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A FRUITFUL MEETING.

The Board of Trade is to be congratulated on the large attendance, the good entertainment, and most of all the inspiring addresses delivered at its last-mentioned meeting in Pythian Hall last evening.

First there was the greeting from Halifax, and an invitation to joint study of conditions and hearty co-operation for the good of the maritime provinces.

None could have delivered the message more gracefully than Mr. G. Fred Pearson, and the matters discussed in his brief but impressive address were such as to appeal to his hearers.

He would not confine the labors of a joint committee of the Halifax and St. John Boards of Trade to matters affecting the two cities alone, but to others affecting inter-provincial interests in common.

What he said about the necessity of developing manufacturing industries which could do an export business, utilizing our unrivaled seaboard location to bring money into the province has been in the minds of keen business men here for some time, and is worthy of most serious consideration.

Mr. Pearson was very frank about the nature of federal expenditures in the port of Halifax, and was justified in declaring that when large expenditures are to be made in any port there should be no politics in the case and the work should be done where it would produce the best results.

President Burditt of the St. John Board voiced the sentiments of the business men of St. John when he said that our Board would heartily co-operate with the Halifax Board along the lines suggested by Mr. Pearson, who must have been convinced by the applause of the hundreds of business men present that his message had been most heartily received.

It must have revealed to him that last night's get-together meeting in St. John was but the preliminary to the larger and more fruitful one he had in mind when he came to the city.

Mr. Harry Allen discussed a different topic, but it was provincial in its scope, and in a sense inter-provincial, since Nova Scotia also has game and fish and offers great attractions to tourists.

Mr. Allen is a New Brunswick asset of far more value than perhaps the people at large appreciate. What he is doing with his moving pictures to attract sportsmen to this province is supplemented by what he does in the province itself to acquaint the people with the advantages the province possesses, and the necessity of conserving the great wealth in fish and game which attracts to the province people with plenty of money to spend.

In his address last evening he offered suggestions that are well worthy of the consideration of the provincial authorities, the tourist associations and the people at large.

A fitting supplement to the remarks of Mr. Allen were those of Mr. L. B. Knight regarding the proposed great game and fish preserve of half a million acres within easy reach of St. John, embracing the area of hydro-electric development and a stretch of country and the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Knight remembers a time when Maine estimated the amount spent by tourists and sportsmen in the state at \$2,000,000, and he read a letter based on the same method of calculation which placed the total last year at \$40,000,000.

When Hon. Mr. Veniot had finished with his critics last night there was little more to be said. Mr. Veniot is not a gentleman to be maligned for the pleasure of the thing.

THE GLOBE AND THE MAYOR.

The Globe may be assured that nobody desires to do an injustice to Mayor Schofield in regard to his attitude on the hydro question. The citizens hope, as the Globe does, that on Tuesday night he will declare himself, as the Globe itself and so many others have done, in favor of civic distribution of hydro.

It is the Globe itself which says that "it is unfortunate that in many of his utterances on the subject the mayor has seemed to indicate a distribution preference which is not the preference of the public." It is the Globe which says further that "the proposition is essentially one of business" and should be so studied, and that "that study can lead to only one conclusion—that the city must handle the business itself if it would get for the people all the benefit."

If on Tuesday evening the mayor is as emphatic as the Globe, and declares that "hydro is the way to freedom," the announcement will be hailed with universal satisfaction. And since he has studied the question, and since the Globe says there can be but one conclusion in the mind of one who studies it, it is doubtless fair to assume that the desired definite and emphatic announcement will be made.

If, on the other hand, the mayor's study leads him to advocate "a distribution preference which is not the preference of the public," and thus parts company with the Globe and the public, he will be acting within his rights as a citizen. None will question those rights. The only feeling would be one of regret that there could not be complete unanimity regarding a matter of vital importance to the future of St. John.

So far as the citizens at large are concerned, their minds are made up, and they are with the Globe for civic distribution.

VALUABLE TESTIMONY.

It is worth while to direct special attention to the remarks of one of the French speaking members of the legislature on the public health act. The official report of the speech of Mr. Robichaud of Gloucester says:—"As far as the public health act was concerned he could say that Gloucester county had accepted it as one of the finest pieces of legislation ever placed on the statute books. The act was called top-heavy, but it cost Gloucester only twenty-five cents per capita. The average cost for a small family was thirty-eight to forty cents. Upon industries the charge was two or three dollars. For that the county was guarded against epidemics and Gloucester knew what epidemics meant, for it still was paying on bonds for \$38,000 which had been issued to combat an outbreak of smallpox. Under the circumstances could Gloucester with its population of 40,000 people say the act was expensive and top-heavy? The people who were saying that said so for the purpose of creating political capital. It was only by abandoning such tactics that progress would be obtained. They should think once, twice, yes, even seven times before they condemned this great measure of public health."

The people of some of the other counties who have been misled by political propaganda and are perhaps prejudiced against the health act should give attention to these very practical and significant remarks by the member for Gloucester.

The Chatham World is still seeking information about that tory convention it says: "How were the members of the so-called Conservative convention chosen, or did they nominate and elect themselves as delegates? We know of no meeting having been held in this county for the election of representatives of the party. It is absurd that a number of persons, representing nobody but themselves, should assemble at Fredericton and choose a leader for the party against the unanimous vote of the representatives of the people in the Legislature. Mr. Palmer may be the right man, but he has not been chosen in the right way."

It is worth putting on the record that Mr. S. J. Carter of Montreal, addressing the Dominion government in behalf of the Dominion Alliance, said that he had been assured by high dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church that they were friendly to a Dominion prohibition law. It would be quite incorrect to assume that even a majority of the people of Quebec are satisfied with present conditions, and Mr. Carter asserted that they are not. There must be very many who do not relish the suggestion that the province should drink itself out of debt.

The demand that the citizens of St. John get the full benefit of the Musquash development is to be the issue in the civic elections. If this boon is not secured it will not make very much difference who holds sway at City Hall. This issue embraces and overshadows all others. The people are not looking for a Moses, but just for a city council pledged to give them the full benefit of hydro.

A HILL SONG.

There is a little hint of Spring
A subtle, silent, unseen thing
By shadowed wall and open way,
And I, a gypsy for a day,
Go straying far beneath the sky,
And far into the windy hills,
Where distant, dim horizons lie,
And earth with gleams of heaven fills.

My quest is but a singing bird
Whose voice on uplands lone is heard,
Grey glimmers in the azure fade,
And this my tent, an evergreen;
The hills are mine own open way—
I hate the smother of the town,
I love by breezy hills to stray
Where thawing streams come leaping down.

Oh, joy it is, and free of care,
With the sun and the wind in my face
And my hair,
Alone with shining clouds which trail
Silently each like a phantom sail,
Over the hills on the blue of heaven;
Oh, joy it is to wander here
Where the heart of the young,
Sweet year,
Quickens the carth, and Spring is near.

And joy it is, the shore-lark's cry—
Full well I know he walketh by;
A sudden winnow of grey wings,
And in the light he soars and sings,
And pausing in his heavenward flight,
A heart-beat, on from height to height,
He trails his silver strains of song
By paths eye may not follow long;
Grey glimmers in the azure fade,
I only hear sweet sounds in the skies,
As if the soul of song had strayed
Invisible from Paradise (From Mr. Garvin's "Canadian Poets.")

LIGHTER VEIN.

"I understand your cook has left."
"Yes," answered the house-wife, who was taking account of broken china, "but not much."—Washington Star.

Where the "Ts" Have It.

An American advertisement spells the word "inside" as "insyde." This must have been an accident, because the elimination of the "s" is not really an American tendency.—Eve.

"Pee-Pee."

When Angelina Anglebaker returned home with her writings her mother asked her: "What did the editor think of your verses?" "Did he accept any of them?" "No, he said he couldn't print any of them just now because he was all out of poetry type."—Youngstown Telegram.

Roaky.

With reference to the depression at the collieries a mining expert declares that bedrock was reached some time ago. We had guessed as much from the kind of stuff we are constantly finding in our coal scuttles.—Punch.

A Minus Quantity.

Kind Friend—I did what I could. Tony—I told her you had more money than sense.
The Victim—And what did she say?
Kind Friend—She asked if you had any money.—The By-stander.

DR. GRACE ENGLAND HEADS DELEGATION

Government Representative to Pan-American Conference of Women at Baltimore.

The Canadian government, in an official despatch has announced the appointment of Dr. Grace Ritchie England, a well known physician of Montreal, as delegate for the Dominion of Canada to the Pan-American conference of women at Baltimore next month.

Dr. England, a large delegation from Canada, in response to the invitation of the National League of Women voters, by whom the conference is called, many organizations of Canadian women will send delegates to the Pan-American meeting. Prominent among these is the National Council of Women, which has named Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen of Toronto and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith of St. John. A number of women who are prominent in civic activities will also attend. Miss Agnes MacPhail, first woman member of the Dominion parliament, received a special invitation from the league, and has written in reply that she hopes to come to Baltimore.

In recognition of the close and friendly relations between the women of Canada and the United States, the league of women voters has invited Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, to address the mass meeting which will be held during the conference, on the day when the delegates visit Washington. The ambassador has accepted the invitation, and will speak at the meeting, and will be held in the afternoon of the day when the delegates visit Washington. The general subject of this meeting will be "what the women of the Americas can do to promote friendly relations."

SAYS MANY NATIVES WOULD JOIN CHURCH

Miss Kilpatrick, Home from India, Says Work Handicapped by Lack of Missionaries.

"Statistics show ten thousand persons a month in India are asking for Christian baptism, but, owing to lack of missionaries there, many can not be dealt with. There is at present a great yearning for Christ in India, which presents an unparalleled opportunity to Christianity," declared Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, of Toronto, just returned after seven years of missionary work in India, in the course of an address, delivered at St. Giles Presbyterian church in Montreal, where the eight annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society of the Women's Missionary Society (western division), of the Presbyterian church in Canada was in session.

Miss Kilpatrick at the outset, described India as a land of exquisite natural beauty, a gem of a country, regretfully alluded to the disturbed economic and social condition which prevailed at the present time, due to its physical needs and vast ignorance. Infant mortality in some parts, she said, reached as high as 636 in 1,000. Superstition, a strong belief in fatalism, and abnormal class prejudice checked reform and hindered Christian advancement, the speaker said.

Referring to the physical needs of the people, Miss Kilpatrick said one hundred millions had no medical help. Millions lived on the verge of starvation. Inventions looking to cheaper food, engineering and irrigation were badly needed. Intellectual standards were also very low.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES

John Hutchings, Kennecott Island, has received the following letter from his son, who is now in Los Angeles, California:—

1247 West St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
March 28, 1922

Dear Dad: We are feeling quite at home here now, so will give you some knowledge of Sunny California, also those interested in its business and climate conditions, the information which I think will be gladly received by many.

Having taken passage from St. John via Boston, Chicago, Salt Lake City and finally arriving in Los Angeles, we were on the rails five days and nights from the 4th to the 9th of December. There was nothing in the shape of waving palms and sunshine on the Northern Pacific, but after leaving Chicago, which is one fourth of the journey, the country was snowy and cold, a blanket of white on the endless miles of prairie, as far as Utah. At Salt Lake City, you get a taste of north western falls and an absence of snow, and the trees and grass green and sunny looking. Then, going through the Sierra Nevada, the temperature dropped to 10 below zero, and we were awake shivering part of the night. The first part of day brings occasional frosty mornings. You will see a thin sheet of ice on your rain barrel in December, then a day or two of rain and some more sunny weather. The nights are typically cool and the days warm, always warm as long as the sun shines. The rainy season is a combination of April and September.

About 3 p.m. the conductor calls the name of the wonderful city "Los Angeles" and most of the passengers with anticipation to see the wonderful station. The train stops, porters bundle you off after the tiresome journey, you look around for the beautiful station and are disappointed to find a small wooden structure with bare necessities, such as one sees along the prairie towns. However, you soon forget this when you pass up through the city that would remind you of Washington street, Boston, or Fifth Avenue, New York. Of course there is a sense of strangeness. As you pass out of the business district and into the residential parts, with waving palms and grassy lawns, everything looks beautiful, the weather like a nice clear sunny day in July. Just compare it, December 15th, with St. John. This is the time for the rainy season rain every day for 10 days as the weather rain you were ever in. It runs like a river down the streets, there being only surface drainage. Now there is a week of sunshine, with an occasional frosty morning. You will see a thin sheet of ice on your rain barrel in December, then a day or two of rain and some more sunny weather. The nights are typically cool and the days warm, always warm as long as the sun shines. The rainy season is a combination of April and September.

The rainy season of dollars worth of oranges and other fruit ruined with frost this year. The vegetables are planted in November and December are ready. Business is carried on with big capital to a large extent, plenty of occupation for trained men and mechanics. The North Western Railway says that the winter will pay about \$200 million before it reaches the land of sun and oranges. We find that most people who come here, have no desire to leave, that is those who wish to reside here.

A affectionate son and daughter
MR. AND MRS. HUTCHINGS

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

At Moncton, yesterday, ex-Conductor J. A. Davidson was made the recipient of a long service medal in recognition of his forty years service with the I. C. R. and C. N. R., by Supt. A. C. Barker.

The University of New Brunswick debating team won last night at the King's College team last night at Windsor when they upheld the action of the United States in refusing to enter the League of Nations.

The Nine Power Far Eastern treaty, drafted by the arms conference to carry forward the open door policy in China was yesterday ratified by the United States senate.

Dr. Adam T. McLean was appointed food inspector in Moncton on Wednesday by the board of health of that city. His salary is to be \$2,400 annually.

The cotton manufacturers of Leinster yesterday announced a wage cut of thirty per cent. affecting about 500,000 workers. Banton, the Laborite candidate, won a decided victory yesterday in the constituency of East Leinster by a vote of 14,062 against 8,710 for the Coalition Liberal and 8,225 for the Independent Liberal. The seat was made vacant by the appointment of Sir Gordon Hewart as lord chief justice.

Five hundred miners at Dominion No. 1, Sydney, N. S., laid down their tools yesterday as a result of trouble between the drivers and the management. This mine is expected to be idle today.

Word has been received at St. John's, Nfld., that the crew of the schooner Viking, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, had mutinied with the demand that the voyage be abandoned. The owners instructed the captain to continue operations unless forced by the men to stop hunting and abandon ship.

LADIES SMOKE IN TORONTO HOTELS

Once when there was no such thing in Toronto as smoking by ladies in public. In the last few years, things have changed. Now "quite respectable" ladies—not all of them of the flapper age, by any means—smoke in restaurants, on trains and boats, in public, without the slightest embarrassment. Hotelmen seem to think it is English ladies mostly who are fond of their cigarette.

So far as Mrs. Alderman Small is concerned, the City Council isn't likely to ban the custom. "I am a great believer in the British heritage of liberty, and until I was convinced that it was a real evil in Toronto I should not take any step," said Mrs. Small. "Certainly I should not be likely to bring it up in public." She was unaware that the practice went on to any great extent here.

Manager L. S. Muldoon, at the King Edward Hotel, frankly stated that ladies smoke there, "it is usually society, middle-aged and English women who indulge in public, not the professional class," he

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While not personally condemning the practice, he would much rather women guests refrained in public, he didn't think it added to a woman's charm at all.

The Walker House claimed not few delinquents. English women, transients, smoke sometimes there in the rotunda. Worthwhile people in England had shut down on women doing so in public, it was said.

Manager McCarthy, at the Carls-Rite, admitted that women smoked sometimes there, but he preferred it was not done in public. The women players in an English musical comedy had frequently indulged.

Up to a year ago, it was stated at the Prince George Hotel, women were told "No" on asking if smoking were allowed. "There are some things in a hotel I do care about—but regarding smoking I don't care what they do," commented Manager Thompson.

The regular meeting of St. Columba Y. P. A. of Fairville, was held last night. It was announced that the net receipts of the entertainment last week were \$163. A social will be held next Thursday evening.



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ARMY CANTEENS BALANCE SHEET

British War Secretary Says Statement is Being Prepared.

London, March 31—In the House of Commons on Tuesday, the Secretary for War, Rt. Hon. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, declined to make public the balance sheet of the Expeditionary Force canteens. Lord Wolmer, Coalition Unionist, M.P., for Aldershot, asked why the War Secretary wished to conceal the facts.

"I have no desire to conceal anything the noble member has a right to know," the secretary replied, "but he has no right to make such an insinuation. I previously stated that the balance sheet did not contain sufficient facts to prevent it from being misleading." Sir Laming said a balance sheet was in preparation, calculated to give the full facts.



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