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LAKE VERSUS SEA NAVIGATION

It is admitted that the great lakes have a vast expense, but when a ship has to run before the gale she has not much sea-room in a lake where a hundred miles is a matter for consideration.

Any skipper will run for the open sea, in the face of a threatening gale, rather than be caught hugging the shore. He knows that the shore is dangerous with rocks and shallow waters. But let him get to the open sea, and he is safe—if his ship is staunch. With her stern head-on, and a good man at the wheel, a well-built vessel will weather almost any storm.

A ship at sea might run hundreds of miles before a gale, but to do so in the great lakes would be fraught with imminent peril. When Capt. Dickenson of the Snowdon Range landed in Queenston early this year he had run before a fierce Atlantic sea for nine hundred miles, and although most of the deck fittings were washed away, he reached port under his own steam, and although badly battered, his ship was water-tight. If his steamer had been a lake steamer she would have sunk. The large batches would have been given off and the vessel doomed.

Therein lies the great difference between lake and sea-going craft. The one is made for quickness and despatch, loading and discharging. The other is made on different principles and is made to withstand the onslaught of the seas. They can unload 2000 tons of coal from a lake steamer in four hours in Montreal, but they cannot do this with a British boat—the hatches are not large enough. The larger the hatch the less consistent with security from the waves. The British tramp steamer is generally a more heavily-constructed vessel than her Canadian sister. Half-inch plates are used in England, whereas three-eighths and quarter-inch plates are deemed strong enough on the lakes. Many lake steamers are built in Britain, and consequently must cross the Atlantic. It is not generally known, however, that these steamers are not allowed to cross the ocean between the months of December and May, by the order of the British Board of Trade. This is on account of the insufficiency of freeboard. Even then these lake steamers are specially strengthened for their ocean trip. Can you wonder, then, that these vessels give short work to the fury of the waters, for which they are not prepared.

Someone has suggested that there boats have not sufficient engine power. No greater engine propulsion is needed. The fault is in the great bluff bow of the boats. But for the bow, made bluff for the sake of accommodation, the engines of many steamers would send them along at sixteen knots. This, however, is reduced to ten miles.

A big sea can get a good grip upon this bow, and this tends to make a ship unmanageable. A well-cut bow will cut the sea and the ship will follow her course, but with the blunt, bluff bow of the steamer of the lakes, deviation from the course is more frequent and harder to correct.

It is not surprising that so many vessels went down or went aground during the recent severe gale. THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY CHAIRMAN AND CANADA. A detailed report of the proceedings at the ordinary general meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Co., in London, England, held last month shows that Mr. Alfred W. Smithers, the chairman, made a very pleasing reference to the Dominion. In this regard he said in part:

"As I stated at the commencement, I have just returned from Canada, and whilst there I am glad to say that I saw the spirit of courage and hopefulness for which the Canadians are so justly celebrated receive a well-deserved reward in a fine harvest in the North-West of splendid quality, and withal, splendid weather to harvest it in."

There has been a great lead of criticism of Canada, some of it quite just and moderate, and some of it, I am bound to say, of an unnecessarily croaking order. The fact is that the world has been going through a very trying period for eighteen months, brought about by ten years of extraordinary trade-activity during which the new countries of the world have been opened up as never before, thus absorbing an unprecedented scale liquid capital, and also by the waste of war—waste not only caused by the peoples actually fighting, but

by the war preparations made by non-combatant countries. In addition to all this, there has been the haunting fear that the war might involve the bigger Powers, and this fear led to hoarding of gold and curtailment of credit. Well, I think Canada may be proud and satisfied at the way she has stood the strain. (Hearty cheer.) The crisis began, eighteen months ago, when Canada was carrying on under full sail. She has had some real estate speculators, a few mismanaged or over-capitalised companies have been wound up or reorganized, but Canada as a country has maintained a high measure of prosperity. Fake first the strong position of the Government finances; what other country of the population of Canada can show such surpluses as she has shown during the last ten years, thus enabling the government to build almost out of surplus revenue the Transcontinental Railway from Winnipeg to Montreal, to grant numerous subsidies and assist in the country, such as canals, harbor works, and grants to railways. All this has been done while only adding the most moderate amount to the debt of the Dominion in the last ten or twelve years. I think you will agree with me this is a most gratifying position, and that few governments are in a more satisfactory financial position than our premier Dominion finds itself in to-day. (Applause.)

"Now, what are the real foundations of Canadian prosperity? Are they not that she should be an increasing source of the world's food supply, and that additional people should go into the country to break up the land for cultivation. Take three instances of how these conditions are being fulfilled. The production of wheat this year in the Northwest is estimated at 200,000,000 bushels, compared with 107,000,000 bushels in 1908, and the crop of oats in Canada at 39,000,000 bushels this year against 25,000,000 bushels in 1908, and to add in continuing this development nearly 500,000 emigrants will enter the Dominion this year from Europe and the United States. As long as these conditions continue, and I think the demand of the world for what Canada can supply will ensure continuance, I can see nothing but continued prosperity over a course of years in Canada. The immense demands for capital all over the world must necessitate a slowing down in development, but not more in Canada than in other countries, and when capital again accumulates—and with the immense wealth of the world to-day a few months, and even a few weeks, soon make a difference—I am certain Canada will obtain sufficient for her legitimate wants, and I am confident that there will be no safer or better field for employment of capital."

SIR JAMES WHITNEY. Persistent rumors around the Parliament building continue to refer to the ill-health of the Prime Minister, Sir James Whitney is always the last to see the members of the Cabinet to seek vacation, and usually one of the last few to leave the Parliament building at night. Yesterday he was not at his office at all, and of late it has been his habit to leave somewhat earlier than usual. Nothing of an authoritative character can be ascertained, but the belief is prevalent that Sir James has worked hard enough and the time has arrived when he should spend fewer hours a day at his desk and more at leisure.—Toronto Globe.

The leading Grit organ never seems to be completely happy unless it has some leading Conservative on the sick or bodily-broken-down list. Some months ago it announced that Hon. George Foster was a goner. More recently it had Premier Borden a victim of physical collapse. Now, as above, it comes along with a statement which is manifestly intended to convey the impression that the working days of Sir James Whitney are over.

How dearly the organ would like to believe that, eh? Sir James, who recently celebrated the attainment of his seventieth birthday, marked the event by sticking closely to his duties all day, and there has been no let-up about him since he assumed the reins of power nearly a decade ago. Very frequently he has simply contented himself with a sandwich or so during the noon hour, in a detail to save the time of a trip home, and his capacity for work has been the marvel of all associated with him.

Now that the affairs of the Province are in such magnificent order, and Hydro-Electric and other measures for the public good have been so successfully completed, why should the fact, if fact it is, be taken seriously of somewhat of an ease-up? One thing sure, he will be on the job just the same. The Globe need make no mistake at all about that.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Borden Club. Get in now while the getting in is good. What the Toronto Globe would like would be a hospital filled with leading Conservatives.

It is now 'steen days since Uncle Sam gave a jerk to his galluses and told President Huerta of Mexico where he must get off at N. B.—The gent of that name is still holding his job.

The Rawlittes are running a "fusion" candidate in East Middlesex. The rest of their acts are all confusion. Brantford's held battery is on the point of formation. It would be a graceful thing for the Council to offer the City Hall on which to make practice. Premier Borden will be back in the saddle at Ottawa in December. Some Grit papers ought to try and half mast the flags in their neighborhood on the date he arrives.

The fur farming industry is now spreading to Ontario. If this thing gets further widespread more than ever people in other lands will retain the idea that Canadians have to get out and be hugged by a fur bearing animal before they can feel warm.

Marconi is completing experiments whereby it will be possible to talk by wireless phone across the Atlantic. Pretty soon there will be nothing much more for that genius to accomplish beyond affording the youths of this globe a chance to flirt with the maidens on Mars.

The Hard Work. Sometimes I get sore and ranty over the work I have to do, and I rip around the shanty till the atmosphere is blue. "Why," I ask the cat, "in thunder should a fellow toil and slave? All his skrimishing for plunder merely brings him to the grave. You are wise, old cat, in dreaming, dreaming of your feline joys, while the human chumps are screaming for some prize not worth the noise; you are wise, you durned old tabby, dreaming as the minutes scot, while men wear their tempers shabby chasing after 'Dead Sea fruit.' Then I walk three blocks or seven, just to soothe my nerves a few, and encounter ten or eleven men who have no work to do. Men as good as I or better, who are mathless down and out, shackled by misfortune's fetter, all their hopes gone up the spout. Men whose poverty is shrieking, men of evil luck the sport; men who spend the long days seeking work, of any sort. Then I go back to my shanty in a chastened frame of mind, having seen worse hell than Dante, and resume the pleasant grind."

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JUNIOR ADULT CLASS HOLDS A BANQUET. The Junior Adult Bible Class of the Brant Ave. Sunday School held its first annual banquet last evening in the school-room, which was artistically decorated for the occasion. About one hundred of the members and friends of the class partook of the bounteous spread, after which a splendid program was given, with Mr. Sweet in the chair.

Mr. W. F. Wilson, president of the class, gave the address of welcome, followed by interesting talks from Rev. A. E. Lavell, Messrs. W. S. Brewster, Collier, J. S. Rowe and Charles Ranson. Mr. Frank Cockshutt's address on the Bible and the study of it was very helpful.

Other interesting features of the program were: Solos by Mr. H. K. Jordan, Mr. Collier and Miss M. Sweet; a quartet by Messrs. Eacrett, Harp, Stenim and George Sweet; a reading by Mr. Harry Sills, and a brief talk by Mr. H. K. Jordan on his trip abroad. A splendid banquet, which had been successful in every way, was brought to a close by the singing of "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

The following are the officers of the class: President, W. F. Wilson; vice-president, N. D. Willits; secretary, Miss Jennie M. McCausland; treasurer, Mrs. Oxtoby; teacher, Mr. E. Sweet; associate teachers, Messrs. Her and J. S. Rowe.

Lookout Committee—Chairman, Mr. George Ranson; Mr. and Mrs. Moulie, Mrs. Tusker, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Grace Reynolds, Mrs. Greensides, Mrs. Creech, Miss Burns and Mr. Johnson. Sick and Relief Committee—Mrs. H. K. Jordan and Young Ladies' Band. Social Committee—Mrs. S. Leo (convener), Mrs. E. A. Hughes, Miss W. Jones, Mrs. Jordan, Miss M. McGregor, Miss McCausland and the Messrs. Williams, Haines and Strong; Collier and J. S. Rowe.

TOO MUCH LIGHT. NORTH BAY, Ont., Nov. 19.—The coroner's jury in the case of S. M. Archibald of Brentwood, N.S., who was killed at North Bay station on Monday evening returned the verdict that death resulted from stepping in front of an express train. The general theory of the tragedy, is that Archibald was standing too close to the approaching train and that the glare of the electric headlight shining in his eyes confused and blinded him so that he stepped by mistake in the wrong direction which landed him directly in front of the train, which was travelling at a speed of eight miles an hour. Archibald's body was shipped to Nova Scotia last night.

AUSTRALIA GIVES CANADA A LESSON

Leave Politics Out of Naval Question, Says Hamar Greenwood.

MONTREAL, Nov. 19.—Windsor cables, The Star as follows: LONDON, Nov. 18.—Mr. Hamar Greenwood, just returned from the Empire Parliamentary Association trip to Australia, makes an interesting comparison to-day between the Dominion and the Commonwealth.

"Australia is just passing through the difficult days of provincial and federal conflict, which Canada has already settled." "The Dominion has been long in the lead as far as development is concerned. Australia has only just begun its Transcontinental. Canada has three. "Canada has developed along individualistic lines. In Australia the Government is active in nearly every sphere, each state even owns its own railway."

After remarking that he had many political friends on both sides in Canada, he continued: "Where Australia scores just now, in the imperial sense, is that the Government and Opposition are one when questions of military or naval affairs arise; no public man in Australia but would not favor the cadet movement, which means a fortnight of camp and a fortnight of drills yearly for every youth and the general responsible for this movement is named Kirkpatrick, a son of a former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who learned his soldering at Kingston.

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ben a complete change in world policies since the last. The feeling is that it should be held soon in London. Australia is making a great bid for immigration, but in my opinion the main tide from Britain will always be in Canada."

NARROW ESCAPE. He—Will you be my partner? She—Oh, George, this is so sudden! Give me a little time. He (continuing)—For the next dance? She (continuing)—To catch my breath, I haven't recovered from the last Boston yet.—California Pictorial.

THATS WHERE. "Oh, where are the girls of yesterday?" Sighed the sentimental nut. "They're mending the hose of the girls of to-day." Answered the neurotic nut.—Judge.

Coin Dated 1679. While trapping rabbits near Hartland, Devon, Mr. George Gifford found a Charles II. half-crown, dated 1679, in a field. The coin is in a very fair state of preservation.

Golf Notes

Peterboro Golf Club. PETERBORO, Nov. 19.—At the 9th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Peterboro Golf and Country Club, Messrs P. Campbell, Hazen Ritchie, T. D. Mulholland, T. F. Mathews and A. H. Stratton were elected directors for the ensuing year. The past year has been the best year in the history of the club, and changes and improvements to the club building will likely be made next season.

Large congregations at both the morning services. Rev. Mr. Mordecai a splendid address in his subject being, "Our Rev. Mr. Cook preached his sermon being 'Words' and he came. The music for the day was good; a solo, Choose rendered in the morning. Norrie, and Why not S night" being very effective. Mrs. Cook in the evening League was held. Mrs. Wilson occupied the a very pleasing paper on the Home" was read by a meeting will be held S. officials on Wednesday, discuss the prospects of entertainment to be held evening. Dec 1st.

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