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TRANSPORTATION.

At the Winnipeg conference the St. Lawrence waterways project was the subject of an instructive address by Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell, of Toronto. The Maritimes, while this subject is under consideration, are reminded that the new Welland ship canal when completed will represent an expenditure of \$100,000,000, and, in the words of the Montreal Gazette, "an even larger amount has already been spent upon the St. Lawrence canal and the ship channel, all these facilities being available without charge to ships of the United States as well as of Canada."

There is a growing conflict of interests as between Quebec and Ontario with reference to the proposal to make the Great Lakes accessible to ocean-going vessels, and it is suggested that the Quebec Government will attempt to hold up development of the upper St. Lawrence on the ground that Quebec province, by a recent judgment, has established its ownership to the bed of the river. Notwithstanding Montreal's objection to a plan which is thought to menace that city's hold upon St. Lawrence traffic, it seems likely that in the end the projected improvements will be undertaken. The cost, which it is yet impossible to measure, will run into hundreds of millions. If further examination of the enterprise gives convincing reason for believing that it is in the interests of Canada, as a whole, it is unlikely that Quebec will shoulder the responsibility of holding it up, though as to that doubt will exist for a long time to come.

But, the Maritimes, which contribute no rate to all these improvements, and which note the expenditure of \$100,000,000 on the Welland canal and an even larger amount upon the St. Lawrence canal and ship channel, have a right to expect that the other provinces, through their representatives in Parliament, will see the justice, as well as the national importance, of spending the considerable, but by comparison the modest sums, necessary to equip the Atlantic ports, which Canada must depend upon during the long period when the St. Lawrence is closed. The St. Lawrence project is intended to provide for the greatly increased traffic of coming years. It will not, however, achieve any miracle such as would prevent the St. Lawrence from freezing up. Meantime a pressing need in connection with national transportation is to make provision for the facilities already needed at Saint John.

Even if the requisite appropriation is made by Parliament this year, construction will fall behind the requirements of next year's traffic. In this way, year after year, through neglect to face the situation squarely, traffic is diverted in increasing quantities to alien harbors. This is a matter upon which Maritime members of Parliament should take prompt, united and sturdy action at Ottawa. They may rely, we feel sure, upon reasonable support from other parts of the country, so clearly is the equipment of Maritime harbors a necessary national enterprise. At all events it is time for a showdown. The Maritimes must know where they stand.

"It will be difficult," says the Ottawa Citizen, "to hold the Maritime Rights group together for long merely on basis of grievance." It is not so much a matter of grievances as of one of fair play and justice. The resolution passed by the Winnipeg conference squarely confronts Parliament with the duty of giving the Maritimes what they are entitled to as full partners in Confederation. The Maritime members—all of them—should place this issue ahead of all others when Parliament meets.

Premier Bruce of Australia, following his victory at the polls, has taken drastic action in regard to the suppression of Communism. The president and secretary of the Australian Seamen's Union have been arrested and are to be deported to some destination not yet made known. The question of their deportation figured extensively in the recent elections, and the Premier has accepted the voting as a mandate warranting him in expatriating Communist leaders, whom he holds responsible for much of the trouble caused by extremists during the last year or two.

"When the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the German Ambassador to the Court of St. James' drink out of the same loving cup at a Lord Mayor's banquet, the thing has a promising look," says the Boston Transcript. "This happened in London on Monday night and marked what some have thought would not come to pass for many a year, if ever within the lives of us who now have seen the event take place. Of course there was some parade about it, but underlying was the fact that the Powers are returning to a sane and sane judgment state of mind whose

great evidence is the Locarno Agreement."

Political feeling between Montreal and Toronto is running strong. Toronto is in favor of the St. Lawrence waterway improvements which would give ocean steamers access to the Lakes. The Montreal Star, on the other hand, says there must be "no cutting the throat of Montreal and Quebec province by a fatuous deep-sea channel to Toronto." Not all of our friends in the Central Provinces have successfully cultivated the habit of thinking nationally. In fact, there are times when we impartial folk in the Maritime Provinces, upon examination of some of their arguments, would almost suspect them of sectionalism.

Odds and Ends

The Highway Woman

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.)
Lately there has been a remarkable increase of a rather new kind of criminal—the girl "highwayman." In many cases the victims are taxicab drivers. In one recent case, a girl drove up to a fashionable hotel, kept her cab waiting while she had a light lunch, then returned to the cab and resumed her journey, which ended when she produced a pistol and robbed the driver. In every such case the driver is at a far greater disadvantage than if he gave swift resistance to a girl, and either knocked her to the ground or wrested away the pistol and wounded or killed her, who would believe his story? He might easily be mobbed before a policeman appeared; and if he lived to appear in court, he would have no witnesses to corroborate his version.

On the other hand, if he should resist and the girl should wound or kill him, she merely call him the assailant. Nobody would question her story. She would be described and photographed as a heroine. Police captains, prosecutors and judges would vie in praising her. In the end her victim, if he lived, would be taken from his hospital cot to the courtroom, there to hear the verdict of twelve good men and true upon this enemy of American womanhood.

The assumption too frequently is that the soft-headed male has placed them in a position where they can literally "get away with murder." They are prepared to commit murder if resisted. So far there is no record of any resistance. Taxi-cab drivers know better than to take a chance with the great chivalrous public.

After all, perhaps the taxicab drivers deserve their fate. They're men, aren't they? And as men they are jointly responsible with all other men for the soft-headed sentimentality which gives an advantage to women crooks.

Not According to Hoyte.
(Ottawa Journal.)
A despatch from Brooklyn states that three armed bandits held up a poker party, at which much whiskey was being consumed, and got away with \$5,000. This is the first time in history that three knaves took the pot from a full house.

Short Story.
(Markham, Ill. News.)
William H. Lane stayed in Bloomington Thursday night.

Will H. Lane was quite sick Friday from nervousness and stomach trouble. William H. Lane united with the U. P. church Sunday.

Better Citizenship.
(Montreal Star.)
There is no compulsion upon any Canadian to buy any goods he does not wish to buy. He is free to exercise his own choice. But he will be setting an infinitely better example as a citizen if he shows openly that he is anxious to support the industries of his own land.

Getting It Right.
(Boston Transcript.)
Mr. H. G. Wadlin has written a lovely poem, descriptive of scenes in Maine, which contains this stanza:

Over Lake Saco's smiling face
Falls twilight's purple veil.
Mt. Webster's might mass is lost
In misty shadows pale.
This sounds well, and is good verse, but it isn't good Maine. To be strictly descriptive it should read as follows:
Over Lake Chemquassabamcook's smiling face
Falls twilight's purple veil;
Mount Molechunkamunk's mighty mass is lost
In misty shadows pale.
The late Red Man was a poetic individual. His mellifluous names should be embalmed in our literature.

PREPARED.
Alice—I hear Joe likes only brunettes.
Alice—So they say. I'm dying to meet him.—Parakeet.

NOT CURED.
"Isn't your husband recovered from his illness yet?"
"Yes, but he can't come back to work yet, as he hasn't finished his medicine."
—Glasgow, Stockholm.

Just Fun

MURDER will out. So will the murderer, in from one to ten years.

A BRIDEGROOM never actually realizes the meaning of "the bonds of matrimony" until he discovers that somebody has been using his toothbrush to clean her jewelry.

PROHIBITION NOTE
IT'S a wise cork that knows its own pop.

JUDGE to Prisoner—"Seems to me I have seen your face before."
Prisoner—"Yes, sir, I'm the young man who helped your son build a radio set."
Judge—"Twenty years!"

THE Czecho-Slovaks are absorbing education all right. They can now not only spell the name of their country, but can spell it a dozen different ways.

"Is this milk pasteurized?"
"I guess so. I bought the cow from a preacher."

BOBBY KNEW THE ANSWER
OUR BOBBY was in a store with his mother when he was given candy by one of the clerks.
"What must you say, Bobby?"
"Charge it," he replied.

THE BERRIES
Dark clouds gather—more and more—
How they grumble! How they frown!
Then, how still it is before
The first drop tumbles down!

How we hurry! Steps so fleet!
Sun is shining soon.
Any 'cause Baby Boy won't eat
His berries with a spoon!

SOME BOYS go to college and play on the scrub team, who never would even wash their cars at home.

ETIQUETTE NOTE
ANY GUEST who ever used the "guest towel" in the bathroom is never invited again.

A GIRL does not have to have a pretty face to be beautiful—figuratively speaking.

THE MAN who does the best he is really capable of will find it hard to beat.

IT'S not what you say but what you save that counts.

A MAN is also known by the lawyers he keeps.

SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMPSON

A popular man
Was seen T. Smart,
But his patient wife died
With a broken heart.

What can't be cured might have been prevented.

A prophet is not without honor but a prophet is.

Many a man has traced his come down to being liquored up.

And the very best people
In your own neighborhood
Will patronize quacks
And swear they are good.

The road to tuberculosis is carpeted with dusty rugs.

"Colds" are self limited. Laxatives, light diet, deep breathing and cool bathing are the best remedies. Dope for colds is dough for druggists.

Two much of our health conservation ends in conversation.

"Self preservation is the first law of nature"—a mighty good law but seldom enforced.

Oh, the ocean went dry
But the fish were all wet;
And a spouting old whale
Says they sea serpents yet.

You can't light the kitchen fire with matches made in heaven.

When it comes to house heating, it's all right to be dry in principle but it's better to be a wee bit moist in practice.

Dinner Stories

HE HAD just returned from a perilous sea voyage, and, comfortably seated in the club's best armchair, was relating to a host of admiring friends some of the privations endured on the journey.

"Then," he said, "I went down to the cabin for a little lunch."
"But," protested a listener, "you have just said there was nothing left to eat on the whole ship. What did you have for lunch?"

"Oh, it was quite a trifling affair," you know. Beef, wine and an egg."
"Well, where did the beef come from?" queried a listener.

"From the bulwarks, of course," was the retort.
"Where did you get the wine?"
"From the porthole."

"At this a laugh echoed through the room, but still someone asked: 'But what about the egg? Where did you take that up?'"
"Oh, that was the simplest of all," smiled the boulder. "The captain ordered the ship to lay to and he gave me one!"

"THE way some of the foreign diplomats are trying to bulldoze us into cancelling our war claims has brought forth statements and arguments that are as ridiculous as one made by a professor of my acquaintance," said Senator Borah recently.

"This professor was very proud of his dignity and when one of the members of his class proved not as humble as the professor deemed he should be, he called the young man to account, saying:
"What do you mean by this insolence? Are you in charge of this class, or am I?"
"I know I am not in charge, sir," admitted the student.

"Then," roared the professor, "since you are not in charge, don't try to act like a condescended ass!"

There's Something Wrong Somewhere



The Best of Advice

—BY CLARK KINNAIRD

SYNOCHANTS AND SYNOCHANTS.

IT HAS become so that heretical opinions, i.e., opinions contrary to those commonly held, do not perceptibly gain or even lose ground.

They never blaze out far and wide, but continue to smoulder in the narrow circles of thinking and studious persons among whom they originate without ever lighting up the general affairs of mankind with either a true or deceptive light.

And thus is kept up a state of things very satisfactory to some minds, as John Stuart Mill points out in his masterful Essay on Liberty, because, without the unpleasant process of tarring and feathering or imprisoning anything, it maintains all prevailing opinions outwardly undisturbed, while it does not absolutely interdict the exercise of reason by dissentients afflicted with the malady of thought.

A convenient plan for keeping all things going on very much as they are. But the price paid for this sort of intellectual pacification is the sacrifice of the entire moral courage of the human mind.

IT IS a state of things in which a large portion of the most active and inquiring intellects find it advisable to keep their genuine principles and grounds of their convictions without

Other Views

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.
(Western Producer, Saskatoon.)

It can be said with certainty that the only thing that is clear at the moment is that nothing is at all clear.

UNITY IN THE EAST.
(Grain Growers Guide.)

Perhaps now that Quebec is practically solid Liberal and Ontario practically solid Conservative, we won't hear so much about the people on the prairies being opposed to Canadian unity. It would look as though the missionaries on behalf of Canadian

unity would find ample scope for their activities in the two old provinces of central Canada.

IN TIMES OF PEACE.
(Boston Transcript.)

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ANOTHER WEEK.
(Vancouver Province.)

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Poems That Live

THE BABIE

Nae shoon to hide her tiny toes,
Nae stockings on her feet;
Her supple ankles white as snow
Of early blossoms sweet.

Her simple dress of sprinkled pink,
Her double dimpled chin;
Her pucker'd lip and bonny mou',
With nae ane tooth between.

Her een sae like her mither's een,
Two gentle, liquid things;
Her face is like an angel's face—
We're glad she has nae wings.

—Hugh Miller.

Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

CHARLES P. TAFT, 2ND.

In the limelight at the present time we have another President Taft. He is Charles P. Taft, 2nd, the son of Chief Justice William Howard Taft. He has just been elected president of the International Young Men's Christian Association. Taft is just 28 years old and is the youngest man ever chosen to fill that office. The election took place at Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the 42nd Triennial Convention.

Young Taft who is a lawyer at Cincinnati, O., is following in the footsteps of his relatives. His father practiced law at Cincinnati when a young man. His three uncles, Henry, Charles and Horace Dutton Taft also practiced law in their earlier days. Horace and Charles began their legal careers in Cincinnati while Henry began his practice in New York.

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