gives members of Parliament as a whole an ungrudging certificate for reasonable dignity and self-respect, and especially in their address, but it says that there are a few who are certainly discreditable exceptions, few in number, but by no means a credit to themselves, to the Commons or to the constituents. It describes the "new specimen of boor which has made its appearance in this Parliament. He sits on the opposition side, up near the corner occupied by the Progressives. Being far removed from the Speaker's chair, he is apparently under the impression that he can act like a cad without incurring the censure of Mr. Speaker." His method of procedure is to make offensive remarks concerning the Progressives, audible to them, but not loud enough to be heard by the Speaker. The *Citizen* continues:
"When it is remembered that the only woman member of the Canadian parliament has to endure the slurping remarks, which are made so as to be inaudible to Mr. Speaker, the responsibility would surely seem to be upon honorable Conservatives—the majority of members sitting next to the Progressives—to suppress the cads who are certainly no credit to the Conservative party, or to the parliament of Canada. Perhaps allowance should be made for the fact that these are new members,

Just Fun

"I'LL SWING for this," said the ham-mock as it saw the young couple approaching.
IT'S getting so it is more important for a banker to be a good shot than to be able to add a column of figures.
THE absent-minded professor was coming out of the theatre passing the box office he noticed it was closed. "Well, this is unfortunate—all sold out."
THERE'S a sucker born every minute and a new uplift society to collect from him.
BONDAGE.
Dear baby mine, each time you smile, Earth seems like a paradise awhile. But when tears dim your bright blue eyes 'Tis like a tempest from clear skies.
O little babe, so small and white, I'm most afraid to hold you tight. And yet you've bound my heart to you With stronger bond than chain could do.

Playgrounds Wanted



Shade of the Duke of Wellington: "My boys were reared on the playing field. Why are there none for you?"
(The National Playing Fields Association in Great Britain are campaigning for open spaces and playgrounds for the people.)
—From the News of the World.

Poems That Live

TO NIGHT.

Mysterious night! when our first parent knew
That he not tremble for this lovely frame,
This glorious canopy of light and dew,
Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame,
Hesperus with the host of heaven came.
And lo! Creation widened in man's view.
Who could have thought such darkness lay concealed
Within thy beams, O Sun! or who could find,
While thy light and heat and insect stood revealed,
That to such countless orbs thou mad'st us blind!
Why do we then shun death with anxious strife?
If light can thus deceive, wherefore not life?
—Joseph Blancy White.

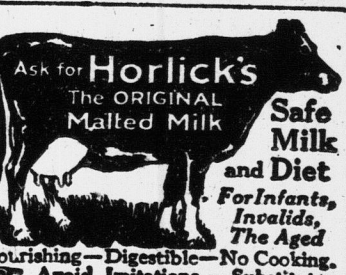
The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE LIGHT IN THE GREAT DARKNESS.
CREATIVE man has measured the span of the heavens, calculated the volume of the stars, arrested the lightning in its clouds, subdued the seas, and harnessed the elements to do his bidding.
How much further will he go? What other wonders will restless man accomplish?
About this, not even the wisest can make any but puny prophecies.
But about the future we can be confident because man, as he moves along in the great darkness, has science for a light.
ONLY the ignorant, the misguided, the belittler, it is science that is making our world such a wonderful place to live in. The blindest puppets who denounce it.
Because some scientists labored long and unrequited and, and probably photograph music, refrigerate with heat, rear oysters from artificially fertilized eggs, measure the length of thought by the time it takes to reach the brain, and make motor fuel from molasses, extract perfumes, flavorings, medicines and explosives from a lump of coal.
Throughout the world's history, progress has been accomplished by the men who were not content to do as their forefathers did, but were continually asking, "Why?" Where the railway commission can find an arrangement suitable to the interests of the taxpayers as a whole, will be compelled to pay for the reduction in freight rates on the government lines they will have rendered the country a signal service.

Other Views

WHY CAN'T THEY?
Brantford Examiner.
Just why both parties at Ottawa could not make any such questions as the reduction of taxation, an aggressive immigration policy, the improvement of Maritime conditions, the advancement of Canada's trade and other equally non-contentious matters, it is difficult to see. An exhibition of patriotism would be in order.
JOB FOR MR. FORKE'S FORCE.
Quebec Soleil.
As yet the Progressives do not seem to understand their function at Ottawa. They are neither detached judges to pass aloofly on the merits of Liberals or Conservatives, nor political brigands waiting to sell their services to the highest bidder. They are actually a part of government, and there is no getting the machinery of government going.
GRAIN AND CANADIAN PORTS.
Quebec Soleil.
Surely it is the railway commission which is best qualified to investigate this controversy, and to offer the most equitable decision on it. In point of fact, it has instructions to do so. It is powerful and competent. It has been created precisely to fulfill functions of this nature. If a solution can be found, it will find it. The solution which is in the mind of everybody at the present moment would be an appreciable reduction on the freight rates for grain, in such a way as to induce shippers to prefer the Canadian route to the American. If



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Dinner Stories

"AMONG the tenements that lay within my jurisdiction when I first took up mission work on the East Side," says a New York young woman, "was one to clean out which would have called for the efforts of the renegade of the Aeneas stables. And the families in this tenement were almost as hopeless as the tenement itself.
"On one occasion I felt distinctly encouraged, however, since I observed that the fact of one youngster was actually clean.
"William," said I, "your face is fairly clean, but how did you get such dirty hands?"
"Washin' me face," said William.
AN OFFICER of the Indian Office at Washington tells of the patronizing airs frequently assumed by visitors to the government schools for the redskins.
On one occasion a pompous little man was being shown through one institution when he came upon an Indian lad of 17 years. The worker was engaged in a bit of carpentry, which the visitor observed in silence for some minutes. Then, with the utmost gravity, he asked the boy:
"Are you civilized?"
The youthful redskin lifted his eyes from his work, calmly surveyed his questioner, and then replied:
"No, are you?"

Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

DR. HENRY PARKER WILLIS.
A SURVEY of the banking and currency problem of Ireland is to be undertaken by a delegation of financial experts headed by Dr. Henry Parker Willis, editor of the *Journal of Commerce*, New York, and professor of banking at Columbia University.
This survey is to be similar to those recently conducted in Poland and Chile with the aid of U. S. economists.
Henry Parker Willis was born at Weymouth, Mass., Aug. 14, 1874. He studied at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., and received his A. B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1894. Three years later he received his Ph. D. from the latter institution.
After doing special work at the universities of Leipzig and Vienna he became a professor of economics and political science at Washington and Lee University. In 1905 he went to George Washington University as professor of finance, becoming dean of the college of political sciences in 1910.
After remaining in that position two years Dr. Willis deserted the lecture room to become associate editor of the *New York Journal of Commerce*. He has been editor-in-chief of that publication since 1919 and since 1914 has been connected with the Federal Reserve board of Washington in various capacities.
Dr. Willis was president of the Philippine National Bank, 1916-1917, and special commissioner in Australia for

the Chase National Bank and Central Trust Company in 1919.
He has also been on the staff of the *New York Evening Post*, and the *Springfield Republican*. As a special correspondent he toured Japan, China and the Philippines in 1904. House committees have often retained him as financial advisor.
In 1913 Dr. Willis lectured at Columbia University, and became professor of banking in 1917.
He is the author of many financial treatises.
TEACHER: "Give a sentence illustrating the use of the word 'pet'."
Isaac: "If I don't wear suspenders my pants'll come off."

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