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A GREAT STEP FORWARD

There is a welcome intimation in our Ottawa despatches this morning to the effect that the Dominion government will give generous assistance to the cause of technical education...

SIGNS OF TROUBLE

The British and American governments have come to an agreement about the Newfoundland fishery question, the result being a modus vivendi to last this season and to be followed by a treaty which, it is promised, will remove all causes of friction...

While further particulars are necessary before a definite conclusion can be reached, it looks as if Newfoundland would have serious cause for dissatisfaction. The British agreement with France disposed of a long-lived source of trouble...

The outcome of the matter will be awaited with considerable interest in Canada, for in this country recently there was anxiety over a report that London and Washington were settling some Canadian questions in a manner which would be likely to cause dissatisfaction...

STOP IT

There is too much foundation for the complaint made to the Globe by a Kings County resident concerning the illegal destruction of salmon at this time of year in the Kennebecs. Spears and nets are busy and parent fish are killed for "sport" or for food which if uncontrolled would make fine fishing streams of this river and some of its tributaries...

Many New Brunswick streams year after year are subjected to these abuses in spite of the general knowledge that good fishing is lost. It is a great pity that it should be so. The public had a reminder about the value of sportmen's privileges but yesterday, when the local government announced its intention to prevent the exclusion of decent hunters from the great tract of land owned by a company...

DOUBT

Like a man to double business bound, I stand in passes where I shall first begin, And both neglect. —Hamlet, Act III, Sc. 3. So the melancholy Dane. So also the Common Council. It needs a device, also, it does not need a device. It should buy or hire a device. Likewise it is not necessary to do either. It reappoints the director of public works and raises his salary. It rejects his advice, preferring that of those whom it does not pay and over whom it has no authority. Once more, it does not reject his advice, and, being almost persuaded to accept it without reserve, asks him to get into a boat with the harbor master and personally supervise

the county were determined to put a stop to netting and spearing would soon cure these abuses. Hundreds of young salmon from five to ten inches long are killed annually in the trout streams by anglers who appear to have no regard for the future. It is time for a change.

THE GAS QUESTION

The Telegraph on Saturday printed an interview with Mr. Swain, an expert employed by the local gas company to improve its plant. The article contained this paragraph: "The (Mr. Swain) said he was not in possession of the figures on the cost of coal to the company here but he was satisfied they could afford to sell gas of superior quality cheaper than the present figure."

Of course if the company cannot soon afford to sell better gas at a lower price it will be compelled to permit someone else to do the business. So Mr. Swain's statement was not remarkable in the sense that it contained novel information, but only because such frankness was scarcely to be expected from an expert employed by a corporation which has long persisted in giving its unwilling patrons such treatment as only a long suffering community would submit to. Mr. Swain has written a letter which is printed elsewhere. In it he affirms that the reporter who interviewed him misconstrued his meaning. The reporter, however, affirms that he wrote correctly the substance of the expert's statement. In reality it matters little what Mr. Swain may say about dearer or cheaper gas inasmuch as his various statements and the nature of his present employment make it impossible to accept him as an unprejudiced witness. The company may not have been pleased to see in print its expert's opinion that the price could now be reduced. Natural enough.

Mr. Swain now reminds us that the price of gas is cheaper here than in Chicago, because there are 3,500 consumers per mile of mains, while the number is only forty-five, while the output is very small as compared with the western city. He now says "it will be necessary that the consumption increase very much more before cheaper gas can be expected," to which pleasing statement the consumers show no more spirit in the future than they have in the past. Mr. Swain must know that the way to increase the consumption of gas, as proved by experience in many cities, is to sell a good light at a reasonable price. Until that is done consumption increases slowly, or decreases when other kinds of light are available at reasonable rates. As Mr. Swain does not tell us what the local company pays for coal and how its pricing system compares with the more modern ones in use elsewhere his conclusions are of no interest to those who burn gas and who are beginning to demand a square deal. It is easy to prove by reference to conditions in far away places—if we adopt Mr. Swain's logic for the moment—that every citizen of St. John ought to make the gas company an annual present of \$100, get no service in return, and ask no questions.

THE KEY

There is one feature of the mail service problem which stands out very prominently, namely the importance of the freight end of this business in conjunction with passenger traffic. The building of a transatlantic liner today involves the investment of a vast sum of money, so that such a steamer sailing in a mail service must be made to pay its way. The C. P. R. has its freight terminus at St. John and has no trouble to give its ships the freight they need. It is the key to the situation, and the moral for Halifax is that if she wants big steamers to come this way she must be up and doing to support more freight for them. If she has the freight, she will have the steamers, and if the steamers have to come this way, it will not be necessary to fight the mail route question. The mails will follow the trade.—Maritime Merchant.

Or, to shorten it, if she gets the steamers she will have the steamers. But, freight for the steamers being as the Merchant says the key to the situation, a condition and not a theory confronts Halifax. Water carriage being cheap and railway carriage dear, freight seeks the shortest available haul to tide-water. That was against Halifax whose beautiful harbor is too remote from the West to permit of its extensive use as a winter freight port. The Merchant will follow the trade," says the Mariner. If so Halifax will lose the mails. Meantime the public wants to know what time the C. P. R. can make over the Liverpool-St. John route. In the absence of that test no one has any right to decide that St. John is not the best winter mail port.

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FELL FROM CLIFF INTO THE BAY

Harry Richards Drowned Off Partridge Island Monday Afternoon

Harry Richards, the fifteen-year-old son of David Richards, formerly in charge of the fog station on Partridge Island, but now of Boston, was most likely drowned Monday afternoon off the island. Though the matter was left to the chairman to report upon at the next meeting. Superintendent Bridges reported that Harry had been appointed to the position of a school teacher on Partridge Island. He had been working for Thomas J. Fitzgerald, who is in charge of the building of a double tenement house for the occupancy of some of the officials on the island. Young Richards had been engaged in general work. About 3:45 o'clock he went to the cliff which overlooks the bay, near the Marconi station. As he did not return in the evening, his father went to the cliff to search for him. He found his body floating in the bay. The body was found about 100 yards from the shore. It is believed that the boy had slipped when on the rocky cliff and fallen into the water, which was at the time quite high. If he called for help none could hear him because of the noise of the waves as they dashed the shore.

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INDEPENDENT PARTY IN POLITICS PROPOSED

Dr. McVey of Rothesay Speaks of Suggested Plans

Dr. W. B. McVey, of Rothesay, at Monday that there would be an independent party in New Brunswick the next election and that every county in a province would have independent candidates. The claim of the projected new party is that both government and opposition are not suitable to them. The object, he stated, was also to further union of the three maritime provinces with a central point of government, the government to consist of legislative council of two members from each province; there to be also an executive council consisting of premier, minister of justice, minister of public works, minister of agriculture and forestry, minister of mines and labor, minister of health and quarantine, minister of finance and education; one lieutenant-governor, where there are now three governors.

Bible Society Work

Lady Solomon, who was accompanied by Sir Richard Solomon, K. C. M. G., K. C. B., acting lieutenant-governor of the Transvaal, recently held the foundation stone of the Bible house now being erected by the British and Foreign Bible Society at Johannesburg. In the course of his speech Sir Richard said he had a firm belief in the work of the Bible Society, and wished to express his sympathy with those who were engaged in carrying out that work. In this connection it is interesting to note that scriptures in no less than fifty-two languages were sold last year from the Bible Society's depot at Johannesburg, and a fifty-third language was asked for by a newcomer to the "Golden City." He wanted a Bible in Icelandic—which was unfortunately not in stock at the moment.

Must Pay Frisco Losses in Full

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. is concerned in the first decision to be rendered in the superior court regarding the liability of companies which have refused a dollar for dollar settlement of losses due to the disaster that befell San Francisco last spring. The company has not a single excuse on the law for repudiating the claims of its policyholders, according to the decision rendered today.

Jack—Miss Blue Eyes is a Winner, isn't she?

Joe—Rather! She won all the money yesterday! I had last night when we were playing poker.

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