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STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

In the address presented by the Commercial Club of St. John to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Mr. Lapointe, M. P., was this paragraph:— "There is a feeling of dissatisfaction extending all over Canada on account of the present rate of exchange between the United States and ourselves, and probably no single item of commerce is contributing more to the adverse balance of trade than is the amount of transport to and from the United States."

The Bangor Commercial says:—New York state having adopted a daylight saving law and similar action having been taken by Philadelphia, Worcester, Springfield and other large cities, it is believed that there is some likelihood of action by Congress, which may take the form of a declaration of daylight saving for the eastern section of the country, where the sentiment is greatly in favor of such action.

Not only is Canada paying an enormous amount to the United States for freight transportation on American railways, thus affecting the rate of exchange, but there is always danger that an embargo will throw Canadian traffic into chaos.

The embargo against Canadian freight at Niagara was brought up and a resolution was passed, in which it was pointed out that this condition emphasized very forcibly the need for the early development of the winter ports of eastern Canada and for the supplying at the earliest possible period of additional railway trackage at these ports, so that Canadian exporters and importers might have ample opportunities for the handling of their traffic on Canadian soil in winter as in summer.

HERE'S MORE EVIDENCE.

Another judge has been heard from on the subject of juvenile courts. Judge Hodgins of Toronto, in his report on "The Care and Control of the Mentally Defective and Feeble-minded in Ontario," says:—

"I have visited the juvenile courts in New York and Boston, and have talked with the judges and officials of these courts. In these cities and in Chicago, Buffalo, Cleveland and other cities in the United States, these courts are regarded with pride by the civic authorities and are housed and equipped with due regard to their importance in the general scheme of caring for the young who are exposed to temptation and need proper direction and care in their upbringing."

Judge Hodgins laments that the Toronto juvenile court is not as well housed as it should be, and is without proper provision for the mental clinic which has been established in connection with the court. He says:— "Until a new spirit arises which recognizes the immense value of juvenile courts and realizes the tremendous benefit they represent in young life and happiness, I am afraid there is not much to be hoped for in this direction."

The remarks of Judge Hodgins ought to have some effect in St. John. They confirm those of Judge Hunt of Halifax, and of all who have given the subject real study and are animated by a desire to promote the welfare of children.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

The forward movement in St. John is real, in more ways than one. Take last night's meeting of the provincial council of the Boy Scouts' Association as an example. It was announced that the business men of the city are to get behind the council and see that it gets the necessary funds for a year's work. A central office for the province is to be opened here, and the work put on a solid basis, for boy scout and sea scout activities. There is more significance in this than the citizen who is not familiar with the work realizes. A flourishing boy scout and sea scout organization will be of the highest value in the training of boys for useful citizenship.

Then there was the meeting last night at which it was decided to enlarge the scope of the Playgrounds Association, and link it up not only with all amateur athletic activities, but with the commercial bodies, thus ensuring the widest general interest in its work and ensuring also the success of the work. It is something dreamed of by the founders of the association, who have carried on under difficulties for years, always hoping for such a turn of events as has now come.

Last night saw also the opening of a recreational centre for girls under the

suspects of the Y. W. C. A. This institution may be made of very great benefit to girls who lack opportunities for healthful and enjoyable recreation, and whose natural desire for recreation must find vent in some direction. There is a very wide field in St. John for such work as would find its centre in the new recreational home.

The Free Kindergarten Association has not yet felt the effect of the new spirit of progress to the extent that is desirable. The reports submitted last night at the annual meeting show that a wider interest and more general and generous support are needed. The work that is being done is of the very highest value. It is a real mission work among the children, whose lives are brightened and talents developed by the magic of play and the sympathy of warm-hearted women. In one respect the forward movement has been felt. The children are receiving medical inspection by nurses of the Victorian Order, under direction of the medical inspector of schools. The kindergarten ought to be a part of the public school system.

The expenditure of the city of Hamilton, Ontario, this year is estimated at about \$5,000,000. The ordinary revenue will be about \$3,470,000, and the ratepayers at the beginning of the year passed by-law authorizing an expenditure of \$1,400,000.

The announcement that the revenue from crown lands will reach a million dollars is the very strongest argument for conservation of this great provincial asset. Its importance cannot be exaggerated.

ORPHANS ESCAPE FIRE IN ASYLUM

Twelve Hundred Children Aroused by Flames in Early Morn.

(New York Post.) Twelve hundred children were aroused from sleep a little before 6 o'clock this morning when fire broke out in the Herrow Orphan Asylum, a three-story brick structure extending from 136th street to 138th street on Amsterdam avenue. The fire was in the laundry on the ground floor of the centre wing of the big building, and firemen extinguished it in fifteen minutes. The damage was slight.

Kitchen workers who were preparing breakfast noticed the smoke and traced it to the laundry. They notified L. J. Simonds, the superintendent, who turned in an alarm. The children, who were sleeping in dormitories on the second and third floors, were awakened and marched without confusion to the play rooms in the north and south wings on the ground floor. They remained in these rooms while firemen extinguished the fire in the laundry and then returned to their dormitories. The cause of the fire was not learned.

SEEKING WIDER CO-OPERATION FOR ATHLETIC PLANS

An enlargement of the scope of the work of the Playgrounds Association is to be one of the developments of the year. At a meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening, a resolution was adopted to the effect that every local athletic organization affiliated with the A. A. U. of Canada, with Board of Trade, Rotary Club and the Commercial Club, name each two delegates to become members of an enlarged Playgrounds Association to co-ordinate playground and amateur athletic activities in St. John.

There were representatives present from the Playgrounds Association, the South and East End Improvement Leagues, Y. M. C. A., Atlantic Refineries and Rotary Club. Assurance was given of the support of the Y. M. C. A., St. Peter's and the Commercial Club. A. W. Covey, president of the maritime branch of the A. A. U. of C. was elected chairman and T. A. Armour, secretary. George A. Margetts, K. J. MacRae, Captain Mulcahy, A. M. Belding, David Ramsay, Roy Handren and others took an active part in the discussion and a special meeting of the playgrounds association will be called to complete the organization.

At a meeting of the executive of the co-operative committee for girls' work, held in the Y. M. C. A. with the president, Mrs. J. D. Hunt presiding, plans were formulated for the development of inter-group activities for the C. G. I. T. entertainments will be arranged for each month and that the large rally in the Y. W. C. A. recreational centre will be the first of many very pleasant occasions.



MAKING A HIT. A friend whose name I do not mention had tried for years to gain renown; he tried all the chances seemed against him, and set folks talking in the town. But all the chances seemed against him, and he kept him painfully or lured. He wrote fine odes and none would read them, men only laughed to see him soar; he made high talks and none would heed them, and people voted him a bore. And when he'd failed in projects twenty, and was to humble walks resigned, fame came to him, and came a plenty, and now he's in the Public Mind. He is the pride of every voter, and men discuss him near and far—the man who does not own a motor, the guy who has no cheer-choo car. When strangers visit in our city, we show him the bunch of kids who are the local legislature, the courthouse, with its doors ajar, and then produce that freak of nature, the man who doesn't own a car.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domino Happenings of Other Days

THE IROQUOIS.

In the early days of the Canadian colonies the Iroquois were the dread of the people. Indians and whites alike were united in their fear of the powerful tribe of warriors who lived in what is now the State of New York and stretched across into Ontario and Quebec. Though their real homes were on the other side of the line their frequent raids into Canada made them well known along the lakes and the St. Lawrence. They included the Mohawks, Oneidas, Cayugas, Senecas and the Onondagas.

They were united in a loose confederation and by a system of clanship, but they seem to have had no permanent head and to have left their affairs largely to a central council of the Onondagas. It is not thought that at any time they numbered more than 4,000 warriors, but they were such skillful warriors that they swept almost wherever they wished and made their name a terror to all colonists. They were always the enemy of the French—largely because the French had made alliances with Indian tribes living along the St. Lawrence; in later years they joined the British and became a strong military arm of the forces of Britain.

In 1715 the Tuscaroras joined the confederacy, bringing several hundred additional warriors to the strength of the Six Nations as the Iroquois began to be called. The federation combined all that was best and worst in the Indian tribes. The fighters were merciless and proud, overbearing in their attitude to all enemies and even to their friends, but they were loyal to each other and brave almost to a fault. They were fierce, but upon a prisoner they themselves bore, if captured, without a murmur.

IN DEVONSHIRE.

Pixies dwell in Devonshire; Woods and meadows ring; With the north wind they folk. Thro' a Devon Spring, Oh, it's down in Devonshire, Magic means are found, Where the fairies dance at night Round and round and round!

Woodlark grows in Devonshire; Devon lanes are sweet, Linnets sing in Devonshire, O'er the waving wheat. "I'll be back to Devonshire, Home to distant Devonshire, In the month of May."

Roses bloom in Devonshire, And the cuckoo's note Echoes far in Devonshire From the joyous heart of an Indian So the cultr'n echoes once, In the long-ago When that man of Devon, Drake, Sailed from Plymouth Hoe!

Apples grow in Devonshire (Not a need to be said), Cherries grow in Devonshire—Cherry lips as well! And so I sail for Devonshire, From the joyous heart of an Indian Home to dear old Devonshire, Back to Bideford Bay. —Ernest H. A. Home.

LIGHTER VEIN.

The train was crowded, and a woman not content with a seat for herself, spread her belongings over another.

"A man, when a courteous request to clear the seat met with no response, cleared it very carefully himself and then sat down.

"I should like you to know," she said, "that I am one of the director's wives. "Can't help it, madam," he replied. "If you were the director's only wife I should do the same again."

In the absence of her husband the fascinating young married woman went motoring with a male friend. "Ah," sighed the man sentimentally, "if only you had married me instead of Wilkinson!"

"Then I should have been with Mr. Wilkinson at this moment instead of you," said the fascinating girl. "How strangely things turn out!"

Mr. Nextdoor—I heard quite a disturbance in your flat last night. Did you have words with your wife? Mr. Power—Well, I had words from her.—Boston Globe.

"In Rome," remarked George, "women do the pearl fishing." "Don't they everywhere?" demanded Tricotine.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Why don't you go out before your people and tell them you have earned this great office and you want it because you are entitled to it?"

"That procedure," rejoined Senator Sorghum, "would be extremely amateurish. No politician thinks of accepting public responsibility excepting with reluctance and as a great favor to his fellow man."—Washington Star.

"Why are so many young people sent away from home to study music?" "Most natural thing you could imagine. Folks around the house don't want to be bothered hearing them practice."—Washington Star.

Husband—That new maid is certainly quiet. One would never know that she was about the place. Wife—She isn't. She left this morning.—London Tit-Bits

BRITISH FREE TRADE.

(Grain Growers' Guide.)

Some months ago printers ink was made use of in large quantities by the Canadian Reconstruction Association to make it appear that Great Britain had become protectionist. Certain temporary government regulations of a restrictive character which have been put in operation on account of the conditions created by the war were represented as meaning that Great Britain was about to build stiff walls around its coasts. Later developments have shown how unfounded such an idea was and the result is that the Canadian Reconstruction Association finds itself under the necessity of falling back upon other methods of endeavoring to make the worse appear the better reason in its work of serving its masters' purposes by bulwarking the protectionist system with clap-trap, humbug and misrepresentation.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

(Toronto Globe.)

The teachers of Toronto have made out a convincing case for substantial salary increases. Nominally their rewards are somewhat higher than before the war, but measured by the value of money they are considerably lower. Like the majority of people working for salaries or fixed incomes, the teachers have been specially hard hit by the rise in prices. A kindergarten teacher must begin at \$600 a year, or about \$100 less than the average of the assistant woman teacher starts at \$800, and an assistant master at \$1,300. These are not living wages in this time of currency depression.

The teachers of Toronto have strengthened their claim on public support for their salary petition by the submission of their affidavits to all enemies and even to their friends, but they were loyal to each other and brave almost to a fault. They were fierce, but upon a prisoner they themselves bore, if captured, without a murmur.

POLITICS AND POLITICS.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review—Men like Bishop Farthing who seek to keep us on the right track render a very necessary service to the public, and which we are so familiar has become disreputable, whose fault is it? Largely our own. What have we done, what are we doing to improve the situation? It is as if it is cowardly to say that we can do nothing and will do nothing, but will wash our hands of the whole thing. We cannot escape our responsibility in such a way. It is the attitude of men and women who consider themselves too good to be soiled by the dirt of the arena that is largely responsible for the fact that the difference is so great between the higher and the lower spheres of political service.

FRANCE COMING BACK.

Just a word about Europe. In figuring out what is likely to happen over there don't forget that man—and this applies to the collective man, or nations—has remarkable powers of recuperation. Economists, seeing only the waste and ruin which afflict their orderly mind, quite often overlook the human element with its rebirth of hope. To illustrate: Reconstruction of the textile industry in France, deemed only a few months ago to be almost hopeless task, is now proceeding speedily. Fully 40,000 workers are busy in textile mills that were "hopelessly" looted by the Germans. Europe will be awake to the necessities of peace almost before we realize it. It is a course with the usual "snap back."—Forbes Magazine.

FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.

"What is the future of the Christian Church?" This is the answer which I give you: If the various divisions of the church as it is organized today catch the vision, have the breadth, the tolerance, the courage, and, setting aside all non-essentials, all barriers, will stand upon the bedrock principles of God's love and Christ's living spirit, and not satisfied until the church is the church of all good men and women, until all good thoughts and deeds are laid at the feet of the Lord of all good life; the Church of the Living God will come into being, ushering in a new era of Christian unity. What an opportunity! What a privilege! What a duty! In God's name I ask, does any one dare let it pass?—John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in Forbes Magazine.

ADMIRAL SIMS.

Toronto Globe.—A Washington despatch describes Admiral Sims as a native-born Canadian. He was born in Fort Hope, Ont., but his father was an American citizen who was temporarily resident in the town as an engineer on a harbor contract. He married a Canadian girl, but legally the son was an American citizen from birth.

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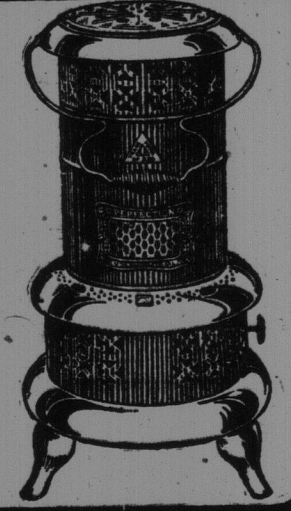
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POLITICS IN CHINA.

(Canton Times.)

Anathematized by the whole country, the An Fu Club is still lawless in its behavior. Instead of keeping quiet it is openly trying to usurp power in the government. The struggle between Tuan Chi-jui and Hsu Shi-chung has developed into a hand-to-hand fight. It is reported that Hsu Nengshun is temporarily succeeded by Kung Hsin-chun, who is an active leader of the An Fu Club. The fact that the acting premier is an An Fu leader warrants the belief that all the future cabinet ministers will also be An Fu men. Thus in addition to the An Fu parliament we shall have an An Fu cabinet. The recent fight has removed three traitors, but government. Unless the rest of the An Fu Club were completely destroyed, we fear the militarists will have unrestricted way in bringing calamity to the country.

AGE OF THE WORLD.

"Speculations about geological time vary enormously. Estimates of the age of the oldest rocks by geologists and astronomers starting from different standards have varied between 1,000,000,000 and 25,000,000," says H. G. Wells, in his new "History of the Ages."

The lowest estimate was made by Lord Kelvin in 1867. Professor Hurley summed up 400,000,000 years. There is a great deal of difference of opinion upon which the estimates have been made in Osborne's "Origin and Evolution of Life" he inclines to the moderate total of 100,000,000. It must be clearly understood by the reader how sketchy and provisional all these time estimates are. They rest nearly always upon the mere assumptions of the slenderest kind. That the period of time has been vast, that it is to be counted by scores of years, is the utmost that can be said with certainty in the matter.

"Most geologists are in agreement that half or more than half of the whole of geological time had passed before life had developed to the Later Paleozoic level."

MEMENTOS OF THEIR WAR RELIEF WORK

Dr. Colonel Murray McLaren, when the first Canadian hospital was being dismantled, was prompted by his kind thoughtfulness to gather the nameplates from the beds that were being supported by societies or individuals in New Brunswick and has brought them back with him to Canada. He is now endeavoring to return these plates to those who gave the money to support the beds over which they were placed. Two of the plates were presented by branches of the Women's Institute in the province and Dr. McLaren has handed them over to the Brunswick chapter of the L. O. D. E., through which the subscription for the beds was forwarded. The chapter will return the plates to the two institutes, which should value them exceedingly as a memento of their share in the relief of the sufferings of war. The two institutes which are to receive the plates are that of Queenstown, York county, of which Mrs. A. W. Carpenter is president, and that of Stanley, of which Mrs. A. Pringle is president.

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