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#### THE OTTAWA DELEGATION.

The resolution to be moved by Hon. Dr. Roberts tomorrow, and seconded by Mr. Potts, that a non-partisan delegation of members of the legislature, and others, be sent to Ottawa to urge upon the federal government the necessity of immediately proceeding to equip this national port to handle properly the ocean traffic offering will meet with hearty approval. We have seen during the past winter, time after time, steamers of the Canadian Merchant Marine as well as others lying in the stream for days, losing time that costs a great deal of money, because they could not get berth accommodation. It is the duty of the federal government to provide facilities to handle their traffic must be increased at once. Building the breakwater and providing more grain conveyers at West St. John will not provide those facilities, which must be constructed as terminals for the Canadian National Railways on this side of the harbor or in Courtney Bay. There is no time to lose. It is not a local but a national question, and the provincial delegation will find a group of western members of parliament who have seen and know what is needed. This delegation should go very soon, and St. John itself should be very strongly represented.

#### VERY LIKE ST. JOHN.

Bangor, like St. John, is discussing playgrounds, and the Chamber of Commerce, like the St. John Commercial Club, is a very vigorous promoter of the movement. As a result of a vigorous agitation the city council voted \$10,000 for playgrounds and an athletic field, to be charged to general assessment. The mayor vetoed the measure on the ground that municipal expenses this year will be heavy. Along with his veto he made a reference to "those enterprising and public spirited citizens who advocate such marked generosity in the expenditure of the city's money." This has aroused the ire of the Bangor Commercial, which describes the remark as "entirely uncalled for, and gratuitously insulting to a body of citizens who are large tax payers and must bear their share of any expenditures made by the city."

What the Bangor Commercial says further is entirely in line with what has lately been said by playground advocates in St. John. We quote:—"The Commercial has always favored liberal expenditures for the benefit of the young people of the city. It is not willing to admit that such are unnecessary expenditures but believes that they are made by every modern and progressive city and that they are requisite to municipal progress." As Ex-Mayor Usherback says in his recent statement, which type of city will attract the outside seeking to educate his children and give them city advantages, Portland with its liberal appropriations for parks and playgrounds or Bangor with its niggardly policy of ignoring the rights of the children? We think that the answer is plain.

The Commercial gets back at the mayor by asserting that "this will be a very unusual year if many times the sum voted by the council for playgrounds is not wasted in other ways by the municipality." As to the playgrounds, it assures the mayor that his veto will not stop the movement. Thus, the Commercial, who are using every endeavor to put Bangor largely on the map industrially and in every line of municipal improvement are behind the movement for the playgrounds for the young people, and they will put through and will have it in co-operation of the most public spirited people of the city."

#### IN ONTARIO ALSO.

In view of today's discussion in the legislature on the referendum the following extracts from the Toronto Globe dealing with a similar situation in Ontario will be of universal interest. "It is expected that the legislature will this week decide whether it is in favor of helping to keep the gates wide open for the floods of strong liquor that are sweeping into the province or of making prohibition effective. That is the real issue, though it is not presented to the members of the house so bluntly. . . . There is need in the legislature for some of the courage that dared much in the war, and won because it was inspired by right. Only the wilfully blind are unable to see the evil effects in this province that have followed the lifting of the war-time federal ban on liquor importation. . . . No more effective aid could be given to the work of debauching the province than an agreement on the part of a majority in the legislature to delay the bringing into effect of any measure calculated to make prohibition prohibitive. There is a need for high resolve and resolute purpose in dealing with the question this week. If there is to be any serious effort to curtail the whiskey flood, the measure against short-circuit-

ing and the resolution for a referendum should be adopted, as against compromises that spell delay. If they are beaten by political or other combinations, the people will at least have the satisfaction of knowing to whom they are indebted for attempts to perpetuate conditions that they want to get rid of. . . . The house should take action for a speedy clearing up of the situation, and should disregard appeals for delay that can only have for its object the weakening of the temperance cause."

Chicago will reap a harvest from the Republican convention. An exchange says:—"Chicago householders who offer their homes for \$500 to \$800 during convention week are really surprised at their own moderation. Hotels, reserved to the last barber chair, are charging \$100 a room and rigidly limit the number of their occupants." In 1916 there were twelve thousand visitors attending the convention. If there are as many this year the expenditure will be enormous. Politics in the United States is an expensive business.

Discussing the attempt of Obregon to force a revolution in Mexico, the Bangor Commercial says:—"It is gratifying to learn that the Washington administration is very unlikely to return a favorable answer to the reported request of Carranza for permission to send troops over American soil in order that he may attack the Sonoran rebels from the north. The general sentiment in this country is that the Mexicans be left to fight out their differences." What will the friends of intervention in Ireland think of the attitude?

John Kendrick Bangs, the American humorist, who delivered an address in Toronto this week, expressed regret that anyone in Canada should regard the utterances of the Hearst Journals as an indication of the feelings of the American people. He protested as an American against "the wicked and slanderous teachings of the muck-raking magazines, and the chain of yellow papers which drag their slimy trail across the American continent."

Premier Foster has assured a Grand Falls delegation that he will introduce legislation providing for early development of power at the falls. This session of the legislature will be remembered as the one which set New Brunswick upon the path of progress made possible by provision for water power development.

The Lloyd George candidates have won in the North and South Edinburgh by-elections. Interest still centres in Sunderland, where Sir Hamar Greenwood is the Union candidate. Polling takes place tomorrow and the result will be known about May 7. Sir Hamar is now chief secretary for Ireland.

Conditions in this province which prove the necessity of such legislation as will make prohibition effective are cited by the liquor interests and their friends as an argument against prohibition. The people want prohibition. They will vote when given the opportunity. Let us have the referendum.

In assenting to the development of a water power on the Tobique and another on the Miramichi, the government provides that an annual rental shall be paid to the province, and that the books of the companies be open for inspection by a chartered accountant named by the governor-in-council.

St. George's Day is honored year after year for what it symbolizes and recalls to every patriotic Englishman. It is a day of note throughout the British Empire. In St. John, Englishmen and their descendants join with those throughout the world in honoring the day.

Manitoba expects a decrease of ten to fifteen per cent in acreage under seed this year. Saskatchewan and Alberta may face a similar condition. It is not a cheering one, in view of the high price of flour.

The bill introduced into the legislature regulating the issue of securities by public utility corporations by making necessary the consent of the Public Utilities Commission is a wise measure.

The St. John Standard has resumed its attack upon prohibition and prohibitionists. This is a complete reversal of its attitude when the government it supported introduced the prohibitory law.

The value of the salmon industry is jeopardized by legislation. The spawning grounds must be protected and the way to them kept open.

Hon. Mr. Veniot has submitted a very good programme of permanent road work for this year. St. John is especially interested in the work to be done between this city and St. Stephen.

The Toronto Globe will have a new attraction for its readers. Mr. Sam Hunter, the clever cartoonist, has joined its staff.



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#### POTATOES.

Today I bought a peck of spuds, my hungry form to fill; I laid to ask my Sunday duds ere I could pay the bill. I paid as much to buy a peck as once a bushel brought; and so I wept and cried "By Heck," and drank a willerwaght. I drank a horn of Adam's ale, my spirit to revive; for how can one dip up the kale, and keep his peg alive? They say we run to luxuries, when we a-shopping go; for costly meats, imported cheese, our hard earned bucks we blow. "Eat simple fare," the wise men say, "cut out the rich and fine, and you may save some coin each day, and put the same in brine." The wise men sagely chew their cud and say, "Is not the farmer makes them dear; the grocer's not to blame; some fat and headless profiteer is at his beastly game. Somewhere there is a middleman whose rake-off is a crime; the buyer is the also-ran who gets stung every time. Somewhere there is a scoundrel, somewhere a humpen rope; these crazy times will soon be o'er, and sense will come, I hope."

#### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

##### THE CHAMBLY CANAL.

Born of the experiences of war, the Canadian people decided it was necessary to have a canal to avoid the Chamblis rapids and to improve service on the Richelieu river. The parliament of lower Canada in 1815 passed an act which gave to a private company the right to dig the waterway. The surveys were made and a great deal of preliminary work accomplished, but as the company did not start the actual work of construction, the legislature passed another act setting aside \$200,000 for the work and appointing a commission to look after the work as soon as the task of building the Lachine canal was completed. Still the project made no progress until 1830, when work was begun on the dredging of the river, a task that continued until 1850, when an engineer was appointed to have complete charge of the operations.

For some years the enterprise had a chequered career and there were charges of corruption and mismanagement everywhere. But finally the situation was cleared and the construction work was renewed with the result that in 1861 was taken in hand by the Department of Public Works and rushed. The canal was opened two years later, but the whole system was enlarged in 1875 and again in 1881. The canal lies on the west side of the Richelieu river and extends from Chamblis Canton to St. John, a distance of about twelve miles.

##### THE ENGLISH FLAG.

(E. S. Smithurst.)  
"Saint George for Merrie England!"  
Was the stirring battle cry  
Which called our valiant Fathers forth  
To conquer or to die.

It rang above the serried ranks  
On many a field of yore,  
At Crecy and at Poitiers,  
And glorious Agincourt.

It fired the hearts and nerved the hands  
Of men in days of old,  
When the cloth yard shafts of the archers sang  
And the tide of battle rolled.

The Banner of our good St. George  
Which steamed our gallant Drake and Raleigh forth  
To unknown tropic seas.

Beneath its fold—the single cross—  
And to that proud refrain,  
The martens of England  
Defied the might of Spain.

We glory in our Empire Flag,  
With its blended crosses three;  
We grasp the hand of Scot and Celt  
Neath that Banner of the free.

But the base of the Empire's greatness  
Was laid in the days of old  
Beneath the Banner of good Saint  
George.

With its blazon broad and bold,  
"Were you happy when you started  
For France?" We were in transports—"Columbia Jeter."

Quite Suitable.  
The lady who bought a gun for her little boy as a present.  
"I want a really nice one, please," she said to the dealer.

"Yes, madam," he answered; "how will this one do?"  
"What do you put in it?" asked the customer.

"Just ordinary caps, or I have another one here that shoots slugs."  
The lady looked delighted.  
"Oh, I'll take that one," she exclaimed.

"That will be quite suitable. We have a large garden and there are lots of slugs in it," Edinburgh Scotsman.

Time for Cars.  
"Wimmen voters this year."  
"Yes, and these short skirts make a lot of wimmen look like little girls."  
"That's right. You gotta be careful who you try to put on the head."—Kansas City Journal.

A negro who had some money to invest decided to put in a savings bank. He picked out which he thought must be the best bank in town, because it had a huge crowd in front of it.

After a long time he fought and fought till he pushed his way to the steps and through the crowd and got at last inside the bank.

Up he went to the desk, and the cashier turned round very quickly, and said: "What do you want?"

"I want to put some money in the bank," replied the negro.

"Just put it in," snapped the cashier.  
The cashier took the negro's money, deposited it safely in his hip pocket, handed over a receipt and said: "Now get out!"

The negro protested.  
"Ain't I a depositor in dis hyar bank?"

"You're that all right," grinned the cashier, "but it don't do you any good. The bank is busted!"

"What?"  
"Busted. Come up. Didn't you ever hear a bank busting before?"  
"Yass," said the negro sadly, "but not right in a man's face!"

#### LOCAL NEWS

An alarm of fire was rung in yesterday afternoon at 8:13 from box No. 253, for a grass fire in Schofield Terrace. The department quickly responded and soon put out the blaze.

A pleasing concert was given last night in the Seamen's Institute by the members of the club at his residence. The party from the Metagana was unable to come.

G. W. Tower, president of the Tynemouth Debating Club, entertained the members of the club at his residence, 1114 York street, last evening. All the members were present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The Literary Society of the Portland Methodist church repeated its performance of Back to Nature in the school room last night and a large audience greatly enjoyed the evening. Jack Simpson sang some Harry Lauder selections between the acts and was heartily applauded.

#### OBSTRUCTION AND CONCEALMENT

Difficulties of Entente Commission in Germany—Military Party Control.

Paris, April 23.—General Masterman, of the Entente commission of control in Germany, severely arraigns Germany for the way the inter-allied commission has been obstructed. He says that all sorts of difficulties have been placed in the commission's way and that access to places the commission desires to inspect has been prevented.

The commission, he says, found three secret armies near Berlin, and he declares that Germany is disposed to execute its treaty of Versailles, but that the government is entirely in the hands of the military party.

Washington, April 23.—A bill designed to prevent Germany from the necessities of life was introduced in the House by Representative Baer, Republican, of North Dakota.

This would be accomplished by requiring persons dealing in commodities to have a legal title to them. This would eliminate, Mr. Baer says, the curbstone and "vest pocket" manipulators, who add fictitious values to something which they have no connection.

"My bill would eliminate speculators who have no right, title or legitimate existence in our system," Mr. Baer said.

ONE KILLED; 15 ARE ARRESTED IN ATTEMPT TO LYNCH YOUNG NEGRO.

Indianapolis, April 23.—One negro was shot and fifteen men arrested last night in the attempt of a mob of 2000 men to take William H. Bay, colored, who is 17 years old, from the Marion county jail, where he is held for the murder of four teen-year-old Martin Huff, a white girl.

RIVALS FOR POST CALL DEMONSTRATED TO CAUCUS TUESDAY.

Washington, April 23.—A joint call for caucus of Democratic senators next Tuesday to consider the election of an administration leader, was issued yesterday by Senators Underwood and Hitchcock, rival contestants for the office.

New Farmers' Paper.

Moncton, N. B., April 23.—The United Farmers' official organ in the maritime provinces, The United Farmer's Guide, published here, made its initial appearance yesterday. It is in magazine form. The first issue consists of sixty-four pages.

Start Drive on Keswick.

Two hundred men were sent up the Keswick River yesterday from Fredericton to start the drive of the E. Burri Lumber Company to the mill at Burr's Corner.

MARRIED IN WORCESTER.

An interesting wedding took place yesterday in St. Bernard's church, Worcester, Mass., when Miss Maude A. Hogan, formerly of this city, was united in marriage to John G. O'Connor of Worcester. Nuptial mass was celebrated and the ceremony performed by Rev. Father Henley. Miss Gertrude A. Hogan, R. N., of St. John, was bridesmaid, and William O'Connor, brother of the groom, supported the groom. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor left on a short wedding tour to New York, Washington and other points of interest, and on their return will reside in Hudson, Mass. The groom is a graduate of Holy Cross College and the bride is a graduate of Worcester City Hospital.

WERE LATE AGAIN.

The Sussex suburban train was delayed twenty-five minutes this morning on account of a hot box at Lakeside. The suburbanites were late in arriving at their places of business.

Charged With Murder.

North Bay, Ont., April 23.—Luigi Calvano was before Magistrate Weegar yesterday charged with the murder of William Gurdal on April 1.

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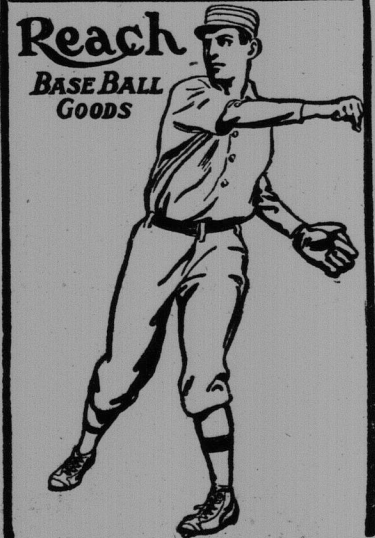
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Trapper's Profits.

Victoria, B. C., April 23.—Profits to be earned in the north by trappers are shown by the experience of Gun-snoot, the Klappan Indian who was acquitted from a charge of double murder at the assizes last fall. He recently returned from six weeks' trapping with furs which return might be incorrect, according to sold to dealers for \$870. Before facing reports of the provincial police.

William James Bodie of Saskatchewan committed suicide by quaffing formaline in a fit of despair that his income tax return might be incorrect, according to sold to dealers for \$870. Before facing reports of the provincial police.

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