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ST. JOHN'S ENEMIES

If Mr. Hugh A. Allan, or the Globe, or Mr. Scammell, or another, had said a month or a week ago to the St. John city council or board of trade or citizens at large that soundings should be taken at Sand Point to discover if the berths everywhere retained their original depth, there could have been no questioning of motives and no fault to find.

But Mr. Hugh A. Allan did not address himself to St. John people. He made his assertions in Ottawa and to Montreal newspapers, not because he believed dredging was needed, but because he wanted to keep his turbine steamers away from St. John and wanted a plausible excuse for his appeal to the government.

The St. John Globe had no such excuse even as that of Mr. Allan. It is published in St. John, and owes its existence to the patronage of St. John people. When it joined Mr. Allan in his crusade it became a wanton defamer of St. John, and an enemy of its best interests.

Nothing that has transpired since can for one moment justify the course of Mr. Allan or the course of the St. John Globe. Where St. John should have found friends it discovered enemies, and no pretence of the "canal friend" variety will now hoodwink the people. The whole thing is too transparent.

"Information in the possession of the Globe shows conclusively that Mr. Allan's statements were correct. Soundings just made by the authorities fully sustained the statements made by Mr. Allan and revealed a condition of affairs that simply astounded the board of trade's special committee."

So said the St. John Globe. And this statement has been quoted in papers of wide circulation to the injury of the reputation of this port. The statement of Mr. Allan, if it had been accepted by the government, would have kept the turbine steamers away from St. John. The Globe asserted that his statement was sustained by the facts.

The Globe may enlarge its discussion of the subject from a half column to three columns and from three columns to a page, and may impress into its service the whole staff in the customs house and other departments of the public service, but it cannot get away from the plain fact that at a time when the Allies were seeking a pretext to keep their big steamers away from St. John it joined in the hue and cry against the port. It not only selected the very worst time to make its attack, but has continued with an amazing pervasiveness to discredit the statements of civic officials and thus create abroad an impression that these men are liars.

In all its tortuous history the Globe has seldom labored with more real in a cause tending to the injury of the reputation of the port. Yesterday it published a two-column communication from Mr. J. K. Scammell, with diagrams, and printed also a column editorial eulogizing that gentleman and his work, and casting discredit on the city's officials. This also will have its effect abroad, and add to the mass of prejudicial against St. John that the merchants, who are patrons of the Globe, must laboriously endeavor to overcome.

Truly, St. John business men are long suffering. It would be much easier for them to prevent false impressions going abroad than to catch up with them after they have been sent broadcast to the world by a St. John newspaper.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Mr. J. K. Scammell, in the employ of the Public Works Department of Canada, has caused to be published in the St. John Globe a chart showing certain alleged soundings taken at the Allan line berth at Sand Point.

Did the Public Works Department of Canada instruct its employe to take soundings at Sand Point? Or has a public official gone out of his way to give comfort to the Allan and the St. John Globe in their crusade against the reputation of this port?

Who pays Mr. J. K. Scammell and the men who under his direction are alleged to have taken the soundings?

Are the alleged soundings to be given to the world as an official statement from the Public Works Department? Or are they a contribution to the Globe's campaign against the reputation of the port?

St. John has officials who are believed to be competent to make soundings in the harbor. Why should a public works official attempt to cast discredit on those officials? What grudge has he against them? Why should he project himself into this affair?

Before any attention at all is paid to Mr. Scammell's alleged soundings these questions should be answered. Evidence should also be submitted that Mr. Scammell is entirely disinterested in this affair, and has been prompted by civic patriotism or the command of his superiors to take action in the matter—also that he possesses superior qualifications for such work. If it should appear that Mr. Scammell was not moved by lofty motives of patriotism to intrude himself at this particular time, or that he was not the only man hereabouts who could take soundings, or had not been commanded to take them, the citizens might be disposed to regard his action as an unjustifiable meddling with what does not properly concern an employe of the Public Works Department of Canada.

The city officials state that there is ample water at the Sand Point berths for the Allan turbine steamers. What just-

fication has Mr. J. K. Scammell for his interference, and for attempting to discredit their statements?

If Mr. Scammell was instructed by the Department to make soundings, since when have its officials been instructed to report to a newspaper instead of the department?

A VALUABLE REPORT

The report of the transportation commission, of which a brief summary was given in the Times yesterday, is the most important document submitted for many years. It confirms what has been urged in St. John and elsewhere with regard to the importance of nationalizing certain ports, St. John included. It is true that a larger number of ports is included than had been anticipated, but this report looks to the future, and outlines a policy. In pursuance of that policy the great ports would first be nationalized and others would follow. As St. John and Halifax are the Canadian Atlantic ports for all Canada in winter, they would necessarily be among the first to be dealt with. The report outlines a forward movement of vast benefit to the country.

With regard to the extension of the International to Depot Harbor, that policy could probably have been carried out more successfully a few years ago, but it is still possible and in the view of the commission is desirable, and would prove of great benefit to the ports of St. John and Halifax. The government may not doubt be relied on to make this report the basis of its transportation policy.

The dredging operations at the site of the new steamship berth on the west side are more difficult than was anticipated, because of the huge boulders deep down in what appears to be a submerged sea beach. The same difficulty will probably not be encountered farther out. The contractor has a dredge of immense power, and must dig to a depth of 62 feet below high water at spring tides. With a less powerful machine the difficulties would be well-nigh insurmountable.

Addressing the Commercial Club in St. Paul last night, Mr. James J. Hill delivered a message of warning to the people of the whole of the United States. Hill is more than a great railway man. He is a far-seeing citizen who realizes the value of the conservation of natural resources. He would also like to see the Americans dip into the natural resources of Canada.

It, Hon. John Burns, the labor champion of England, was not forgotten by his old friends in Bitterness yesterday. His majority is about 1800. Former Secretary Lyttleton was defeated. Today Mr. Chamberlain learns his fate in Birmingham. The Liberals continue to make gains in the general election.

A suggestion has been made that perhaps the editor of the Globe, having wearied of representative and senatorial honors, would like to be made governor, and is trying to stir up the citizens so that they will clamor for his appointment. This suggestion is doubtless not well founded.

Bridgetown and Annapolis people want closer communication with St. John. In each town a small steamer is to be built to be put on the St. John route. This will be a mutual benefit.

The Times-to-morrow will begin the publication of a fascinating serial story, My Friend the Chauffeur.

SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Jan. 16.—The Reading Circle in connection with the Methodist church was held last evening at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Paisley, York St. Mrs. W. W. Andrews presided. A very instructive and interesting paper was given by Mrs. Andrews on Mohammedanism. Mrs. Walter Cahill read an appreciative paper on Africa's slave trade. Miss Gladys Dixon gave a pleasing vocal solo. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

At a regular meeting of the Oddfellows, held Friday evening, the following officers were installed by D. D. J. M. Bro. J. F. Faulkner:—N. G. Chas. G. Phinney; V. G. Fred Ayer; R. S. A. L. Fullerton; F. S. E. B. Patterson; Treas. R. Duncan; W. J. W. Dobson; Con. C. G. Steadman; O. G. W. A. Gass; I. G. H. W. Denley; R. S. N. G. J. F. Faulkner; L. S. N. G. Bliss Ayer; R. S. V. G. W. E. Campbell; L. S. V. G. Clarence Dixon; R. S. S. Albert A. Steeves; L. S. S. Thomas Siddall; J. P. G. J. Edwin Phinney; Chap. Chas. Siddall; visiting and relief committee, C. C. Phinney, C. Fred Ayer, Bliss Ayer, R. Duncan, John Egan, E. B. Patterson, J. W. Dobson. Finance and audit committee, W. A. Gass, L. C. Carey, Wm. E. Campbell. After the installation the noble and vice grand invited the members to partake of an oyster stew at the Sackville Bakery and Restaurant.

Rev. Dr. Andrews occupied the pulpit of Bethel Baptist church, Middle Sackville, Sunday morning, in the absence of their pastor, Rev. E. L. Steeves. Dr. Andrews also preached in the Baptist church, Midgie, in the afternoon of the same day.

Mrs. Enos Churchill left Sackville yesterday for New York, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Morse, wife of Rev. Mr. Morse, Baptist clergyman.

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It is becoming rather common for Ovis poli horns from Tibet to be mounted upon a New York magazine size about four years ago. An enterprising assisting subeditor, having more ink than experience, decided he would make up an article about "Big Game Hunting With a Camera." So he obtained a non de plume, a lot of animal photographs taken in the New York Botanical zoological park, some ink, pens and paper, mixed them thoroughly and made an article. It was an unqualified thriller, and the climax came to his adventures borne on the horns of a female white tailed deer. He related that after several daily pettings of the fawn of the forest, deer, while he was gazing about making calls, she suddenly returned to her fat, caught him unawares, charged him repeatedly, smashed his (imaginary) camera and in her final charge missed him and buried her horns in a tree—"Heads and Horns," by W. T. Hornaday, in Scribner's.

Lavish Locket. President Loubet on his visit to Spain made present to an almost identical extent. Not a member of the Spanish royal family, from queen mother to the youngest infant in arms, and not a person of any standing at court, was forgotten. There was even a costly present for the municipality of Madrid. This list and that to the queen mother were superb. For her majesty the president brought a table service of the choicest Sevres, including forty-eight figures representing the different nations. This service resembles one which adorns the table of the Elysee on rare state occasions of the first magnitude. The gift to the municipality is a colossal Sevres vase of perfect workmanship. It stands fifty-eight inches high and is ornamented at the sides with highly effective bronze work.

Studying Greek in Boston. Opportunity to learn modern Greek has never been so good as at present in Boston. Fruit stands run by Greeks are in spots more numerous than cigar stands. Their owners are glad to give all the information possible about the native tongue, and they subscribe to and exhibit a number of newspapers printed in Greek. To those who have studied the Greek of Xenophon it is not difficult to make out what the newspapers contain, and it is a pleasure to find modern instances paralleling in clothes of an ancient tongue. Modern Greek seems easy to learn. A young Irishman became employed in a Massachusetts avenue Greek fruit store and in the course of a year spoke the language of his employer with astonishing proficiency.—Boston Record.

The Ancient Paraps. An important archaeological discovery has been made in Sicily, near Collesano, about fifty miles from Palermo. In preparing some land for planting American grapevines workmen uncovered, one after the other, forty large skeletons. Further excavations were authorized, and several ancient tombs were discovered and the fronts of houses with very unusual ornamentation. Signore Salinas, the director of the National museum of Palermo, has inspected the excavations and is of the opinion that they form a part of the ancient Paraps, mentioned by Pliny.

A Great Catch. How should you go to go fishing with a net and catch a submarine monster that towed your boat and threatened to submerge it unless you cut ropes? This is what the commander of a five ton fishing vessel recently did off the British coast. He first thought that he had caught a monstrous whale and was not undecayed when its dark, shiny back became visible through the water. But when the hatches of a submarine vessel rose out of the sea he discovered that he had caught a warship that had been maneuvering in his neighborhood.—Youth's Companion.

Art Vandals. The recent mutilation by some unknown barbarian of a valuable antique head of Minerva presented in 1890 by the composer Halevy to the Beaux Arts has led to a proposal to have statuette mines from all important sculptures in France belonging to the state. In the present instance the nose has been knocked off and the head so damaged that repairs, easy enough to make if castings existed, are out of the question. The possession of perfect casts of all the statues in the Louvre would at least minimize the loss in case of fire.

COULDN'T PART WITH THEM. Doctor—"I'm glad you are better, Miss Minns; you continuing with the medicine?"

Miss Minns (who has sought relief elsewhere). "Well, sir, I've given up taking the physic, but I still stick to your plaster."—The Tablet.

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