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## HOPEFUL INDICATIONS

A review of the developments of the last year in St. John should inspire the citizens with a new confidence, and a greater determination to unite their efforts for the general advancement of the city's interests.

Looking over the situation, the greatest change has been wrought in connection with the transportation system. The Grand Trunk Pacific has purchased a site for its terminals on Courtenay Bay, the plans for the conversion of Courtenay Bay into a model harbor have been made by the federal department of public works and approved by the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific; and the city has been asked to transfer to the government the fore-shores of the bay, so that the work of dredging and wharf building may be begun in the spring. One result of these developments has been the division into town lots of certain property on the east side of the bay, and the beginning of an active real estate movement there. It is also certain that a dry dock and ship-repair plant will be built on the shores of this eastern harbor. As a result of these developments there will be within the next five years a great growth of the city to the eastward.

Another very important change has been the purchase by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of extensive properties at the head of the harbor, where it will construct yards, freight sheds and wharves for its local and Nova Scotia business. This will mean a great change and a very large expenditure of money at that point. Moreover, the great railway company will soon be in possession of an extensive area of the flats at West St. John, near the grain elevator, where large railway yards will be constructed. Thus the C. P. R. has become this year a very large property owner at St. John, with two strong positions on the harbor front, and this fact in itself is very significant.

Still speaking of transportation interests, recent developments afford good ground for confidence that the Canadian Northern Railway will find a terminus at St. John harbor east, within the next few years, and thus add very materially to the business of the port.

Turning to the industrial situation, the important statement was lately made that a large paper mill is to be added to the plant of the Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co. With regard to the sugar refinery, while some persons are still skeptical, it is a fact that the plans have been filed, and that the company has not thus far failed to carry out its engagements. Then the new wood-working factory at Grand Bay is nearing completion, and a box factory near Fairville, while there have been this year more enquiries concerning sites for new industries than in any former year. In a word the industrial outlook is excellent, although it could be greatly improved by a better system of taxation and of city government.

Looking in another direction, the city has this year made a good start in permanent street paving and the two blocks that are being paved and boulevardized on Germain street will be a model and an object lesson of great value. Within the next five years St. John should have very much better streets than those of today.

The recent year has witnessed great improvement in a number of business establishments in the city. An additional bank has been opened, and has purchased a building to be remodelled for its use. Extensive changes and improvements are to be made on what is known as Walker's wharf. The Dominion Exhibition was a financial success, and the Association has declared unanimously in favor of an annual fair hereafter. The first New Brunswick apple show was held in the city, and proved a genuine inspiration to all visitors, making it clear that St. John must ere long become an important apple shipping port. There is also to be noted a movement in real estate on the west side of the harbor.

A change that is only now beginning to be apparent is the renewed interest on the part of citizens in the questions of civic government and taxation. These must be considered and reforms effected if St. John is to enjoy rapid and substantial growth. Growth has been retarded, and the city

has not improved as it might have done in the past had the citizens fully realized how much these factors affect the question of industrial development and growth of population. But the outlook in St. John was never as bright as it is today, and all indications point to an era of growth and prosperity.

## THE MARKET

The inquiry into country market affairs is very interesting. The report of last night's evidence, printed in this issue of the Times, makes it clear that affairs have been loosely conducted. It is frankly admitted that forestalling has been practised, without any effort to enforce the regulations against it or to have the regulations changed or abolished. It is also shown that some stalls were leased in an irregular way, and that the grip of the traders upon market privileges has been increasing. All this has been current talk outside of the city council for a long time. The aldermen now have the direct statements of traders and officials, which they might have had at any time by ordering an enquiry. Now if regular occupants of stalls in the market will go on the stand and talk as freely as it is alleged they do in private conversation, there will be a still better prospect of improving market conditions. The evidence thus far given would seem to indicate that the officials are none too well posted on market by-laws, and that they have been disposed to ward great leniency in their interpretation. The whole question of the country market may well be reconsidered by the council after this enquiry has closed. Perhaps an entirely different system and by-laws would produce better results from the standpoint alike of public convenience and civic revenue.

Sir John French fails to find anything radically wrong with either the British army or the Canadian forces.

Conservatives rejoice in the success of the Monk-Bourassa agitation. Which means that they rejoice in an agitation directed against Canadian participation in the defence of the empire. Yet they style themselves imperialists.

The Globe has discovered merits in Mr. Casgrain, one of the bitterest Conservative opponents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec province. It also quotes a long article from a disgruntled French-Canadian journal, which is not pleased with Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues. The Globe itself is not well pleased with one of those same colleagues, which may account for its publication of Conservative campaign material.

The Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guild Hall is always of interest because the British prime minister speaks, and usually makes some reference to foreign relations. Mr. Asquith last evening had little to say on this subject, but what he said was of a pleasing nature. It might seem Utopian, he said, but he hoped that, under the growing pressure of public opinion, the political feeling would become such as to put an end to the competition for armaments.

The Globe last evening gave evidence of some perturbation over the question of the dry dock. The Standard this morning quoted the Globe's remarks and added that "when Sir Robert Perks or some other contractor announces definitely that a dry dock will be built in St. John, we will know that we are going to get it, and not before." The Globe's paragraph and the Standard's comment were inspired by the great love those two journals have for the minister of public works.

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"The supporter of Mr. Gilbert, M.P.-elect for Drummond and Arthabaska, who told some habitants on the way up from Levis the other day that 'the sight of H.M.S. Cornwall in the harbor there made my French Canadian blood boil in my veins, as I thought of the way these British bulldogs have got us by the throat,' ought to be a fitting supporter of the Conservative naval policy, next session as he was last, because if the Borden idea prevailed there wouldn't be any British war ships in Quebec at all."

In order to relieve public anxiety and assure the people that the republic was quite safe from any outbreak of king-worship or that sort of thing, the United States papers on Tuesday printed the following:—"William H. Taft, voter No. 322, precinct H, ward 2, in the suburb of O'Brienville, today, cast his ballot like an ordinary citizen at 234 Madison road. The President received ballot No. 15,223 and was in the booth from 11:34 to 11:37. The booth, large enough for the usual voter, was cramped quarters for the executive. After casting his ballot the President returned to the home of his brother, C. P. Taft." O'Brienville will probably never forget that proud day.

"Charley Doun looks good to me as manager of the Phillies for next year," said Horace S. Fogel, president of the Philadelphia club. Fogel further said he had made no offer for Johnny Evers, and did not intend doing so. That story was a dream. Regarding the fuss over the recent trade with Cincinnati, President Fogel said: "As I have said from the start it is a one-sided affair, all in favor of the Cincinnati Club. Doun never said he had any sanction to make that deal."

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## LANDFALL

In what far haven shall the landfall be  
When the long voyage hath wearied to  
the end?

In what dim harbor from the homeless  
sea  
Shall the torn sail descend?

What blessed land of visionary light,  
Bringing its meadows to the ocean  
breast  
Lurrs us still towards the infinite,  
Or crowning us with rest?

Shall the spent vessel softly glide to  
reach  
The anchorage of its kindly sheltering  
port.

Or dashed by ruthless waves upon the  
beach  
In mad Titanic sport?

There shall the heart rejoice at journey-  
ings done.  
Or thro' with energies that cannot tire  
Shall that far vision of the setting sun  
Be a fulfilled desire!

Shall there be lilies, poppies for my sleep,  
Draughts of content to allay a thirsty  
pain?

And, like a child, refreshed from slumber-  
ings deep,  
Shall I awake again?

In what far haven shall the landfall be?  
The stars are hid, the soundings tell no  
tale.

Across the mystery of the sounding sea,  
There comes no word of hall.  
—Pall Mall Gazette.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

**ECLIPSED.**  
Gunner—"What caused Bilkins and Wil-  
kins to get out of the argument so uncer-  
emoniously?"

Gover—"Well, Bilkins was talking horses  
and Wilkins was talking automobile and  
some one came along who talked airship."

## HENCE THE CHANGE.

"Why do you only keep a clerk for  
two weeks?"

"Well, you see, it takes about that  
long for the girls to find out where a  
young man is working, and after that  
they're so busy telephoning him that you  
can't get any work out of him."

## FREE FIELD.

"It is easier to be good than great," re-  
marked the moralizer.  
"Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "one  
has less opposition."

## ONE ON PA.

"My son," said Barker, as he pointed to  
the ivy in front of the cottage, "always  
be like the vine-climb."

The little boy was thoughtful.  
"I don't think I'd care to be like that  
vine," he responded seriously.  
"And why not, Tommy?"

"'Cause if I was I'd be a porch-climb-  
er."

## BLACK SHEEP.

Black sheep, black sheep, lost and gone  
astray,  
Wrecked upon the shallows in the glory  
of his way.

Black sheep, black sheep—turn and let him  
go.  
Stranded in the alley with the creatures  
none would know.

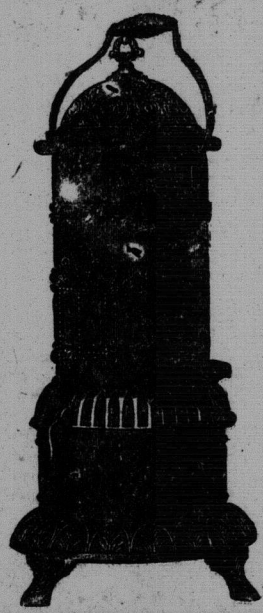
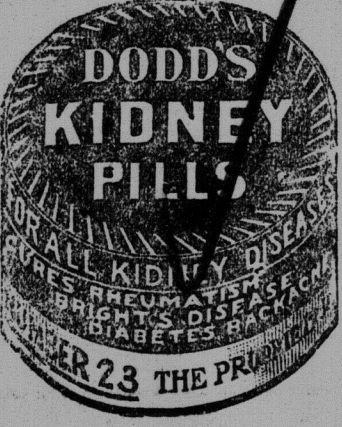
Black sheep, black sheep, adrift upon the  
main.  
Battered by the billows and engulfed by  
every rain.

Drifting to destruction with the serpents  
in his hair,  
His heart a burning prism of the fever  
of despair.

Black sheep, black sheep, wandered from  
the fold,  
Of mother arms that held him in the days  
of hair-of-gold—  
Mother arms that held him in the days  
of hair-of-gold—  
Mother arms that held him in the days  
of hair-of-gold—  
To lead you with their loving to the val-  
leys of the light.

Black sheep, black sheep, in a world of  
hate,  
Buffeted and lashed by the bitter waves  
of fate;  
Dreaming of her lost child, yearning to  
see and long.

A mother's lips are murmuring his  
name upon her song.  
—Baltimore Sun.

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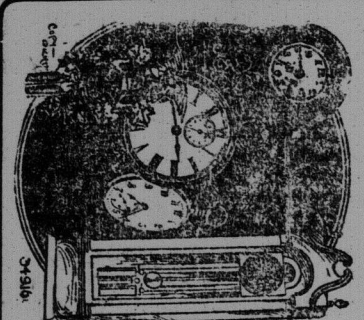
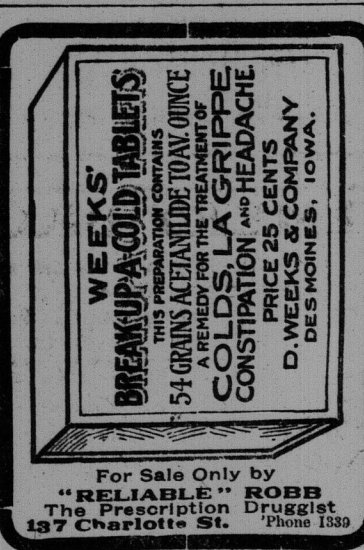
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