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COMPLETE THE CHAMPLAIN FUND
The Telegraph hopes within a reasonably short time to be able to announce to its readers that the sum of \$10,000 needed to erect the Champlain monument in this city has been raised. How short or how long a time is to elapse before this pleasant announcement can be made depends primarily upon the people of St. John. As will be seen in an article printed another page this morning the Dominion government is now increased by \$500 from the Telegraph and The Times, and by generous subscriptions from Senator Ellis, Hon. Mr. Blair and Mr. D. Russell Jack. Thus already \$5,800 is in hand—a most substantial sum. The remainder necessary to complete the work which St. John must have, if it is fittingly to round out the work begun with the celebration of the Champlain tercentenary, is considerable, but we have every confidence that it will quickly be forthcoming.

And why should it not? The people of this city, we feel certain, will say with one accord that Champlain in bronze, heroic, commanding, his outstretched arm pointing to the mouth of the St. John, should be given a place of honor in the heart of the city. Are there a few who will say that some money might better be devoted to some more prosaic object? Let us think about that. The men at Ottawa were wise in deciding to give \$5,000 of the country's money towards this memorial, in recognition of the nationally historic character of the event which it shall be a striking and a lasting reminder. Our citizens are sure to be animated by the same spirit which dictated the government's action, will realize that it is well for a city as a city to take cognizance of some things which are not bought over the counter by the pound or sold by the yard. They have already evinced in many ways their sense of the value of the beautiful and the historic, but surely among the things remaining to be done along this line none so standing out today, none calls so clearly to the attention of the people, as the erection of this heroic figure of Champlain, for all men to see, here at the sea-gate, seized from the wilderness by his daring, it is the hope of those who at this time are seeking to lend a new and vigorous impetus to the Champlain fund that the Provincial Government and the Mayor and Common Council of St. John will follow the patriotic example of the Dominion Government and materially supplement its grant in aid of this project. That both in doing so could count confidently upon public approval will appear upon some little consideration of the nature of the movement. In the account of the tercentenary celebration which he wrote for "Acadiensis," Prof. W. F. Ganong said: "The idea of the permanent value of the celebration of historical events was well expressed in the dedication of the tables in the Public Library, in the unveiling of the statue at Riverside Park, and in the inauguration of the movement to erect a statue of Champlain in the city." Let us remember that until this statue has been placed and unveiled the work will be incomplete.

The Telegraph and The Times will make prompt acknowledgment of subscriptions received from all sources. This journal would ask citizens generally to give the matter some thought and to ask themselves what they can do toward pushing this good work to completion. St. John, we must remember, has too few statues. Surely it cannot too soon have one of Champlain.

THE WARD SYSTEM
Much may be said against the ward system of electing aldermen, but in view of our experience under the present system much may be said in favor of the old one, and it is well to keep in mind that it is not proposed to return to the old ward system exactly. If the latest proposal is adopted there will be an increased number of aldermen-at-large, and the representative of any ward need not necessarily reside in it, though it may be guessed that in most cases he would.

But this may be said for the change now under consideration—if the representative elected by any ward should prove by his acts in the Council that he was betraying the interests of the people, that he was incompetent, untrustworthy, working for his own interests or the interests of corporations or contractors rather than for the city's interests, such a man could scarcely be re-elected. The residents of his ward, if they deemed it necessary, could nominate a man residing beyond the ward limits.

To those who have followed closely the proceedings of the present Council, and to those who have heard reports about some of the new candidates already talked of, it must already be clear that considerable vigilance and activity on the part of the electors will be necessary this year if the level of the Council is to be as good as it is to be prevented

from falling lower than it now is. The harbor, the gas question, the assessment, the Loch Lomond "extras," the streets, the schools—all these and other matters will demand good judgment and independent, public-spirited action. If there are candidates whose motives or whose judgment and public spirit are discredited, these men must be kept out of the next Council if St. John is to have progressive economic civic government during a period which will exert a great influence upon the future of the city in point of business progress, public comfort and public convenience.

No doubt the next civic campaign will be one of much plain speaking, there is so much at stake. Of some men now in the Council it will be necessary to ask: Why are they there? Of some candidates it will be necessary to ask: Why are they seeking election? It should be easier to dispose of the undesirables under the proposed system than it has been under the present one. Above all it is necessary that men with votes shall get out of the habit of either remaining quiet from the polls or voting for men whom they know to be of little use, or worse.

THE NEXT DOUMA
Some exceedingly gloomy predictions are made by several of the observers who have been following the march of events in Russia since the first Douma was dissolved by the Czar. One of these observers, Mr. Alex. Francis, whose articles indicate an intimate analysis of affairs in the Russia of today, says that undoubtedly there has been a reaction by which the government will benefit in the coming elections, but he adds that the most violent revolutionists, who held off from the first Douma, are now making an active campaign for the second. The prestige of these extremists has been enhanced by the failure of the first parliament, which they predicted, and they bid fair to control a majority in the next popular assembly. As to what he believes will be the outcome he writes:

"The Constitutional Democratic party, although numerically weakened by the new elections, will doubtless exert influence of proportion to its numbers, owing to the superior intelligence of its personnel. But it is doubtful whether its moderating influence will suffice to restrain the extremists, which it is to be feared will quicken into still greater activity the social and political unrest by the extravagance of its demands and the turbulence of its proceedings, by appealing to the universal instinct of combat, by pandering to the spirit of destruction, and by offering immediate and direct remedies for social and political ills. Then the Czar will be provoked to a second dissolution. And then the Maximalists, who are the terrorists of the Social Revolutionary party, will fully assert themselves; and as Russians are always prone to be swept by excitement, proceeding from hidden and inward, as well as from obvious and external causes, and are impatient to tread any royal road that promises to lead to the millennium, there will be a renewal, on a larger scale and in a more acute form, of the riots, massacres and assassinations which have already drenched this land with blood. It may even be that, in the present, of moral, material and political anarchy, the autonomy, the bureaucracy and all the political parties will be swept away by a flood."

"There are those who would rejoice to see the great maelstrom thus widen the margin of its prodigious eddy and produce universal destruction and chaos. The extreme revolutionaries openly proclaim that they seek the destruction, and not in Russia alone, by all and any means, of the past and the destruction of the land with the ruins of the old. But the total destruction of the past and present would throw the country back into a painful barbarism out of which it has painfully emerged. Autocracy is bad. But military despotism would be no better, and that or worse would be Russia's fate tomorrow were the Anarchists to have their heart's desire today."

AN EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT
The lively and lamentable dispute between Gov. Swettenham of Jamaica and Rear Admiral Davis, commander of the United States squadron which was hurried to Kingston to assist in the relief work, stamps one of these gentlemen as utterly unfit to fill the position he occupies, but which one is to be presently ascertained is not at the moment very clear. Apparently both have been in fault to some extent, and some further particulars are needed to indicate which of them directly provoked the extraordinary incident recorded in the Associated Press despatches this morning, culminating in the withdrawal of the American ships. The quarrel would seem to have been wholly unnecessary, and to have occurred at a time while many of the dead remained unburied and many wounded were still in need of succor, renders the occurrence unseemly indeed.

It is perhaps worth noting, at this writing, that the account we have of the trouble is that of American writers, whose views may have been colored to some extent, however unconsciously, by their desire to present Admiral Davis in the most favorable light possible. It would seem from the news now at hand that the American commander, however worthy his motive, and however unintentional his error, had given cause for offence in landing blue-jackets before he was asked to do so by the Governor, and to have kept them on shore after it had been intimated that they were not needed. If this be true it was an error of judgment which even the unusual circumstances of the case can scarcely be said to excuse. The Governor evidently had asked the Americans to refrain from firing a salute, as he feared the guns would frighten the already overwrought people of the stricken city. Through a mistake, for which Admiral Davis makes manly apology, this request was not heeded. One can see from the tenor of the letters exchanged that

there is sharp conflict of opinion as to whether or not there was need of the American marines in preserving order. The peppery governor, whose letter can scarcely seem other than studiously offensive, indicates that the American, uninvited and without valid excuse, assumed the duty of policing a British city whose condition did not excuse any such procedure, and he stoutly resents the inference thus implied, that the local authorities were unable to meet satisfactorily the demands of even so great an emergency. We have yet to learn whether this stiff British attitude can be justified, and no doubt much evidence pro and con will be presently available. It is difficult to believe that the Governor's letter was wholly without excuse.

The people of the United States, there can be no doubt, were eager to give aid quickly and generously to the stricken island. The United States government commanded general approbation by the speed with which it acted in forwarding relief. It will be a matter for regret that the officiousness of an American naval officer or the over-sensitiveness of a British governor has resulted in a situation which is both ridiculous and offensive. No doubt both governments concerned will speedily exact a full and frank report from their representatives, and in the light of the evidence thus acquired the sound sense of both countries will place the blame where it belongs. Either John Bull or Uncle Sam has a servant whose conduct in this matter should cost him his official head.

THE CANADIAN CLUB
Those who have read many Canadian newspapers must have been struck by the number of noteworthy addresses delivered before the Canadian Club of Toronto, or before the Canadian Club of other cities. It has been the admirable practice of the members of these clubs not only to lunch together frequently, but also to get acquainted, but to seize upon distinguished men of affairs—statesmen, scientists, explorers, educators and others—and extract from them for the benefit of the club and the public discourses upon the subjects which their names have become identified with. These clubs have thus been a little service to themselves and to the country at large. They have been a recognized place in the Canadian scheme of things, and an invitation to address them has come to be regarded as a compliment by men well worth hearing and seeing.

For these and other reasons which need not be specified here, St. John should be glad to read of the meeting held Monday in the Board of Trade rooms, at which citizens representing many conspicuous interests in this community, took the steps which would result in giving this city a Canadian Club of its own. In these matters a great deal depends upon the first chapter. It is pleasing to record, therefore, that Monday's meeting was of much promise, both in point of numbers and interests represented as well as with respect to quick and general appreciation of the object in view. A little earnest work at the beginning, one is confident, will make this movement a conspicuous success. There is room in St. John for the Canadian Club. Fortune attends its earlier stages—let it but attend to the details of its organization, and it will not long be a valuable force in the community.

SWETTENHAM AND DAVIS
The Telegraph's New York correspondent, who once had an opportunity of examining Governor Swettenham of Jamaica and Rear Admiral Davis, U. S. N., at close range, gives us a most interesting picture of these worthies in his despatch this morning. He found them both pompous, self-important and over-official, and he suggests that two such personalities coming together in an hour of stress and excitement were certain to produce some such contretemps as that which has been chronicled in the despatches and which disgusted civilization. It is apparently agreed that neither of the nations involved shall consider itself affronted by the action of the other's representative in this matter, and certainly such an agreement would represent the common sense of both. There is a desire on both sides of the water to pursue the even course of enlightened friendship and growing due to civilization, and growing due to esteem. Whatever Admiral Davis may have done, or omitted to do, there was throughout the British Empire a sense of appreciation for the speed and heartiness which the United States set about extending relief to Jamaica. That appreciation sprang from the conviction that the need was very great and that the Americans in seeking to relieve it acted unselfishly and from the most admirable motives. That the Governor of the United States was not feeling toward the United States fleet was destroyed by the rear-admiral's proceedings of the governor and the rear-admiral's will consider it necessary to examine and justly appraise the acts of its representative. The British authorities had given Gov. Swettenham a free hand, convinced by his earlier reports that he was dealing effectively and satisfactorily with the grim situation which confronted him. They will now be disposed to ask for the most definite information as to his relations with the American naval commander. For the tenor of his letter to that officer there can scarcely be any excuse, indeed, the admiral was guilty of official indiscretions of which the world as yet has had no hint. The American government will ask Admiral Davis at whose request he landed his marines. If they were landed at the request of a subordinate official, the admiral, no doubt, will be asked if they were kept ashore, as has been hinted, after Governor Swettenham had intimated to him that they were not needed.

Granting that the evidence at hand seems to warrant the condemnation of both men, the fact remains that it was Swettenham and Swettenham alone who had the right to say whether an American force was necessary in the ruined streets of Kingston. It was Swettenham who

was responsible for everything, and others, it must be supposed, were in duty bound to remember it. Military men, while deploring any such unseemly clash in the hour of disaster, will be quick to say that if Admiral Davis by any act sought to disregard or supersede the governor, he courted rebuke and committed an offence which even American army and naval men would speedily recognize as inexcusable. A capable governor, or a man fit to fly the flag of a rear admiral at least in a trying time as that in question. Each government can but secure the necessary evidence and try its representative by it. It may be that each will find necessary "for the good of the service" to retire a bungler from the active list.

NOTE AND COMMENT
Mr. Sifton figures prominently in the Ottawa news of late. There are indications that he may return to the Laurier cabinet.

Mr. Root submitted patiently to a great deal of shrewd questioning by The Telegraph's Ottawa correspondent, but he did not yield much information.

Indiana is the scene of the latest American despatches—of those quoted in the American newspapers—are disposed to consider Governor Swettenham an ass. That, probably, will be the opinion in Washington. Yet the whole story has not yet been told, and it may be wise to reserve judgment.

Secretary Root, surrounded by reporters in Montreal, succeeded in restraining his impulsive desire to tell them just what he intended to do and to say at Ottawa. Beyond an intimation that he had come to cultivate friendly relations the statesman did not venture.

It may now become necessary to restrain "Fighting Bob" Evans from completing the destruction of Jamaica begun by the earthquake. If President Roosevelt is wise he will order Admiral Evans to confine his activities to paper and ink. Had Evans instead of Davis been at Kingston the Governor's letter might have been followed by an explosion of the first magnitude.

"Ex-Teacher," whose letter appears in another column, is a hard hitter whose arguments on behalf of the ill-paid women who teach school in St. John should be considered by the school trustees and the aldermen. And if they consider fairly the facts and the reasoning in this letter one is unable to see how they will avoid a decision to give the teachers fair-pay. And the way to raise salaries is to raise them.

Parliament has been both prompt and generous in granting money to aid the stricken people of Jamaica. The sum of \$50,000 has already been voted, and \$50,000 more is to be made available if it seems necessary. This money, as is quite proper under the circumstances, is the gift of all the people of the Dominion. By sending supplies without delay, as Hon. Mr. Fielding says will be done, Canada will have acquitted itself with honor in succoring a sister colony in an hour of the most dire need. The people of Canada will heartily applaud the action of Parliament in this matter.

Canadians who remember with pleasure the visit of Prince Louis of Battenberg will be glad to hear that his reputation as a valuable naval commander is by no means diminishing. In discussing the last year's target practice of the whole British navy a London correspondent writes in part:

"The second cruiser squadron comes first in order of merit, with the Drake, flagship of Prince Louis, is of Battenberg, first of the whole fleet."

The fleet generally shows a noteworthy gain in gunnery percentages.

A Winnipeg wholesale clothing manufacturing concern, says the Montreal Witness, has adopted a drastic plan for dealing with a strike of its employees. Its directors have decided to remove the business and plant to Montreal, and let the strikers strike the question of employment as best they can. This is another proof of the truth of the old proverb about killing the goose that lays the golden egg. It should impress upon working people the wisdom of gravely considering the probable results of a strike in all their bearings. The Winnipeg tailors lose their means of livelihood and the city is deprived of a valuable industry. The facts seem to prove that the workers were correct in assuming that they had their employer in a position to be coerced, but they did not calculate on so complete a victory.

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Possibly the Herald is building too extensively upon the reported incident. Mohammed Ali may be no such Democrat as he is supposed to be. He is a very old story about Sir John Macdonald. A supporter found the great man in the barber's chair, lathered to the eyes. The barber held him by the great nose which was the subject of many pleasantries. "I suppose now, Sir John," ventured the wagish supporter, "that this is the only man in all Canada who dares to take you by the nose." "Yes," said the very old story about Sir John Macdonald. A supporter found the great man in the barber's chair, lathered to the eyes. The barber held him by the great nose which was the subject of many pleasantries. "I suppose now, Sir John," ventured the wagish supporter, "that this is the only man in all Canada who dares to take you by the nose." "Yes," said the very old story about Sir John Macdonald. A supporter found the great man in the barber's chair, lathered to the eyes. 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