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THE ROYAL VISITORS

St. John is putting on gala attire to welcome a Governor-General of Canada who is also a member of the royal family so highly honored by all British subjects, and so universally respected by the people of all nations. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess and Princess Patricia have won golden opinions since they came to Canada, and St. John extends to them a hearty welcome. The Imperial government has been wise in its selection of governors-general for Canada. The Duke of Connaught would be popular merely as a member of the royal house, but he has also proved himself to be an able man, in sympathy with the aspirations of Canadians; while the Duchess and Princess Patricia have charmed all hearts with the gracious manner in which they have adapted themselves to life in Canada. His Royal Highness is following the excellent example of his predecessors in office, and is getting acquainted with Canada. Not long since he was in Manitoba, and now he is seeing the Maritime Provinces. Everywhere there is the same warmth of welcome, and if in St. John there is less of elaborate decoration there is none the less a most loyal and hearty welcome awaiting the honored visitors.

NEW BRUNSWICK DEVELOPMENT

The Sussex Record, referring to the work of boring for minerals now in progress in Kings county, points out that the development of the mineral wealth of the province will build up new towns and provide farmers with larger local markets, and offer a better field for our young men, so many of whom leave their native province to seek their fortune. The Record has an abiding faith in the future of New Brunswick, and does not opportunity to give its expression. Thus in this week's issue it says:

"With a great city assured at St. John, the growth of the iron industry on the north shore, the prospective establishment at the winter port of vast steel works, and strong probability of the active development of pulp and paper industries in the province, now that we have the law in force prohibiting the export of pulp wood from crown lands, and the great impetus to horticulture, during the past few years, he must indeed be blind who fails to see the great things in store for us and our sons and daughters."

These great things will be the sooner realized if all the people will but manifest their faith and prove it by their works. The work of development should attract local as well as outside capital.

AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS

The Ontario department of agriculture is continually issuing valuable bulletins in small book form, giving information to the farmer. The Times has been fortunate in securing one of these in one lot. One deals with peach growing and peach diseases; another with cabbage and cauliflower cultivation; a third with grape growing, and the fourth, from the Women's Institute Branch, deals with Deeds of the Teeth, Its Causes and Prevention. This last bulletin is well illustrated, even showing the best kind of tooth-brush and the method in which it should be used. Such a book, in the home or in the hands of a good teacher, must be of great value. It may be added that the Ontario Dental Society co-operates with the Women's Institutes, and loans charts and slides for pictures without charge, as a part of the general educational campaign. The Women's Institutes have proved of great value to the farming population of Ontario, and it is a good move to have such organizations in New Brunswick. Not only can much valuable information be secured at the meetings, but they tend to overcome the sense of isolation, and add a new interest to the life of a farming community. There is quite as much need of Women's Institutes as of Farmers' Associations.

MR. HAZEN CRITICISED

Hon. Mr. Hazen is receiving some sharp and justifiable criticism for his amazing assertion in London that the victory of last September in Canada was a victory against the separation of Canada from the Empire. For example, the Montreal Witness says—

"Mr. Hazen may have only meant to say that, in his fallible opinion, the ultimate result of a reciprocity treaty with the United States would have been the severance of Canada from Great Britain. That would have been a harmless enough thing to say here, except for himself, as every one who knows anything of Canada would just have clasped him with the rest of the simple ones who were dragged at the chariot tail of the inventor of that preposterous nonsense, conceived and diligently promulgated for the interested purpose of preserving privilege. Possibly, he explained that that was all he meant. But that was not the way his hearers would take an assertion with which their own purchased press had been everywhere running in the interest abroad. Those hearers had been taught by those whose we can only regard as the enemies of Canada—some of them, being Canadians, treasonous enemies—that one-half of the Canadian people voted at that election for separation from the empire and that the country was only saved by the small preponderance of those who voted against that treason. It was for Mr. Hazen, as a loyal Canadian, to defend his people indignantly and vehemently against that slander. If instead of that, he said, as Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P., avers, purposely left on any of his English hearers the impres-

sion that there was truth in that view, he calumniated his own country, and slandered half of its people in a way that they are never called upon to forgive until he makes honorable amend."

FOR A CLEANER CITY

The Amherst News makes some caustic observations which have a wider application than merely to the town of Amherst. It says:—

"Our town authorities are doing good work in cleaning up plague spots in Amherst. It is rather remarkable that we have a number of moral, law-abiding citizens who would not take a drink for love or money, who would be almost insulted if asked to sit down to a game of bridge, but who at the same time will slop dirt and filth to accumulate on premises owned by them until it becomes a menace to the public health of the town. It may be carelessness, it may be indifference or ignorance, but whatever it is they should have the lesson taught to them that a clean town is a healthy town and that a good citizen owes a responsibility to the community in keeping his premises in such a state that it will not threaten valuable lives."

Despite the activity of board of health officials, there are alleys and back yards in St. John which disgrace the city by their dirty appearance. In some cases the tenants are responsible, in others the landlords. There is still too much public indifference regarding the appearance of the city. Visitors take note of it, even while they pay a compliment to the business activity of the people. It is a matter which concerns the public health as well as the reputations of the city, and should therefore receive more attention. A citizen should not find it necessary to apologize for appearances when a little united effort would remove the cause of complaint.

The fine weather of the last three days has been unusually delightful, in contrast with the long period of rain and fog.

The Sackville Tribune says:—"With lots of profitable work offering here and with New Brunswick just commencing to enjoy its greatest prosperity, the lure of the west is not nearly so strong as in the past."

The Town-Planning and Housing Association of Canada has been formed as an outcome of the suggestion for permanent organization made by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught at the recent Town-Planning Congress held in Winnipeg. J. M. Wallace, of Moncton, is vice-president for New Brunswick.

It is suggested that Mr. Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson and some other firebrands be presented for treason to their incitement of Ulster Orangemen to rebellion. It is recalled that Home Rule leaders were sent to jail for threatening the peace of Ireland, in Parnell's time. The will of parliament must prevail.

Here is a suggestion for St. John capitalists, who believe in the forward movement in this city. A company, to be known as the Edmonton Homebuilders, Limited, capitalised at \$500,000, is being promoted by business men in Edmonton, Alberta, on a large scale in the erection of houses of moderate cost. Why not a more vigorous policy along similar lines in St. John?

Members of the party of British financial men and manufacturers who toured the provinces early in the summer have given Mr. W. Leonard Palmer brief statements in writing of their impressions. These statements, published in the morning papers, show that the visitors were greatly impressed by the resources and general advantages of this part of Canada. They predict a great future for St. John and a splendid development for New Brunswick.

AT DIGBY TODAY

Windsor, N. S., Aug. 16—(Special)—The Duke of Connaught and party left Halifax this morning for Windsor and the Annapolis valley. This forenoon at Windsor the duke received the degree of D. C. L. from King's College and tablets were unveiled in honor of Thomas Chandler Halliburton's Home and of the foundation of King's College in 1701. Then the special train proceeded to Wolfville. There motor cars were taken for a drive to Kentville and the surrounding country. The night is being spent at Kentville. Tomorrow the royal party will proceed to Middleton, Annapolis and Digby.

FRENCH ROUT MOORS

Fez, Morocco (Delayed in Transmission)—Aug. 15—A severe fight occurred today at Mouley Bouchta between the French troops under General Gouraud and the Moorish followers of the Pretender of Sictala in which the French lost eight killed and forty wounded.

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Improve it quickly, lest the circumstance Leave one more blemish on your struggling soul.

For which, some day, your own grief shall pay toll.

In unshared sorrow, scanty sympathy—A cold world's sneer upon your misery.

—Lurana Sheldon.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

LOGIC.

"There's no question about it, she's strongest one greatly."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, I bought a barrel of it and put it in my room day before yesterday. I could hardly lift it then and I can lift it easily now."

VERY SWEET.

George:—"She sings nicely, doesn't she?"

Tom:—"Oh, yes, when she sings they have got a defence that will wreck them."

George:—"My goodness! What for?"

Tom:—"Her voice is so sweet it draws the flies."

IMPENETRABLE

First Lawyer:—"You can't convict the engineer of the blame for that wreck. They have got a defence that will wreck them."

Second Lawyer:—"What's that?"

First Lawyer:—"They are going to prove he was talking baseball with the fireman when the collision occurred."

DIFFERENT.

"Why did Mrs. Hugh Maine leave the room right in the very middle of her argument about the cruelty of killing song birds?"

"Oh, she went into the kitchen to show the servant how to drop a live lobster in to boiling water."

SIX MONTHS.

"A couple of jailbirds were eating a meal together, when one of them looked at his watch to see the time."

"Why, goodness me, you've got a watch!" exclaimed the other. "How much did it cost you?"

"Six months," was the reply.

AH, YES, TOO TRUE!

"I can't understand why you wish to lavish your efforts on a dog. Why don't you adopt a child?"

"Oh, I should be afraid to become fond of a child. If it should die one couldn't have it stuffed and put in a corner of the library, you know."

AN UNEXPECTED ECONOMY

McAndrews the chemist (at two a.m.):—"Two penicillins of bicarbonate of soda for the wife's indigestion at this time of night, when a glass of hot water does just as well."

Sandy (hastily):—"Well! Well! Thanks for the advice, I'll no bother ye after, all! Good night!"

REFLECTED!

"What is that dog barking at?" asked a fox, whose boots were more polished than his ideas.

"Why," said a bystander, "he sees another puppy in your boots."

SOMETHING TO LEARN.

"I have just been talking to a youth who claims to have done everything."

"Has he ever wrapped a motor car around a telegraph pole at three o'clock in the morning?"

"I think not."

"Then he has a great deal to learn."

FOOD FOR HOT WEATHER

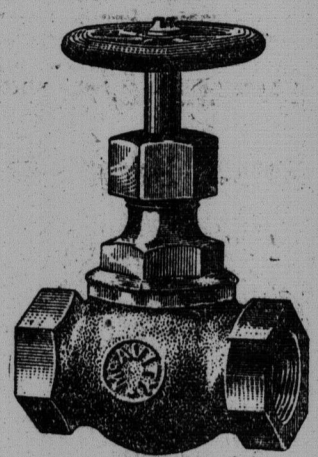
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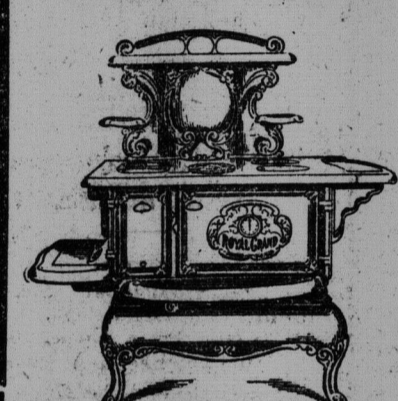
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