# The Evening Times-Star

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#### CIVIC BUSINESS

SAINT JOHN is fully alive to the fact that the Mayor and Council have on their hands two extremely weighty matters in addition to the Only the other day Saint John's rightful aspirations with respect to harbor development were in danger of receiving a setback from which recovery might have been long and tedious. At whose door is to be laid blame for the situation discussion, but the fact is driven home with irresistible force that not until port nationalization is in efficient operation shall we be safe in this

Scarcely, if at all, less urgent are the matters disclosed in the Brittain report. The city desired an expert survey of its affairs, and the city has obtained that survey. Now comes the question of setting the municipal house in order, and the urgency lies in the fact that legislation for the Provincial Assembly must be prepared if certain portions of the Brittain report are to be acted on. Are we, for instance, to have a change in form of civic government? Are we to separate from the county and absorb the suburbs? Local interest has been diverted to matters touching the individual taxpayer directly through the rumor that the tax rate this year may reach \$3.50. Are we to be allowed to pay this by instalments? Is the real estate assessment to be revised? Is there to be a close and intelligent scrutiny of the sworn state-The Mayor and Council have much on their hands and the city is a-tiptoe with expectation.

#### PUTTING AN END TO IT

THE Minister of Customs decided recently that the cargo of the 'Chris Moeller," detained at Vancouver, should be impounded, thereby furnishing a reading of the customs regulations the opposite of what is understood previously to have been held. Hitherto liquor in bond was shipped with clearance papers for Mexico or South America, when it was common knowledge that it was destined for the United States by transhipment at sea; that the clearance papers were eyewash; prove landing at the alleged destination, so redeeming the shippers' bond were fakes; that, in short,

the whole proceedings were farcical and evasive. The official mind is curious. So often it happens in the course of official duties that matters of private knowledge must be excluded in the consideration of cases that an official is prone to conceive his duty fully accomplished when documents purporting to prove fulfilment of conditions are produced. He does not admit it part of his duty to test the truth of those documents. From this it is only a step to blinding himself to the known falsity of papers. In the case of liquor shipments out of Canada in bond it appears that he felt that, so far as he as a Canadian official was concerned, all that mattered was that the liquor left Canada. Before the Customs Enquiry at Vancouver an employe of an export company frankly admitted manufacturing false documents. He declared his belief that he was justified in so doing on the grounds that the essential requirements of Canadian law were met by the removal of the liquor from Canada, and cited a former Minister of Customs in support of this belief.

These ethics are bad enough for exporters, but much worse if they really were accepted in official

However, the main thing is that the present Minister of Customs evidently does not intend to allow casuistry in his department. It is probable that no very great harm in the ordinary sense was done by connivance at irregularities and worse, but the harm to the public and official conscience of Canada was immense. Ethical laxities have a way of becoming snowballs, rolling and gathering bulk. Fortunately the public conscience of Canada has shown a remarkable awakening with regard to smuggling, whether into or out of the United States; and Mr. Euler will find solid support behind him in his intention to effect a similar change of conscience in the department under his control. It is certainly the business of the United States to see that liquor is not smuggled into that country, but it is not the business of Canadian officials to make easy the operations of those who are in conflict with the United States law by accepting as true documents they have every reason to believe false. If the liquor had really been landed in Mexico or South America, any subsequent transhipment would have been no concern of our rustoms. But the blind acceptance of fraudulent focuments comes perilously near connivance at perjury. The main thing is, however, this is to

#### THE MANGO

THE newspapers of the United States hav apparently discovered that the mango is a succulent fruit. They would like to see more mangoes eaten in the United States, and the New York Herald-Tribune goes so far as to describe how it thinks mangoes should be stuck on a fork, peeled and consumed. Doubtless a mango might be so demolished, but with dire and splashy results in the way of stained napery and clothes, unless the custom of certain Anglo-Indian devotees of the fuicy fruit were followed and mangoes eaten only in seclusion and when sitting naked in a bath. And in that case fingers were made before forks. In polite tropical society people usually content themselves with taking two slices on either side of the large mango stone, eating those slices with a spoon and losing quite a third of the flesh. It is tantalizing, because nobobdy wants to lose any mango, but a concession to the

decencies of a civilized table. It is, however, problematical whether the mango The best mangoes are expensive. They should be picked almost exactly three days before complete ripening, and laid in straw and touching nothing

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else, in a dark place, until they reach perfection That is the epicurean way, though worthwhile mangoes are obtainable with less care-but not much less. Under the circumstances it is evident not go to Mahommed, and it therefore behooves those who would really enjoy mangoes to go

Playgrounds Association regarding the cost of upkeep of the playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park. After the Rotary Club had provided a pavilion for those grounds the Playgrounds Association took over its care, with the understanding that the city would provide the necessary funds apart from the regular grant from the city to the Association. Even under that arrangement the Association year before last utilized a portion of its grant to supplement what was paid by the city. Last year it paid the whole cost out of its own grant. It now makes the entirely reasonable and fair request that the City Council live up to the original understanding. Mayor White is quite right in his contention that the bill should be paid. The Playgrounds Association starved some of its other grounds to keep the Allison Playground going, and members of its executive assumed the responsibility for oversight. If it had not pursued that course the city would have been called on to take care of this playground or let it run down, with probable serious damage to the pavilion provided by the Rotary Club. The bill should be

THE FINANCIAL POST SURVEY

THE FINANCIAL POST survey has issued its third, 1927, volume. To the business man, the politician, the writer, indeed to everybody who has occasion to refer to statistics regularly or occasionally, this survey of Canadian financial, industrial and commercial happenings, up to the minute and exhibiting the trend of events by comparison with the past, will be well night indispensable. The scope of this publication is wide, covering its chosen field with remarkable thoroughness. Several new features have been added to those incorpored in the second volume, notably those dealing of Canadian companies. The achievements of leading industries are recorded in greater detail than formerly, and tabloid surveys by areas for the convenience of sales managers are important and useful sources of information. The indexing is particularly good, a matter of moment when a book is intended for ready reference. Business men and others will find the survey an invaluable aid, and the editors of the Financial Post are to be congratulated on producing an informative and tasteful compendium of information for every

The Prince of Wales has sustained another fall from his horse. The interesting fact about the Prince's equestrian experiences is not that his daring method of riding results in so many tumbles, as that he is always able to avoid serious injury. It is an open secret that his relatives and close friends would be glad if His Royal Highness

were a little less fond of reckless riding. Sir Henry Thornton has found the people of

Halifax and Moncton "happier and more confident in the future." Sir Henry might have added that their confidence is based on the assumption that Parliament will pursue a satisfactory policy regarding the recommendations of the Duncan report Despatches from Russia state that the new

marriage code permits divorce by the mere expressed wish of either party without evidence. Under the circumstances, why talk of marriage and divorce? Free love and hate seems to cover It is perhaps to be expected that Senator Gould of Maine would picture himself as an innocent and

confiding gentleman, who suddenly found himself surrounded by political sharks in New Brunswick. The New Brunswick Bench received an excellent testimonial from a witness before the United States Senate. "Our judges," he said, "have no

## Other Views

A PRESENT TO PEDESTRIANS. (New York Herald-Tribune)

"PEDESTRIANS, where no police officer is present and no traffic light control system is in operation, shall have the right of way on crossings, and vehicles must slow down, and stop, if necessary, to permit pedestrians on crossings to pass."—(Revised traffic regulations for New York pass."—(Revised traffic regulations for New York city.) This is a notable concession for the safety and convenience of walkers. In the absence of police control the weaker competitor at a crossing has little chance. The motorist can and does, almost without exception, take the right of way by resion force while the pedestrian is put to sprintmost without exception, take the right of way by major force, while the pedestrian is put to sprinting and dodging. The accident figures show the extreme danger of that hit-or-miss scramble. Giving the right of way to the contender who has no physical power to assert it is probably the humane solution.

#### CANADA IN 1927.

(Winnipeg Tribune) CANADA is entering upon a new year with some reason or other, whether it has been of our own making or that nature has been particularly kind to us, we have just passed through a year of good average crops, our mining industry has been busy, our forest resources have been actively developed, and our manufacturing industries have gradually increased production. In fact, the possibilities green to be about all we could desire and there is only one question to be answered,
"Are we prepared to make the most of our oppor-

we may not see the bright outlook, but we would have difficulty in finding a reason for any feeling of depression. Canada's clouds have almost enof depression. Cana

#### ONE OF THE PENALTIES.

(Toronto Star)
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#### News and Views From The British Capital

LONDON, December 23, 1926—General Sir James Willcocks in his 69 years saw more active service than most soldiers. Like Lord Reading, he ran away to sea as a boy, and served on tramp steamers. Like Lord Kitchener, he had a genius THE ALLISON PLAYGROUND
THERE should not be any misunderstanding between the City Council and the Saint John Playgrounds Association regarding the cost of upper of the playground at the entrance to Rocket Pood Park. After the Rotary Club had provided pavilion for those grounds the Playgrounds Association took over its care, with the understanding that the city would provide the necessary unds apart from the regular grant from the city unds apart from the regular grant from the city would provided the regular grant from the city the provided the pro H. Smith. He would have made more money, but

It is rumored that Sir Herbert Warren will ortly be retiring from the Presidency of Mag-dlen. Oxford. It is a rumor which has been curshortly be retiring from the Presidency of Mag-dalen, Oxford. It is a rumor which has been current for a year or more, but of late it has gained force and circumstance. Sir Herbert, who is seventy-one, is still one of the most vigorous of men. He is at chapel every morning at eight;

They now like water to and fro.

They watch with never-winking eyes,
They watch with staring, cold suralmost every morning he has two or more under-graduates at breakfast. For that is the way he chooses of keeping in touch with the life of the college. The undergraduates come straight from their baths, half awake, in a great hurry, usually ten minutes late. They find the president, who has been up for two hours at least, very wide the product of the college. The undergraduates come straight from their baths, half awake, in a great hurry, usually ten minutes late. They find the president, who has been up for two hours at least, very wide the college of the college. The people in the air, the level people in the air, the people peering, peering there. They also wander to and fro, and know not why or where they go, Sometimes a pale and cold surprise. awake and spruce. He knows everybody and every-thing that is going on in the college, and is prob-ably more au fait with affairs than the youngest Fellow. He was a friend of Tennyson, and loves to tell anecdotes about him. He was President of Magdalen when the Prince of Wales was for two

#### years a resident there.

There have been, in the comedy of human adventure, some queer ramifications of cause and effect. But I think few of us could have foreseen that the general strike would imply the abolition of our Southern railwaymen's familiar red ties. But so it has befallen. An official decree has gone forth that, on and after New Year's Day, the Southern's staff will no longer wear red ties, but blue ones, of which there will be a "free issue" to every man and boy. Sic transit gloria Cooki. every man and boy. Sic transit gloria Cooki.
Originally the red tie was adopted on the suggestion of a bright director, who thought in case of fessor of electro-mechanics. He is a tion of a bright director, who thought in case of sudden emergency these gawds might serve as danger signals. The modern directorate of the Southern have resolved that they shall no longer serve as political danger signals. The "Moscow touch" is to be removed, and henceforth Cambridge undergrads will be tipping Southern porters with Oxford ties! We shall perhaps have a wail from the Communist "pals" of Mr. Oswald Mosley and Mr. Oliver Baldwin, but the majority of the Southern's "comrades" will be pleased enough.

The second feltow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, retiring as president of that organization at the close of 1926. He is also a member of various other scientific and technical societies. Michael I. Pupin was born at Idvor, Banat, Hungary, Oct. 4, 1858. He received his education at Columbia Bouthern's "comrades" will be pleased enough.

### Maritime Population

(Manitoba Free Press) THERE is no doubt that it is constant los THERE is no doubt that it is constant loss of population, as well as the economic situation, which has made the Maritime Provinces feel their position so keenly and seek desperately for some means of improving conditions. While the other provinces have been going ahead, they have been almost standing still. The population in any part of the country should at least double in fifty years from natural increase. But the increase in the three Maritime Provinces between 1871 and 1921 was only 33 per cent. Immigration was very light and two-thirds of the natural increase was lost through emigration to the United States, and through Maritime people leaving for other parts of Canada. The population of Prince Edward Island actually fell, in the fifty years, from 94,021 Island actually fell, in the fifty population, as well as the economic situation, which has made the Maritime Provinces feel their through Maritime people leaving for other parts of Canada. The population of Prince Edward Island actually fell, in the fifty years, from 94,021 o 88,615. Nova Scotia also suffered more severely than New Brunswick, gaining only 35 per cent. The city of Saint John between 1901 and 1921 grew only from 40,711 to 47,166.

And the exodus from the Maritimes has been particularly heavy since the census of 1921.

largely by immigration, except Quebec.

If the whole of Canada had received no higher percentage of immigration than the Maritime Provinces, it would have had much the same slow increase of population, because of the exodus; and it would have been about 5,000,000 in 1921 instead of 8,788,483.

Surely that is the complete answer to the sug-

gestion sometimes heard that Canada should suspend all immigration effort until the means have been found to stop emigration. A certain amount of emigration is inevitable because of our position beside a country like the United States. Policies should be adopted that are at least calculated to keep our people at home, but without immigration Canada would make slow progress. With land settlement and the encouragement of development in all lines, more opportunities and employ-ment will also be provided for our people and fewer of them will leave the country.

### Sitting and Serving

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE sits more or less patiently at the edge of the world waiting for it to start up again. "The people of America," the emotional side of politics since the defeat of Woodrow Wilson. The American people are static. They are living under the bureau of some terrible spiritual inertia. They are back in Grant's administration. They wish no change. They desire no betterment in conditions. They are overwhelmingly for the order that is.

ingly for the order that is.

"Democracy never was better vindicated than in the calling and election of Calvin Coolidge," adds Mr. White. "Democracy is getting exactly what it wants in the way that it wants it. The few insurgents, kickers and idealists, among whom the writer is which have a mandata from the American people to go way back and sit down "They also serve who only sit and wait."

#### Status and War

(Toronto Globe) THE London (England) Morning Post puts it in a nutshell when it says. "Were the British Empire to fall, the 'status' of the Dominions would not long survive that calamity. They would be prizes of war, pawns of fortune, helpless as single units to defend their trade, their liberties, and even their existence."

# Poems I Love

I HAVE always been fond of the literature which makes it its business to seek to discover the point of

Stern-lipped, and pale, and wonder-

They flow like water to and fro.

#### Timely Views On World Topics

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New York, Chicago and St. Louis pliment to me which I confess pleases my vanity, but I declare in all sincerity

my vanity, but I declare in all sincerty that the name Maxwell would have call." All these achievements are the pride of the art of electrical communication accomplished during the past 25 much better than I do."

# Queer Quirks of Nature

THE KING OF THE CRUSTACEANS.

A great spider crab is shown here. An estimate of its size can be gained

By ARTHUR N. PACK. ing would suddenly change its complexion if one should encounter a crab of the size of the one shown in

the picture.

This is the great spider crab of Japan, so gigantic in size that it seems to be the creature of a horrible nightmare in which insignificant things assume the most frightening proportions.

Among its striking and wonderful features are the two long powerful biting claws or arms, which measure 15 feet and are capable of inflicting a danger-Four pairs of long legs, terminating

in points, reach out from the body, which is about a foot and a half across, resembling a rough stone.

When stretched out on the ground the great crab has a radial spread of 30 feet. It is called the spider crab because when held up by a man, it bears

Mazda Lamps and a marked resemblance to a huge spider.

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tell father," she said, and left "Father," she said softly to her par-

mistress to her new parlor maid. "Yes, it was the bell," replied the "It's sure to be some friend making a

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was your age I was working for a

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on whom you attempted to pain on your worthless goods. The undersigned is president and owner of the tank to which you sent your sight-draft. The undersigned is the post-draft. The undersigned is the post-draft series.—Passing Show, London. draft. The undersigned is the post-master to whom you wrote, and the undersigned is the lawyer whose services you sought to obtain for your nefarious business. If the undersigned were not also the pastor of the church at this place he would tell you to go to hell."

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