

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, SAINT JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1926

The Evening Times-Star

The Evening Times-Star printed at 25-27 Canterbury street every evening (Sunday excepted) by New Brunswick Publishing Co., Ltd., J. D. McKenna, President.
Telephone—Private branch exchange connecting all departments. Main 2417.
Subscription Price—By mail per year, in Canada, \$5.00; United States, \$6.00; by carrier per year, \$4.00.
The Evening Times-Star has the largest circulation of any evening paper in the Maritime Provinces.
Advertising Representatives—New York, Ingraham-Powers, Inc., 230 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ingraham-Powers, Inc., 19 South La Salle Street.
The Audit Bureau of Circulation audits the circulation of The Evening Times-Star.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 12, 1926.

RATHER SKEPTICAL

"There is nothing like the fear of death to induce action in governments," says the Maritime Free Press in discussing the Speech from the Throne, which it describes as a rather skillful presentation of a programme which may command the support of the House. "If it had been brought down about a year ago," the Winnipeg paper suggests, "it is probable that the Government would not be in the plight in which it finds itself today."

With respect to the Government's proposal to appoint a royal commission to deal with the case of the Maritime Provinces, the Free Press is a bit skeptical. "The Government," it says, "reveals an appreciation of the situation of the Maritime Provinces. The device of a royal commission to look into those difficulties and report cannot be said to be original, but there are times when royal commissions prove themselves useful institutions."

This may be one of those times. "With some thirty members in Parliament representing the Maritime constituencies," the Free Press goes on, "it seems rather remarkable that it is necessary to have a royal commission take evidence as to what the views of the people of those provinces are as to their treatment, by the rest of Canada, with respect to transportation, immigration, and other economic factors. Is the Parliamentary system played out?"

If it is played out, or if in the choice of the commission, or in the authority given it, or in the nature of the Parliamentary discussion attending this appointment, there should be evidence of anything other than a sincere desire to do justice to the Atlantic Provinces, the country will not be long in discovering it. Our twenty-nine members of Parliament, it must be assumed, will have something to say as to the character of the mandate given this commission. It should have a clearly defined objective, and it should be set to work without delay.

The Free Press does not welcome the government's action in referring to the Railway Commission the question of the diversion of Canadian traffic to American ports, suggesting that this course will result only in delay, and that Parliament itself should take the responsibility of making a rate on the Transcontinental such as would induce a flow of grain to Maritime ports. "If the session goes on," says the Free Press, "it will be surprising if these attempts to sidetrack the pressing Maritime Province question succeed."

We are unwilling to admit in advance that any unreasonable delay will result from referring the traffic question to the Railway Commission, or that the Government's action in this respect represents an attempt to sidetrack the issue. It is our impression, rather, that the Railway Commission will act resolutely and with all reasonable speed.

If there were any intention to sidetrack the Maritime Province question—and the matter of grain is clearly a national issue—the result would only be to add fuel to the flames in this part of Canada. We must hope that the skepticism of the Free Press is unjustified. If events should prove the contrary, that would not mean that the fight is over, but merely that it would be renewed with additional intensity.

NOVA SCOTIA'S MINING TROUBLE

In the course of the sharp debate at Ottawa yesterday over Hon. Mr. Meighen's non-confidence motion, Hon. E. M. Macdonald was asked by a Conservative member just where he stood with respect to higher duties on iron and steel. The Minister replied that in his judgment the present duties are high enough. Another opponent asked him about coal, having in mind the demand in Nova Scotia for additional protection for iron coal in order that the market for the Maritime product may be extended in the St. Lawrence area. Mr. Macdonald replied: "We will deal with coal."

This exchange at Ottawa is of particular interest just now in view of the situation following the presentation of the Duncan commission's report on Nova Scotia's mining troubles. That report is accompanied by a special plea from one of the members of the commission asking the Upper Provinces to assent to a higher duty on coal, a plea which the commission as a whole did not feel warranted in joining. Sir Andrew Duncan feeling reluctant to have the main report touch upon an issue which he regarded as mainly political, although its bearing upon Nova Scotia's position is clear enough. The Duncan commission's work, searching and impartial as it seems to be, represents in no sense a victory for either the miners or the British Empire Steel Corporation. With regard to some of the matters at issue, the report upholds the company's contentions and with respect to others it regards the position of the miners as justifiable. It says the wage cut of 10 per cent. in 1924 was necessary,

but that the reduction of wages in 1923 was not. It proposes the revival of the contract system which has not been in vogue under the temporary agreement through which Mr. Rhodes was able to bring about the resumption of work. The commission believes the wage scale should be subject to revision every six months, in order that the pay may coincide, roughly at least, with the company's ability to pay. An important point in the finding is the commission's decision that coal mining should be considered by itself, and not in connection with the company's other activities—that coal should stand on its own feet, and mining wages be governed by the returns from the mines alone, rather than by the result of the company's business as a whole. It has been suggested that the company would do well to dispose of the houses it owns in the mining towns and villages at reasonable prices to the miners, it being thought that the company should not be both employer and landlord. The responsibility for lack of proper sanitary conditions in some of the mining areas is placed upon the municipalities, and methods of betterment are suggested.

The interim agreement through which the strike was suspended will soon be coming to an end, and in the interval the Rhodes Government will be engaged in seeking to bring the parties in dispute to an agreement based upon the commission's findings. Sir Andrew Duncan and his associates have proposed a two years' contract. They advise that the company recognize the union, and they make many suggestions to both sides as to the elimination of friction with regard to policies and circumstances. They suggest, also, that the provincial government should enter into active co-operation with the Dominion Fuel Board to explore the possibilities of coke production, which would increase the market for Nova Scotia coal.

The Canadian curlers met defeat in Edinburgh last night, which is all right enough unless it's going to become a habit with them.

Louis Paquet, of Quebec, who misappropriated \$20,000, has been sentenced to twelve months in jail. "Twenty thousand a year," says a western reviewer.

Odds and Ends

A Week in Epigram

(Boston Transcript.)
Fill a man up with tobacco fumes and he will immediately sit down and write you a novel of the great outdoors.—Haywood Brown.

My point of view is entirely the reverse of the skeptical—Lord Balfour. I missed the ice in the glass abroad.—James Stephens.

A happy ending to a cat's fairly tale does not mean marrying a prince, but eating a mouse.—Robert Lynd.

If I were a jury, I would never find a person guilty of murdering a cook-general.—Edgar Wallace.

A grand entrance is not a sentiment; it is an enterprise.—Elliott Roy.

Marriage is almost as bad as wealth.—Orlando Greenwood.

It is not the censor that forms public opinion; it is public opinion that constitutes the censor.—Aristide Briand.

You cannot have economies without putting somebody out of work.—William Bridgeman, M. P.

The longer I sit in the Senate, the more I am in favor of the man who speaks short and to the point.—Vice-President Dawes.

My secret for perpetuating youth? Enjoy all vices in moderation.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz.

Religion is just as natural as playing polo and hockey and is thoroughly in touch with those games.—Bishop Manning.

To default is not in the British Government's vocabulary.—Stanley Machin.

Good work is always hated by the bourgeois class and by the whole Anglo-Saxon race, which loves banality, boresness and buncombe.—Joseph Pennell.

The greatest misfortune which can befall a French writer is that he be first French and second a writer.—Octave Mirbeau.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

(Somerville Journal.)
The sky getting grayer and grayer, The Weather Man says it will snow, But we shan't hear the jingle of sleigh-bells, As we did in the years long ago. We shall hear Father scrape with his shovel, As he labors to clear off the walk, But the musical jingle of sleigh-bells is replaced by the auto horn's squawk.

Now I don't like the auto horns' squawking, And I have no use for a car; I'd rather go jingling than honking, The cutter's more cozy by far. They say that the world's getting better, And in some ways perhaps it is so, But I long for the jingle of sleigh-bells That we heard in the years long ago!

Just Fun

PLAIN SPEAKING

A PRIVATE, anxious to secure leave of absence, sought his captain with a most convincing tale about a sick wife breaking her heart for his absence. The officer, familiar with the soldier's ways, replied:

"I am afraid you are not telling the truth. I have just received a letter from your wife urging me not to let you come home because you get drunk, break the furniture, and mistreat her shamefully."

The private saluted and started to leave the room. He paused at the door, asking: "Sir, may I speak to you, not as an officer, but as a man to man?"

"Yes; what is it?"
"Well, son, what I'm after sayin' is this: I've found the lady, sir. You and I are two of the most illigant liars the Lord ever made. I'm not married at all!"

FOUND THE LADY

THE LONDON CONSUL of a continental kingdom was informed by his government that one of his countrywomen, supposed to be living in Great Britain, had been left a large fortune. After advertising without result, he applied to the police, and a smart young detective was set to work. A few weeks later his chief asked how he was getting on.

"I've found the lady, sir."

"Good! Where is she?"

"At my place. I married her yesterday."

WANTED PEACE

THERE was an old dandy who would frequently get drunk and create a disturbance, but he was such a kind-hearted and accommodating dandy when he was sober that the officers overlooked his meanness when he was drunk. On one occasion he went up to another city to visit, and got drunk and began to raise a row; he was arrested and put in jail, and when he had served his term and was let out, he remarked: "I ain't never gwine come here no more; I'll gwine home, whar a man is 'lowed to live in peace and quietude."

ANSWER WANTED

DINER: "Hey, waiter, there's a hair in my soup!"
Waiter: "One moment, sir, while I consult my comic magazine file for an appropriate rejoinder."—Life.

MAN proposes, woman exposes.

EXACT

"YOUR WIFE looks stunning to-night. Her gown is a poem."
"What do you mean, poem?" replied the strutting author. "That gown is two poems and a short story."—Tit-Bits.

A REPEATER

PRISON WARDEN (to released convict): "I'm sorry I find we have kept you here a week too long!"
CONVICT: "That's all right. Knock it off next time."—Answers.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

PETER: "What's your opinion of the cross word puzzle?"
PAUL: "Words fall me."—Answers.

Dinner Stories

A YOUNG couple had been courting for several years, and the young man seemed to be in no hurry to marry. Finally, one day, he said to his fiancée: "Well, I can't marry thee."
"How's that?" asked she.
"I've changed my mind," said he.
"Well, I'll tell thee what we'll do," said she. "If the folks know that I'm there as has given me up I shanna be able to get another chap; but if they think I've given thee up then I can get all I want. So we'll have banns published and when the wedding day comes the parson will say to thee, 'Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?' and thou must say, 'I will.' And when he says to me, 'Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?' I shall say, 'I willna.'"

The day came, and when the minister asked the important question the man answered:

"I will!"
Then the parson said to the woman: "Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" and she said:

"I will!"
"Why," said the young man furiously, "you said you would say 'I willna.'"
"I know that," said the young woman, "but I've changed my mind since."

THE preacher's evening discourse was dry and long, and the congregation gradually melted away. The sexton tiptoed up to the pulpit and slipped a note under one corner of the Bible. It read:

"When you are through, will you please turn off the lights, lock the door, and put the key under the mat?"

Other Views

BOLSHEVIST "PEACE"

(London Morning Post.)
Chicherin suggests that his Government are overzealous in entering the League because they do not believe in its sincerity in the cause of peace; but that Bolshevism is ready to meet the West half-way in pursuit of disarmament. "We renounce," says Chicherin, "not only the policy but even the very idea of conquest. And we need an army and navy only for defence." We might point out that Moscow has more formidable weapons than her army and navy, which latter are not in themselves very dangerous. She has her subversive propaganda which goes on and will go on whatever pretensions she may make to peace, although Georgia and Poland could both bear witness to her pacific pretensions where arms are concerned. No, we shall not get peace from Moscow. If, as Chicherin says, "the British people put their confidence in facts," the fact which chiefly emerges from our experience of Bolshevism is its implacable and sleeping enmity against our country and every British interest.

POLITICIANS AND THE PRESS. (J. L. Garvin in the London Observer.)
In the strange decade from 1914 to 1924 the confusion and uncertainty of public affairs and party connections threw enormous influence into the hands of a few great newspaper proprietors. They will not recover it for a long time, if ever. Things have come to another balance. The Labor Party has built up a mighty power without the "largest circulation," and against them. Journalism and parties are parallel forces. The press, more independent than ever, must dis-

The Pro's Viewpoint



Professional (whose offer has been turned down): "Makin' a good job of it, ain't yer? What are yer goin' to use next—yer shavin' brush?"—London Opinion.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE BEST BOOKS

"WHERE," asks a reader of this column, "can I find a book that will give me the names of the hundred or five hundred best books of all time?"

There are many such books, but before naming even one of them, we want to make a few observations and quotations.

It is foolish to suppose that a hundred books can be named as those which are best for each and every one. The simplest experience of the world proves that a work of great excellence may deeply move one person, while it leaves another untouched; and that a book which has influenced one strongly in one's youth may lose such influence over one's later years.

There is virtually nothing that every man may read at every time.

GEORGE BRANDES, one of the world's greatest living critics—he is a Dane—observes that:

"Most people read without any particular attention; perhaps, they select reading matter which does not deserve any particular attention."

Poems That Live

THE STREAM OF LIFE

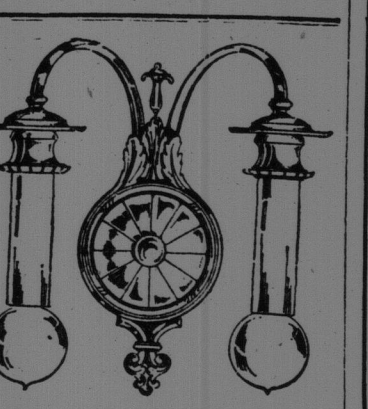
O stream descending to the sea,
Thy mossy banks between,
The flowerets blow, the grasses grow,
The leafy trees are green.
In garden plots the children play,
The fields the laborers till,
And houses stand on either hand,
And thou descendest still.
O life descending into death,
Our waking eyes behold,
Parent and friend thy lapse attend,
Companions young and old.
Strong purposes our minds possess,
Our hearts affections fill,
We toil and earn, we seek and learn,
And thou descendest still.
O end to which our currents tend,
O inevitable sea,
To which we flow, what course do we know,
What shall we guess of thee?
A roar we hear upon thy shore,
As we our course fulfill,
Scarcely we divine a sun will shine
And be above us still.

—Arthur Hugh Clough.

charge its critical and informing functions without subordination to party interests. Statesmen are foolish if they disregard the press, but contemptible if they do not stand up to it when satisfied they are right. Parties and newspapers appeal to one sovereign tribunal, public opinion. In the long run, the nation compels and decides. Politicians need keeping up to the mark. The press soon becomes factually and practically impotent when it goes beyond fair limits. After an abnormal period the proper relations are settling themselves.

BACON.

(London Daily Telegraph.)
The French Academy have admitted "bacon" into classical French. But there is a hitch. Bacon, some people are saying, was a French word all the time; it can be traced back to Provencal and to mediæval Latin, where it was "bacon," and in fact Imperial Rome had bacon for breakfast supplied by the Gauls, who invented it and taught the art to our rude forefathers. Now we speak with all honor of the French skill in dealing with the pig. From the fresh cold pork which finds its place on Breton tables through all the products of the charcuteries of Normandy to the ham from pigs wild and tame, and the spicy pate de maiton, which many a good inn builds upon a porcine basis, Gaul does him due honor. But to no man, to no nation, is granted every manner of ex-



Change your lighting fixtures and bring your installations up to date. You will surprise yourself and friends with the difference that light properly directed makes in your home.

"Electrically at Your Service"
The Webb Electric Co.,
89-91 GERMAIN STREET.
Phone M. 2152. Res. Phone M. 4064

Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JAL DASTUR PAVRY ALTHOUGH he is only 26 years old, Dr. Jal Dastur C. Pavry, Ph. D., of Bombay, will shortly become High Priest of the Parsees, of India, as the death of his father, who is the present head of the followers of Zoroaster, is expected very shortly. For the past four years the young man has been a student at Columbia University. Classmates describe him as a good dancer, immaculate dresser and a "good fellow."

Two men in the world know the history and teachings of Zoroaster thoroughly, one is Dr. Pavry's father, and the other Professor A. V. Williams Jackson, instructor in Indo-Iranian languages and philosophies at Columbia. Dr. Pavry's people wished him to learn more of their history so he came to Columbia planning to stay a year or two. The professor prevailed upon him to complete the four year course and write a thesis on his religion for which he would receive the degree of doctor of philosophy. On the day that Dr. Pavry was graduated he sailed for home in an attempt to reach Bombay before his father's death.

The Parsees are descendants of the Persians who were driven into India in the eighth century by an Arahic invasion. They are regarded as the most intelligent and most cultured of Indians.

Little Editorials

TOLERANCE

WHEN a public speaker takes occasion to call for "tolerance" in this nation he is sure to be cheered warmly and to be commended afterward from press and pulpit for his plea.

But how many of us who cheer him are really ready to be tolerant? We may think we are—but are we? Tolerance might be said to consist largely in minding one's own business. If you're tolerant you don't worry about your neighbor's conduct, his religion, his race, his beliefs. You let him say and think what he pleases. You strive, in plain English, to carry out the Golden Rule to the very best of your ability.

It's a fine thing to cheer pleas for tolerance. It's a better thing to take stock now and then and see if our selves are really being as tolerant as we might.

P. T. BARNUM UNDERSTATED IT (St. Catharines Standard)

An article in the Saturday Evening Post intimates that the Florida land boom is in the first stages of burst. The writer, pointing out what is being done in subdividing worthless land into lots, says that P. T. Barnum once knew part of the story. There is more than one barn every minute. He refers to people who buy lots for \$200 and more without first having a look at the purchase.

SPINSTERHOOD.

WHENEVER some girl or woman distinguishes herself by some new invasion of man's field, whether it be in athletics, the fine arts or the world of business, some staid gentleman is sure to arise and say: "Ah, but she should be devoting herself to raising a family of fine young children." You've all heard something like that. And it's such a foolish remark it's almost pathetic.

Would the world be any better if women like Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Jane Addams had given up their careers to "raise a fine family of children"? Of course it wouldn't.

There'll always be children enough. And if a woman is able to make her contribution to the race in some other form—more power to her.

STREET OF BOILING TEA.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—During a fire which practically destroyed a tea warehouse in Mincing lane, the streets were flooded with liquid which looked like smelt very much like tea. There was a good deal of tea in the building and this mixed with the stream of steaming water.

SIGN OF AGE

(Buffalo Courier.)
Another sign of age is to be able to remember when Denney made his last appearance in the ring.

JANUARY SALE

OF DISTINCTIVE COATS

Coats for dress, street or travel wear. Correctly tailored, richly trimmed with fur, fashionable fabrics of rich colors and designs. There are front and side flares, slender straight and youthful styles, as well as the more conservative models for the matron.

Ocean Wave Plush, Jewel Bloom Cloth, French Suedene, Needle Point Cloth.

Regular prices \$27.50 to \$65.

January Sale Prices \$17.50 to \$35

All Wool Velours, Chinchillas, Check Back Coatings, Whitney Polo Cloth Camels Hair.

Regular Prices \$17.90 to \$25.

January Sale Price \$9.95

Costume Section—Second Floor.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.



LOOKING AHEAD

A CHARMING YOUNG WOMAN went into the principal stationer's shop in a country town and asked to see some notepaper. After selecting what she desired, she hesitated for a moment.

"Do you make any reduction to clergermen?" she asked softly.
"Certainly, madam," said the stationer, with great promptness. "Are you a clergerman's wife?"

"No-no," replied the young lady. "Ahl clergerman's daughter?" suggested the shopman.

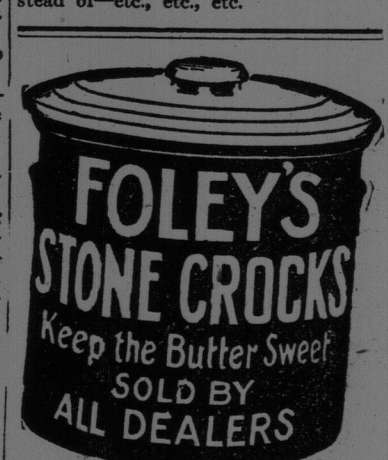
"No-no," was the lady's hesitating reply. Then she leaned across the counter and spoke in a confidential whisper: "But if nothing happens I shall soon be engaged to a theological student."

And the accompanying smile was so sweet that the shopman was constrained to allow her a reduction at the usual rates.

BUT WHAT ABOUT?

(Kingston Standard.)
The Ottawa Journal says that "Memory has never registered anything"

more beautiful than the Christmas experiences of childhood. Maybe so; but what about that dose of castor oil needed for having eaten too much? And what about the book you got instead of—etc., etc., etc.



Made by Canadian Workmen of Canadian Clays With Canadian Coal.



A New Light on an Old Friend

Creamy lather—a keen blade—plenty of light—no early morning grouch can live through these to dull the zest of the breakfast bacon.

To adequately illuminate a bathroom, use deep open shades of dense white glass on the wall fixtures, which should be placed on each side of the mirror, and use 60 watt all-white Edison Mazda Lamps.

An all-enclosed white glass shade, of mushroom shape, should be mounted, high up, in the centre of the ceiling using a 75 watt Edison Mazda Lamp.

There is an Edison Mazda Lamp Agent near you. There you can obtain real information about good lighting.



LOVELY MEALS—so much easier, more conveniently and cheaply—in homes where they cook with

McClary's Electric Range

—with the oven like a vacuum bottle which, once heated, keeps hot and goes on baking or roasting food for hours with the current turned off. This is also true of boiling and frying over McClary's Protected Heating Elements. Again—McClary's Electric Range will be

Installed Free

It will be sent home to you from our showrooms in the McClary Building, 221-223 Prince William Street.

"Electrically at Your Service"
The Webb Electric Co.,
89-91 GERMAIN STREET.
Phone M. 2152. Res. Phone M. 4064

EDISON MAZDA LAMPS

A Canadian General Electric Product

Buy Mazda Lamps from
The Webb Electric Co.
89-91 Germain St. Phone M. 2152