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## BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR ST. JOHN.

The proposals of the St. John Suburban Railway Company to construct street railways in the Parishes of Lancaster, Westfield, Simonds and Rothery are being strongly endorsed by the citizens generally. By providing up-to-date and cheap transportation to these suburban districts a long felt want will be filled. This plan has been worked out in many of the larger cities both in Canada and the United States with satisfactory results. It means development in the outlying districts and offers an inducement to residents in cities to take advantage of the suburban lines and live all the year round in the country.

A strong point in favor of the proposal to purchase the St. John Railway Company and extend its connections is that it will tend to greatly develop the farming industry. In addition to a regular passenger service it is understood to be the intention of the new company to provide a freight service which will give farmers and producers a cheap and quick method of transportation to the St. John market.

Another consideration is the effect this extension will have on real estate values both in the city and suburbs. It would tend to spread out the values, as it were, and divide in proportion the value of real estate between the city and the country traversed by the lines.

The policy of waiting for an outlying district of a city to secure a population is being abandoned by progressive street railways, who now follow out the plan of extending their lines into the country in advance of a large population. Instances of this are occurring frequently in the United States, where it is considered that a small per centage of population per mile is sufficient to guarantee a road.

The new company has all the necessary financial resources to back it. No tax exemption or other favors are sought from the city. It is here to do business. It is understood that in the development of water power on the Magaguadavic River and in that vicinity, and in the extension of suburban lines the company is prepared to spend \$4,000,000 within the next four years. Cheap power will appeal to every owner of a factory as a strong argument in favor of the company's proposals. Estimates show that 7,000 H. P. can be obtained from the Magaguadavic. Should the shareholders in the St. John Railway Company decide to sell out to the new company, 3,000 H. P. would be available for the street railway service and for lighting the city, with an ample margin for factories and other purposes. The rate at which power will be sold will be decided by the Public Utilities Commission. The interests of the public are, therefore, fully protected.

There has been much discussion as to the attitude of the St. John Railway Company. Many shareholders, the great majority numerically, are in favor of accepting the new company's offer to take over the business for \$1,250,000. This proposal would mean that the shareholders would receive about \$150 a share for their holdings. The current quotation is about \$110 a share, obviously a strong inducement to sell. In any event it is understood that the directors of the St. John Suburban Railway Company, when the charter is granted by the Legislature, are prepared to carry out their plans. In the matter of cheap power with efficient transportation to suburban points, it looks as if St. John were coming into her own.

## DISTRIBUTION OF BRITISH TRADE

The January return of the British Board of Trade contains, as is customary, a detailed account of the distribution of the United Kingdom's trade between the different countries of the world during the previous twelve months. From this account can be learned which countries are her best customers.

In the return just issued, India again heads the list, and has greatly improved her previous lead. Her purchases rose last year to \$27,626,000—an increase of more than five millions on the previous year. Germany comes next with \$24,377,000, which is one million better than the year before. Third comes Australia with a total of \$24,865,000, showing an increase of four millions. The United States is fourth with \$20,125,000; then comes France with \$25,608,000, closely followed by Canada with \$23,512,000. The seventh place is held by the Union of South Africa with \$21,407,000, and the eighth by the Argentine Republic with \$20,567,000.

These figures, it should be noted, only account for about half of the export trade. In addition there are an immense number of smaller customers.

ers, both foreign and British. In the aggregate, taking big and little customers together, the United Kingdom exported last year goods to the value of \$210,374,000 to foreign countries and \$177,060,000 to British possessions. Both figures show an increase on the previous year.

Until a few years ago British possessions only accounted for 32 per cent. or 33 per cent. of the Mother Country's exports; last year the percentage rose to 36.

## "A HARD NUT TO CRACK."

In glaring headlines the Times announces that "Borden is given a hard nut to crack; Plan for Canadian Navy was suggestion of British Admiralty; Tory leader put on defence, and so on."

Examining the "nut" we find it grows out of the following remarks attributed to Senator Pearce, Australian Minister of Defence:

"He (Senator Pearce) then refers to the decisions arrived at at the last Imperial Conference, when Canada and Australia adopted a fleet unit scheme, and says the Australian agreement is the only one that has been carried out. Therefore it becomes necessary for Canada and New Zealand either to carry out the schemes adopted by the 1909 Conference or propose some others to take their place."

"He could not say whether there was any truth in the reports that the Admiralty authorities had been parties to the suppression of the Canadian naval scheme and the substitution of contributed Dreadnoughts and an annual subsidy on the New Zealand plan in preference to that of the creation of separate colonial naval units. He said: 'We have not been given any hint either by the British Government or the Admiralty that they have changed their minds.'"

The Defence Conference, to which Senator Pearce refers, was attended by Canadian Ministers representing the Laurier Government, who, according to the official reports, "could not at present see their way to create a fleet unit."

As a linguist Sir Cecil will have few equals at Washington, as he speaks nearly all of the European languages, is thoroughly conversant with the Persian tongue, and has a speaking acquaintance with Japanese and Arabic.

Sir Cecil married nine years ago, Florence, daughter of the Rt. Hon. Frank Lascelles, then British Ambassador to Germany. The first visit to Washington of the new Ambassador was as Secretary of Embassy during the regime of Lord Pauncefoot, who represented Great Britain in the formulation of the now famous Hay-Pauncefoot Treaty. Sir Cecil's official residence in Washington is a plain, almost ugly structure, and not very well suited to the social affairs which are no small part of the duties of a diplomat in a capital of Yankeeedom, although the edifice is the largest of its kind in Washington.

## SCRAP BOOK FOR TODAY

"Three-penny" Day Will be Celebrated at Eton College.

Many quaint and ancient customs obtain at Eton College, the famous Buckinghamshire school founded in 1440 as a nursery to Cambridge, and one of them, the celebrated "three-penny day," will be celebrated today. The custom has been observed nearly four centuries, and was inaugurated by Roger Lupton, who was provost of Eton from 1502 to 1535.

In his will Lupton arranged for an annual distribution of money on the anniversary of his death, which fell on Feb. 27th. By the terms of the bequest the provost received 2s. 8d., the fellows, headmaster and chaplain 1s. 4d., the assistant chaplains and usher 8d., the clerks 6d., and the pupils and chorists one penny each. Another provost, Post, also contributed a fund for the same purpose, and the scholars at Eton will each receive three-pence today.

## FIRST THINGS

### RED HATS FOR CARDINALS.

The first investiture of the members of the college of cardinals with the red hat, as the insignia of their dignity, took place 667 years ago today. The red hat as a symbol of the sacred college was adopted by Pope Innocent IV. at the Council of Lyons in 1245.

With the passage of the centuries it has become the chief mark of cardinal rank, so that to "receive the hat" is in common parlance synonymous with being made a cardinal.

The color was adopted as a constant reminder to the wearer that he should always be ready to shed his blood in martyrdom for the Church, especially against the Emperor Frederick, who was deposed by the Council of Lyons.

Varenes also declares that the red hat had from earliest times been the color of supreme dignity, and quotes the prophet Naham, "The shield of his mighty men is made of red, the valiant men are in scarlet."

In the course of time the red hat has become a large and all but unwearable creation of silk and tassels.

## THE HUMANK PROCESSION

New British Ambassador to United States 54 Today—Is the "Baby" of Diplomatic Corps.

Although he will celebrate his fifty-fourth birthday today, Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the new British Ambassador to Washington, is an infant among diplomats, being the youngest of Great Britain's corps to hold ambassadorial grade. Sir Cecil will need all of his acknowledged ability to "fill the shoes" of the Right Hon. James Bryce, who has been relieved of the Washington post to become a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

Mr. Bryce will not go to the Dutch capital until next August, when Sir Edward Grey, president of the British delegation, will retire. Sir Cecil was born Feb. 27, 1859, and was educated at Eton and Oxford. He entered the service of his country as a clerk in the War Office, and later in the Foreign Office. He was next employed as assistant private secretary of Earl Granville, and in a similar capacity by the Earl of Rosebery. As secretary at Brussels, Washington, Tokio, Berlin and Constantinople, he had a wide and varied training for his diplomatic career, and has many friends in the United States capital to which he will now return as ambassador.

He was charge d'affaires at Tehran, Persia, in 1900, British Commissioner of public debt at Cairo a year later, and First Secretary of Embassy at St. Petersburg from 1903 to 1905. Then for two years he was British Minister to Persia, and in 1908 went to Stockholm as British Minister to Sweden.

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## DOMINICA'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

Facts About a Little Known Country—Celebrating Today Its Decision for Independence.

The Dominican Republic's national holiday, commemorating the beginning of the struggle for independence in 1844, will be celebrated today. Although it has had its share of political troubles and civil strife during the last few years, Dominica is much more civilized and prosperous than its neighboring black republic, Haiti. Nothing so accurately reflects the education, intelligence and culture of a people than the support given to their press, and in this respect Dominica is far ahead of Haiti.

has a population of 60,000, and its two daily papers have a combined circulation of less than 7,000. Santo Domingo, only a third as large as the metropolis of Haiti, has two evening papers with a combined circulation of 12,000. In addition to the daily, Sunday and weekly press, Santo Domingo has semi-monthly and monthly reviews of religion, agriculture, education, medicine, pharmacy and commerce, a humorous weekly, and three excellent literary weeklies. Haiti has only one small review, which boasts of a circulation of 3,000.

Dominica was a part of Haiti until the revolution which began Feb. 27, 1844. From 1861 to 1863 Dominica was a Spanish possession, but the republic was restored in 1863. The semi-centenary of the establishment of the present republic will be celebrated next August.

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## NEWS IN SHORT METRE

### LOCAL.

**Property Owners Protest.**  
 Protests against the street paving plans of the city are being circulated, and, it is said, are being signed by most of the property owners.

### Police Court.

Walter Jones and Ernest Bushan, charged with assaulting, robbing and beating William London on Brussels street on Tuesday evening, were arraigned in the police court yesterday morning. They were remanded to jail as the complainant was unable to attend court on account of his injuries. Louis Jones, charged with drunkenness and profanity, was fined \$3 or 30 days' jail, on the first charge, and \$8 or two months' jail on the second. John Larsen, charged with drunkenness and assaulting Leo Gilbert, a clerk in D. Hasson's store, 14 Charlotte street, was remanded. In the case of Luem Smith and Lizzie Smith charged with assault on William Dixon the prisoners were brought before the court and remanded.

### PROVINCIAL.

**The Temperance Campaign.**  
 Fredericton, Feb. 26.—It is understood that the New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance will appoint a permanent organizer to collect funds for the temperance cause.

### An Important Regulation.

Fredericton, Feb. 26.—At a meeting of the board of education this afternoon, power was given the teachers and principals of the schools to suspend any pupil guilty of flagrant misconduct or gross disobedience, and to report the same to the school board.

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