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## MARITIME DAY AT WINNIPEG.

Maritime day at the Winnipeg conference proved a fruitful one. The delegates from these provinces had an opportunity for the first time to place before representatives of every part of the Dominion the real position of the Maritimes, and to bring about that national understanding of our situation and our claims which is essential to favorable action. If on the part of any of those from the other provinces who assembled at Winnipeg there had been hitherto any misapprehension as to the Maritimes' position, it was cleared away yesterday by the clear presentation of the issues as they appear to us. The speakers on behalf of the Maritimes made no mere sectional plea. They brought out forcibly the national aspect of such questions as justice in the matter of the use of our ports, of giving us a fair share of immigration expenditure and activity, of giving us transportation conditions under which we can live, and of placing the Maritimes on the same footing with the other provinces with respect to the benefits of Confederation.

It was made clear to the Winnipeg assembly that the Maritimes are not asking for charity, that if a balance were struck to-day as between us and the rest of the Dominion it would be found that we have contributed to the common fund much more than we have ever received from it, and that in many important respects we have been the victims of bad faith. The promises made to us have been broken, and the national injustice we have suffered has not only penalized us heavily but has had a detrimental effect upon the country at large. The Maritimes, as their delegates made abundantly plain, have not appeared at Winnipeg as beggars, but as partners asking that Confederation shall pay dividends here as elsewhere in Canada, and showing that the betterments and the fair play which the Atlantic Provinces are seeking will assist materially in promoting national unity and prosperity.

Last night's despatches indicated that the addresses made by the Maritime men had made a strong impression upon the conference, and intimated that the delegates were prepared to give their support to any reasonable proposals for removing the handicaps under which the Maritimes labor, so far as this can be done through federal policies directed to that end.

Maritime Day at Winnipeg will evidently produce dividends. It marks one more step along the road to Maritime prosperity.

## DIGGING DEEP.

The Rhodes interim settlement of the Nova Scotia coal strike will expire in February. It was a compromise agreement intended to relieve the province of the tremendous loss and displacement of business brought about by the shutting down of the mines, pending a searching investigation by an impartial commission, looking toward the establishment of a satisfactory working agreement. It is now announced that the commission headed by Sir Andrew Rae Duncan expects to complete its report before the new year, with the idea that between that time and the date when the present agreement expires, the provincial government, the British Empire Steel Corporation and the miners will have ample time to consider the commission's recommendations and agree upon the terms of a durable peace.

The commission, which is now fairly launched upon its work, is evidently going to dig deep, being clearly convinced that the situation is one calling for the kind of inquiry that will leave none of the vital problems untouched. Premier Rhodes pledged himself some months ago to this very kind of investigation, and the beginning of evidence on behalf of the miners is a reminder of the exceedingly grave character of some of the issues involved, and of the intensity of the feeling which flared up during the strike. There have been previous inquiries, accompanied by various recommendations, but none of these sufficed to prevent further outbreaks of trouble. The situation has been a blight upon the province.

The Duncan commission, it becomes increasingly clear, is facing a task of extreme difficulty. That it will be impartial and courageous may be safely assumed from the character of its personnel. There has been a great deal of bitterness between the conflicting parties in the Cape Breton coal area for many years past, and during the last strike this was more than ever in evidence. If the coal industry is to be put on its feet, some sacrifices on both sides will evidently be necessary. The Duncan commission must cut through a mass of prejudice, and lay bare the actual facts of the situation. In a large measure the continuance of coal mining in the province will depend upon this inquiry. The marketing of Nova Scotia coal, and in no small degree the very industrial life of the province, hang upon a settlement of the Cape Breton trouble on the basis of common sense and justice.

The public has been considerably confused in the past by positive and

entirely conflicting statements from both parties to the dispute. The commission, by giving the inquiry all reasonable scope, may be depended upon to dissipate much of the confusion, and to give the people at large a clear idea as to what the demands of justice are. That in itself will be of great importance. Within the last few weeks conditions in Nova Scotia have improved wonderfully through the resumption of work in the mines. Any failure to arrive at terms of continued peace would spell black disaster to the province.

The Montreal Gazette, in discussing the Winnipeg conference, says "the meeting is the fruit of long preparation and some painstaking missionary work in which Mr. S. B. Gundy of Toronto and Mr. A. M. Belding of Saint John have been the most active participants." The Gazette points out that the principal questions discussed at Winnipeg are "essentially national and political and, in the final analysis, must be decided by the people through their Parliament." That is true, and the Winnipeg conference should be, therefore, a valuable guide for the House of Commons. The conference brings into sharp relief certain questions which call for more direct and resolute action than Parliament has hitherto given them. Winnipeg paves the way to results at Ottawa, regardless of party lines.

The British Board of Trade figures for the first nine months of this year indicate a marked expansion of Empire trade. During the period in question Canada exported to the British Isles products exceeding in value by \$25,000,000 the exports of the corresponding period of last year. Our imports from Great Britain showed an increase also, and trade between Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the British Isles made noteworthy gains. A considerable measure of the improvement is attributed to the Wembley Exhibition and to the McKenna duties. Of the total British imports thirty-three per cent. came from other parts of the Empire, and the overseas Dominions and dependencies are now taking almost one-half of Britain's total exports.

## Odds and Ends

### The Open Mind

(Vancouver Province.) From the earliest civilization, when the horse was tamed, right down to the end of the Napoleonic era (to fix a handy date), nobody could travel on land faster than a horse could. When the Duchess of Kent posted home to England from the Continent, shortly before the birth of the child who afterwards became Queen Victoria, her rate of progress was no greater than that of Julius Caesar when he returned to Rome after the conquest of Britain. When George Stephenson made his first journey on a railway he was called a dangerous fool by the experts. It took 12 years to persuade Queen Victoria to travel by train. To mechanical change we have become so accustomed that new inventions are no longer received with incredulity or opposition. But this does not hold of the world of general ideas. Prominent music critics said of Mozart: "Music is bound to go to the dogs when such barbarians take it into their heads to compose. Mozart, who does not know D sharp from E flat, must have ears cased with iron. Can any one be found to print such rubbish?" Of Haydn, the Magazine of Music, in the most musical of countries, asked: "What palate can stand that for long?" One use of the past is to teach us to try to keep our minds open to the present. The very hardest thing in the world to kill is prejudice.

### An Old, Old Line.

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.) Some 700 years before Christ the first emperor of Japan reigned. His name was Jimmu Tenno. Last week Nobuko Asaka, princess of the royal blood of Japan, was in New York with his wife, the Princess Yasuhiko, homeward bound from a three-year study of the customs of Europe, in obedience to an oath of the Emperor Meiji—"Knowledge shall be sought for throughout the world, so that the welfare of the empire may be promoted." With proper regard for the veracity of reporters for the New York press, the prince has picked up a lot of incidental knowledge to one side of the heavy matters of statecraft and national economics. To him is attributed a passion for dancing, a sure hand on a golf club and the last thing in sport clothes, while the princess has acquired a costly taste for the creations of French modistes. This prince is a son of a line of rulers, 122 in all, who have followed Jimmu during a period of 2,600 years—a line unbroken in all that time, which argues immortality from the germ of revolution for the Japanese people. For 2,600 years at least Japan was an unfriendly nation to foreigners, and our western civilization regarded as barbarian. Now it seeks acquaintance and knowledge from it, not only for each successive mikado, but for the people. This has been the condition since the 1850's, in which treaties were made with the United States, Great Britain and Russia, following Commodore Perry's wise advances for this country, but not until 1850 did Japan send an embassy here. "Expel the barbarians," was long the sentiment of the Flowery Kingdom.

## Just Fun

"I'll now perform to take off on a nightie," said the actress as she prepared for her morning tub.

**THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM.**  
**FIRST RATE PASSENGER** (in crowded car): Do you mind taking your foot off mine?  
Second-rate Passenger: Certainly, if you'll take your pipe out of my mouth.

**A CORRECTION:** "In a recent article we said that another Saint John girl was wearing a diamond ring. It should have read, a Saint John girl is wearing another diamond ring."

**INGENIOUS DEFENSE.**  
**A LAWYER** was defending a man accused of housebreaking, and said to the court:  
"Your Honor, I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open and merely inserted his right arm and removed a few trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by only one of his limbs."  
"That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses."  
The defendant smiled, and with his lawyer's assistance unscrewed his cork arm, and leaving it in the dock, walked out.

**PLAYED SAFE.**  
**WHEN** David Lloyd George, ex-British Premier was a young country solicitor in Wales, he was riding home in his dog-cart one day and came upon a little Welsh girl trudging along so wearily that he offered her a ride. She accepted silently, but all the way along, although he tried to engage her in conversation, she could not get her to say anything more than a timid "Yes" or "No."  
Some days afterwards the girl's mother happened to meet Lloyd George, and said to him smilingly, "Do you remember that my little girl rode home with you a short time ago? Well, when she got home she said, 'Mamma, I rode home from school with Mr. Lloyd George, the lawyer, and he kept talking to me, and I didn't know what ever to do, for you know Mr. Lloyd George charges when you talk with him, and I hadn't any money.'"

**HIS QUERY.**  
**THE** famous criminal lawyer had won a shockingly bad case by eloquence and trickery, and a rival lawyer said to him, bitterly:  
"Is there any case so low, so foul, so vilely-crooked and shameful that you'd refuse it?"  
"Well, I don't know," the other answered with a smile, "What have you been doing now?"

**GOOD DEFINITION.**  
**JIMMY** is three years old and very fond of telling his dreams at the breakfast table.  
One morning his father thinking to apply an intelligence test, said, "But, Jimmy, I don't believe you know what a dream is."  
Jimmy's answer came quick and sure. "Yes, I do. It's moving-pictures while you're asleep."

**THE LUCKY MAN.**  
**"THE** last of my daughters was married yesterday," said the father of fourteen to his friend.  
"Ah, and who is the lucky man?" the friend asked.  
"I am," answered the father of the bride.

## SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Be ye prepared: Know thy blood pressure.

Sad though it be, the old doctor is about to be laid on the shelf, along with the old family Bible.

Here lies the body Of Willie Dootoo Lynch; He tried to beat the fast express—He lacked about an inch.

Such germs as these make people sneeze for that's the way they travel. When the coal mine cracks about the only thing visible was an attitude.

I think of the winter—Of Grip and pneumonia—Their prodigious cost.

No one has ever been electrocuted by coming in contact with a current of fresh air.

While this is God's country, we notice that Satan furnishes the entertainment. The very hardest thing in the world to kill is prejudice.

How strange it seems that folks like us Should nightly rant and daily fuss About the bloomin' weather; It's not the cold that does the harm—It's not because the room's too warm—We snuff and sneeze together.

## Dinner Stories

**THE** absent-minded man arrived home late and entered his bedroom, where all was dark. Suddenly he stopped, startled.  
"Who's below that bed?" he asked.  
"Nobody," replied the burglar.  
"Funny," muttered the man, "I could have sworn I heard a noise."

A new story is told about Bishop Henry C. Potter. It seems that a reader had been complaining to the Bishop that he and his fellows were nowhere recognized in the Prayer Book. There were references to bishops, priests, and deacons, but never an allusion to lay readers. "Why, of course there is," said the Bishop. "Don't you remember that verse in the Benedicite, 'O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord?'"

**AN** IRISHMAN, newly appointed chief of the county court in California, where there were many Chinese, was ordered by the judge to summon a witness to the stand.  
"Call for Ah Song!" was the command.  
Pat was puzzled for a moment. He glanced slyly at the judge, and found him as grave as an undertaker. Then, turning to the spectators, he blandly smirked:  
"Gentlemen, would any of you favor his honor with a song?"

## The Light That Failed



## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD.

### THE BEST TIME TO ENJOY YOURSELF

**EXPERIENCE** seems to show that there is great wisdom in Seneca's advice, to LIVE EACH DAY AS IF IT WERE OUR WHOLE LIFE.

Instead of always thinking about our plans and anxiously looking to the future, or of giving ourselves up to regret for the past, we should never forget that the present is the only reality, the ONLY CERTAINTY.

Both the past and the future are of less consequence to us than we generally think.

The past was very different from what we suppose it to have been. Distance which makes objects look small to the eye, makes them look big to the eye of thought.

**THE** present alone is true and actual. It is the only time that possesses full reality, and our existence lies in it exclusively.

We ought then, to enjoy every hour with a full consciousness of its value. We shall hardly be able to do this if we bemoan the past and worry about the future.

"It is," Schopenhauer remarks, "the

height of folly to refuse the present hour of happiness, or want only to spoil it by vexation at bygone or unobtainable what is to come. There is a time for forethought, yes, even for repentance; but when it is over, let us think what is past as something to which we have said farewell—and of the future as of that which lies beyond our power, in the lap of the gods."

**WE** appreciate and enjoy the present more when, in those days when we are well and strong, we remember how, in sickness and sorrow, every past hour that was free from pain and privation seemed in our memory so infinitely to be envied—as it were, a lost paradise.

But most of us live through our days of happiness without noticing them; and it is only when pain comes upon us that we wish them back.

If we are not careful, a thousand gay and pleasant hours of our lives are wasted in ill-humor; we let them slip by unenjoyed.

The present is the time to enjoy yourself. To repeat, live each day as if it were your whole life.

## Poems That Live

### HOME, SWEET HOME

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home!  
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,  
Which, seek through the world, is never met with elsewhere.  
Home, home, sweet, sweet, home!  
There's no place like home!

An exile from home, splendour dazzles in vain;  
Oh! give me my lowly thatched cottage again!  
The birds, singing gaily, that came at my call—  
Give me them!—and the peace of mind dearer than all.  
Home, sweet, sweet, sweet, home!  
There's no place like home!

—John Howard Payne.

## Other Views

### QUITE SO.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

Doubtless the woman whose skull, recently found in London, was exhibited and described at a meeting of the Zoological Society by Warren R. Dawson and Prof. Elliot Smith would have been greatly surprised if she could have realized that she was destined to be headed in the years to come as the first visitor to London. It is said, however, that this discovery confirms the knowledge that, before the age of Neolithic culture began in the south of England, there was an indigenous population living for the most part in caves, ignorant of pottery or of metals, but making implements of stone, showing a strong artistic sense and living as nomad hunters. A newspaper story of the sentiments of those early folk, if they could be transported into the metropolis today, would make "A Connecticut Yankee at the Court of King Arthur" tame reading in comparison.

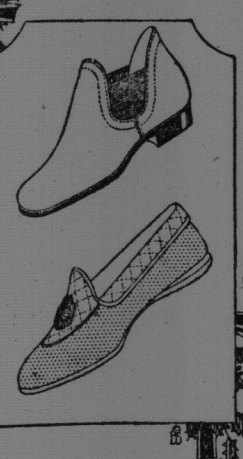
### THE FARMERS' MARKET.

(Quebec Evening News.)

If a farmer is to prosper and know what it is to have plenty, he must be able to load his cart with a full load and go into the towns and villages to cater to his clientele. Towns, villages and country all depend directly or indirectly on industries. If industries are depressed, farmers cannot possibly

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## Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

**JAMES EADS HOW**  
**KNOWN** over the world as the "millionaire hobo," James Eads How has long been a picturesque figure. He broke into print recently when he established a "hobo college" in Chicago. Although the possessor of a fortune between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000, he has spent the major portion of his life in an attempt to better the condition of the poor and has himself often lived the life of a "hobo." In his college in Chicago, How is trying to provide higher education for those who cannot afford to pay university tuition. Economics,

political science and socialism are among the subjects taught. How has traveled the world over, living among the unfortunates, studying their problems and trying to help them. He has often ridden underneath box cars and shared a meal around a camp fire with the "Knights of the Road."

No Close Season.

(Ottawa Journal.)

The poet-laureate of Peru is under arrest for shooting a critic. Whereupon all the other poets protest in a chorus that shooting a critic isn't a crime; indeed it's not even a misdemeanor.

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