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### AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

Every centre of population in New Brunswick that has an athletic field should be interested in the revival of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union and its aim to revive amateur athletic sports from coast to coast. The story is told in an interview with Mr. A. W. Covey, vice-president of the A. A. U., in this issue of the Times-Star.

It is well known that in most colleges in the United States physical education is regarded as good advertising for the institution, so interested are the people generally in the results of physical development as illustrated in athletic competitions. We all know how the United States is regarded in the Mother Country and the great encouragement given to associations organized to develop a healthy interest in athletic sports.

For too little attention is paid to the physical development of the youth of Canada, and especially in this part of Canada. St. John, which could and should set an example that would be followed in other provincial centres, has been shamefully indifferent. There is now an opportunity to get in line with the rest of Canada and set to it that New Brunswick will never again have the solitary distinction of being the only province without a representative in the Canadian championships. The indifference that has been typical of the citizens in regard to many other matters has been shown in regard to athletics, and the cause for reproach should be removed.

The past summer saw the development of neighborhood playgrounds for baseball, but no attention was paid to any other game, and it is to be feared the Leagues did not all live up to their professed determination to uphold amateur sports. It is quite certain they did not all live up to it. The time has come for a distinct line of cleavage. If there is to be professional sport let it be labeled and encouraged on its merits. Financial considerations introduce features that are ruinous to amateur sport and to good feeling as well, as St. John's experience has proved more than once in the last twenty-five years.

The various clubs, leagues and associations connected with different branches of athletic sport in St. John can do the city an immense benefit by getting together, affiliating with the A. A. U., making a drive for more and better athletic fields—especially the big field at Rockwood Park. The heads of these various organizations fully appreciate the importance of such action. Opportunity now knocks at their doors. Other centres should not wait for St. John. The whole province should be organized. Moncton and Fredericton should be especially interested. Next year should witness a keen, healthy and good natured rivalry and a great revival of popular enthusiasm for clean athletic sports.

### THE "SERVANT GIRL."

If English girls are to be brought to this country to engage in domestic service they should be given to understand clearly the whole situation as it exists. They should be told that domestic service is shunned by Canadian girls because of the attitude of the people generally toward the girl who works in a household rather than in an office, store or factory. Not one of the latter is described as "a servant girl" or given as little social consideration. The problem of domestic help will not be solved by bringing more girls and women into the country, but by a change in the mental attitude of employers and the public at large toward the whole question of domestic service. However, if women immigrants are to come, the most thorough preparation should be made for their reception and protection, not only at the landing ports but through an organized system to keep in touch with them in a helpful way. If they are selected for fitness in the first place and given a fair opportunity on arrival, it will not be their fault if their coming as new citizens does not benefit the country. The task of curing for them is peculiarly one for women, and women of broad mind and deep human sympathy.

The Longshoremen's strike in New York was brought about by agitators and I. W. O. organizers, and is denounced by the International Longshoremen's Union. There is a bitter fight in prospect between the saner element in organized labor and that which would submit the government and establish a Soviet administration. The sympathy of the general public will be with the element which believes in constitutional reform by democratic methods, rather than government such as Russia has where only peasants and workmen have the right to vote. That is class rule with a vengeance.

British miners demand nationalization of the coal mines of the country. Their representatives are in conference with Premier Lloyd George. He had previously declined to fall in with their proposal. If he still refuses a trades union congress will be called to consider the next step. This affair, following so quickly on the heels of the broad strikes, may end in another upheaval, as the extremists among the miners favor an immediate strike if their demand is not complied with by the government.

The Board of Commerce representatives say that some Toronto clothing houses have been making too much profit and that action should be taken to reduce clothing prices. The Retail Merchants' Association of New Brunswick warmly denounces the Board of Commerce and denies that merchants here demand too much from their customers. The situation grows more and more interesting to the consumer, but he gains nothing from an exchange of compliments between the Board of Commerce and the merchants.

At last the Dominion government is taking up with the Imperial government the matter of the unfair action of the British Shipping Board in regard to tonnage for Canadian trade. This is of special interest to New Brunswick, because mill yards and wharves at different ports are piled high with lumber sold, some of it, three or four years ago on government account, and still lying there because the Shipping Board would not release tonnage to carry it overseas.

The newly organized Dominion Council of Health, now in session at Ottawa, and of which Hon. Dr. Roberts of New Brunswick is a member, has a most important field of operations, and its deliberations will be of great value in regard to the promotion of public health in all the provinces.

The Methodist Department of Social Service has listed more than a thousand "minute men" to "drop into all kinds of meetings and address audiences for a period of one minute, or thereabout, on the benefits of prohibition in Ontario." The number of volunteers is constantly increasing.

Up to the end of last week there were sixty-three farmer candidates for the Ontario provincial elections and several have been added this week.

### DRUGGISTS ASK HIM TO LEAVE CONVENTION

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—Dr. B. W. Tobin of Toronto was requested to withdraw from the Canadian Pharmaceutical convention yesterday by an unanimous vote of the delegates following a discussion about "aspirin." Dr. Tobin is the Canadian representative of the Bayer interests. New York, original dispensers of aspirin. Following the suggestion of J. E. Tremble of Quebec that Dr. Tobin be asked to speak on the topic, Delegates known of Vancouver and Gibberd of Toronto, opposed the hearing, the former saying that German propaganda was still in operation in Canada in his opinion. The vote was then passed.

The address of Dominion President E. Nesbitt, Winnipeg, formed the theme of a discussion and "aspirin" was the principal subject.

Although there was some little difference of opinion the convention was virtually in accord with the idea that the patent protecting the name of "aspirin" from general use should be cancelled in Canada as it had been done in the United States.

### THE EVENING SCHOOLS.

To The Editor of the Times:—Sir—I notice in the press that Dr. Carter, superintendent of schools for New Brunswick, has stated that "women and girls cannot attend the evening schools." If this is so, there should be very little difficulty in procuring twenty persons to start the West Side or the North End classes.

In Bangor the fee charged is \$1 and many more attend the evening schools. Perhaps the \$2 fee needed here is a deterrent these hard times for some people, and it is to be hoped that the school trustees will abolish the fee altogether.

If people are interested in obtaining better education it does not need the stimulus of the return of the \$2 fee at the end of the term.

As the school trustees will meet on the 13th inst. it would be well if all those desiring to attend night school should apply before that time.

Yours for better education, F. HYATT.

### HOW NORWAY VOTE ON PROHIBITION STOOD.

Christiania, Oct. 9.—The vote by which Norway adopted the prohibition of strong liquors in the referendum of Monday was 228,455 in favor of prohibition and 284,187 against.

Christiania was strongly against the proposition, only 18,500 voting for it as compared with 70,000 in opposition. The measure does not affect wines and beers.

### Salvation Army Appointments.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Three important appointments in connection with the Salvation Army are announced by Commissioner W. J. Richards. Captain Alfred Steele has been appointed men's side officer at the training college, Sherbourne street. He spent a year at the front.

Major Thompson Whitton, who spent three years in militia work and accompanied troops to Germany, has been appointed divisional commander at Halifax.

Adjutant Robert Penfold has been appointed young people's secretary at Montreal. He opened the first Salvation Army rest on the west front.

### Fur Auction.

New York, Oct. 9.—Total sales at the close of the third day of the fur auction here aggregated \$2,600,000. The best fisher skins brought as high as \$250 each.

The Juniors of the Natural History Society held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the society rooms and heard very satisfactory reports of the year's work. The election of officers resulted as follows: president, Miss Hazel Dunlop; 1st vice-president, Miss May Jarvis; 2nd vice-president, Miss Jean Wilkins; treasurer, Miss Audrie Hunter; secretary, Miss Christie Higgins.



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LONG AGO. The dear old times of long ago seem far away and hazy, the good old times we used to know, before the world went crazy. We trotted to our divers tasks, contented early risers, and put our savings down in casks, nor fretted over kaisers. We followed then the baseball games, and thrashed them over nightly, and to the movies took our dames, when lights were glowing brightly. Ah, life was then serene and sweet, a pleasant, cheerful cycle; and no one had in for Pete, or cursed the name of Michael. But now our mages never stop we're not beneath our rollers; if for an hour I cease to yawn, some other fellow hollers. Each voter packs around a brick, and brassy knucks we carry, we take a fall from Tom to Dick, and throw some rocks at Harry. We don't know what's rattled, but still we rant and walk the floor, as when the nations battled. Oh, for the happy golden days, when we sat round and twiddled, and talked of whiskers we could raise, and not a heart em-bittered. Oh, for the bygone peaceful nights, when, done with daily labors, we smoked our pipes and flew our kites, like sane and kindly neighbors.

### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

#### LIFTING THE BAN.

Ontario and Quebec, peaceful and prosperous as they are now, have little to indicate that they once passed through troublesome and rebellious days. But in 1837 and the following years there were scenes of violence and periods of bloodshed in the young colonies. They were, it may be said, the "growing pains" of the dominions along the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence. After the conflict were over and the rebellion had been crushed and order restored an edict was issued by the Governor of the country, Lord Durham, exiling from the land the most prominent leaders of the trouble. These had fled across the border into the United States.

The proclamation produced great unrest and bitterness in the two provinces. Protestants went to England against the way the Governor was performing his duties and the ruthlessness of the order. So loud was the protest, that on the night of October 1838 Lord Durham, by proclamation, annulled the proclamation exiling rebel leaders. He remained in the country for a time but finding himself out of harmony with the situation, he abandoned his post and returned to England where he endeavored to justify his action before the Home Government.

He was bitterly disappointed with his experiences in Upper and Lower Canada. But later years have proved the great value of the general administration of the Governor whose career on this side of the Atlantic was so stormy. It was by his labors that the way was paved for the Union of Upper and Lower Canada. A few years after he left the country one of his daughters returned as the first lady in the land.

#### WATCHING THE FISHERS.

I stand in wonder by this inland sea, Watching the fishers plying to and fro, As he hovers on the shores of Gallie, In Palestine the blessed long ago.

I will go down along the white seawall, Mayhap young Peter's at his nets again, Musing and waiting for the Master's call: "Come, follow me, I'll make you fish for men."

Ah, shall he wait and mend his nets, And shall his night-lot in the deep be vain? Shall the wild tempest rage with none to say, "Lord Christ, wilt Thou not come again?"

The little home at Bethany is dear, Stricken with grief for one whose grave is sealed; The widow weeps beside a hopeless bier, The blind, the dumb, the lame ones go unhealed.

The world of men is heavy-laden, Lord, Weary with labor and redoubled strife; Come with Thy magic touch, Thy mighty word—Bring us the joy of Thy Peace and Thy abundant Life!

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

"Pay your debts, boys."

"Light!"

"And keep your credit good."

"Aw, what's the use of credit if I got to pay up all the time?"

"These holiday arrangements are a nuisance," said a business man, chatting with a friend. "I always have a bother fitting everybody in."

"It's easy for me this year," replied the other. "I have two typists, and neither of them will take holiday."

"By jove, that's funny, isn't it?"

"Not very," laughed the friend. "You see, I recently engaged a new head clerk—a very handsome young chap—and neither of the girls is willing to go away and leave the other with a clear field."

"Did your speech get prolonged applause?"

"Yes," said Senator Sorghum; "almost as much as the jazz orchestra that played at the reception the same evening."

"What became of that young man who was paying so much attention to you?"

"I don't know. I let him walk to the grocery store one afternoon with me and after he saw how much we had to pay for things, to eat he just quit coming to see me."

He was a nervous man. Most men are when they find themselves in the dentist's chair, but he was exceptionally so.

The tooth that had to come out was quite a small affair—from the dentist's point of view. From the patient's it felt about the same size as a loaf of bread.

He decided to have gas. The dentist tried to persuade him to do without it, but he was determined. The doctor was, therefore, telephoned for.

The dentist, in a fever of impatience, waited for the victim to lose consciousness, but the nervous man insisted on keeping one eye open though he had had enough gas to float an airship.

Unable to contain himself any longer, the irate toothpuller exclaimed: "Let yourself go, man! Shut your eyes, you fellow!"

Somewhere in the back blocks of dreamland the patient murmured, sleepily: "Can't—it's glass!"

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