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KEEP THE BALL ROLLING

Fulness of life, to Dr. J. W. Robertson, means more than mere getting and spending. His conception of the duty of human beings is not only to devote things to their best use now, but leave them in the best possible condition for the use of those who are to follow.

Those who listened to Dr. Robertson's address last evening came away with a better knowledge of the report of the Royal Commission on Technical Education, and also a stronger feeling that the recommendations of the Commission should be carried out.

Dr. Robertson pointed out that the Commission learned in the course of its investigations that our educational system was deficient in two particulars. It ought to provide technical training for all children between 11 and 14 years of age, and there should also be provided technical evening classes as continuation schools to which young people leaving day school at the age of 14 could return to carry on their studies.

The speaker was able to show that much more is being done in the mother country, Germany, France, Switzerland and Denmark than in Canada, and that the results are eminently satisfactory. He would not sacrifice anything in the present school system in order to provide funds for technical training, but it is the view of the Commission that the Dominion might fairly set aside \$8,000,000 for this purpose, to be divided according to population among the provinces, and at least 85 per cent. of it to be expended by the provinces whatever any dictation whatever from the federal authorities.

Would it not be well for boards of trade in the maritime provinces to take up this matter and press it upon the attention of the government? The economic aspect should appeal to business men. If Canada is in years to come to provide her own skilled labor, the work of instruction ought to be begun in the schools, as it is done in other countries, against which Canada must compete. The greater the knowledge and skill of our young people, the greater use we will be able to make of the resources of the country, and the higher will be the state of efficiency among Canadian workers. There is constant complaint of difficulty in getting young people to take up mechanical work, and one of the reasons is that the eye and the hand are not properly trained, and the natural bent of the youthful mind discovered, during the educational period.

To listen to Dr. Robertson is an inspiration. He is so thoroughly in earnest, so full of his subject, so epigrammatic and earnest in expression, that he grips the minds of his hearers and they go away taking with them something at least of his enthusiasm for the cause he advocates. The subject he brought so clearly and so forcibly to the attention of the Canadian Club last evening should not be permitted to pass out of the public mind, but should be considered by the board of trade, or some committee of the board, with a view to getting an expression of the feeling of the business community throughout the maritime provinces, so that the government and parliament may understand that a movement in the direction of carrying out the recommendations of the Royal Commission will meet with public approval.

THE OCEAN MAILS

The Montreal Star of Wednesday says that prominent merchants on the board of trade in that city were highly concerned at the prospect of delay in the mails, such as would be caused by using the Intercolonial from St. John instead of the shorter Canadian Pacific route. The Star had a rumor to the effect that a mass meeting of indignation had been called by Mayor Frink, and that very likely the city would send a delegation to Ottawa.

Mass meetings of indignation have been held and delegations sent to Ottawa in regard to matters of less importance than that of the mails. The information which Mayor Frink was able to extract by telegram yesterday from the postal department at Ottawa has not done much to clear the air. The postmaster-general was away and his deputy wanted information. "Will you kindly state," he says, "in what way the interests of St. John are affected by mails being forwarded by I. C. P. R. instead of C. P. R.?" Presumably Mr. Haen had not got back from Washington, or he could have answered that question to the satisfaction of the postmaster-general.

But why is action taken by any department affecting the city of St. John without the knowledge of the man who represents St. John and is a member of the government?

Peradventure he sleepeth, or has gone on a journey—to Washington.

It may as well be taken for granted that a group of politicians in this city, who are either receiving patronage or whose friends are receiving patronage, will discourage any attempt that may be made to secure justice for St. John in regard to the mails or anything else, lest in so doing they should disturb the free and profitable flow of patronage

in their direction. If the citizens wait for leadership from these gentlemen, and perhaps from some others who would be eager to rush forward and seize the leadership under other circumstances, they will be much disappointed and their interests will suffer.

BAD HOUSING

After twenty-eight men had lost their lives in a cheap lodging house in Boston, the mayor made a tour of such houses in several sections of the city, and declared that every one of such structures as he inspected should be closed. To take their place he suggested that the city erect model lodging houses, to be conducted for the benefit of those unfortunate who are compelled to seek the cheapest shelter. Presumably there is some law under which a house in Boston unfit for human habitation may be closed. We have not yet secured such a law for St. John. This is one of the subjects which the board of trade might fairly consider in connection with the housing question. A new set of building laws and some amendments to the health act are urgently needed in this city, and they should be secured at the next session of the provincial legislature. The board of trade would be doing the city a most valuable service if it would co-operate with the board of health in securing better regulations, not only with regard to the construction and the sanitation of new buildings, but the regulation and improvement, or closing, if necessary, of buildings already in existence.

It is said that the real estate market in St. John continues very firm and is showing some signs of increasing activity. If so, business conditions generally must be in a healthy state.

"Well," said a citizen yesterday, "Mr. Haen may not be able to look after the interests of St. John in the matter of mails and mail steamships, but just think of the eloquent speeches he is making in Washington."

To shut New Brunswick potatoes out of the United States market would be a most serious blow to the farmers of the province, and our agricultural department should be watching with the very keenest interest the proceedings in the state of Maine, and at Washington and elsewhere in that country, in relation to the trade in potatoes from Canada.

In the discussion of New Zealand's naval defence bill on Wednesday, Col. Allen said that the Australian part of the agreement of 1909 was the only one that had been carried out. This is true. Sir Wilfrid Laurier began to carry out the abandonment of that policy for one of tribute, which, however, the senate rejected and the country also will reject at the first opportunity.

Speaking of the condition of laborers affected by the Insurance Act in England, Mr. Masterman, M. P., said in a recent speech that there were nearly 400,000 persons receiving an extra penny under the Insurance Act because they were earning 12s a week or less, and at least 100,000 were receiving insurance free because they were earning 9s a week or less. One is not surprised that there is an agitation in England in favor of a minimum wage. With regard to the working of the Insurance Act, the executive of the Civic League of Help in Manchester at its annual meeting recently said that they had seen what a great boon the Insurance Act benefit of 10s a week was in cases of sickness to an immense number of families. While it did not compensate for loss of wages, or perhaps even obviate the need of private charity, there was no doubt it had saved many homes which would otherwise have been broken up.

RECENT DEATHS

The death occurred, yesterday, of Mrs. Elizabeth Anne, wife of George Coupe, at her late residence, 41 Elliott Row. Six sons and one daughter survive. The sons are J. W. of Halifax; G. G. of Vancouver; L. E. of Lincoln, Nebraska; A. W. of Poughkeepsie (N. Y.); H. W. of Winnipeg; and E. A., at home; the daughter is Miss L. A. Coupe. The funeral services will be conducted at the house by Rev. W. H. Barneclough tomorrow (Saturday), at 3.15 p. m.

Michael Walsh died at his home in Chatham yesterday. He was sixty-four years of age and is survived by one brother James, Mr. Walsh was a brother of the late Mrs. William England who died a few days ago.

The death of Henry T. Godsoe, father of W. M. Godsoe, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph service in the maritime provinces, occurred at his home, 27 Elliott Row, at an early hour this morning at the age of 80 years. He had been ill for two or three days, but was up and around the house yesterday. He is survived by his wife and six children, three sons, William J. of Exmouth Street, Walter M. of this city, and Herbert B., chief operator of the C. P. R. at Halifax; and three daughters—Estelle, at home, and Mrs. F. C. McManus and Miss Catherine, in Boston.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.
D'Alton Lally McCarthy, son of the late Dalton McCarthy and a prominent member of the bar in Toronto, is forty-three years of age today. He has appeared before the Privy Council in London in several important cases and has also taken an active interest in military affairs, having been commanding officer of the Toronto Light Horse.

LIGHTER VEIN

Right.
"There's one reason why I could never love you, Chollie. Can't you guess what it is?"
"No, I can't think."
"That's the reason."

What Grandma Said
"I gave him the cold shoulder."
"That's what comes of having your dress cut so low. I knew your shoulders would get cold."

Variety.
"Aren't you ever going to give me my answer? I've been to see you full twenty times."
"Why don't you try coming sober for a change."

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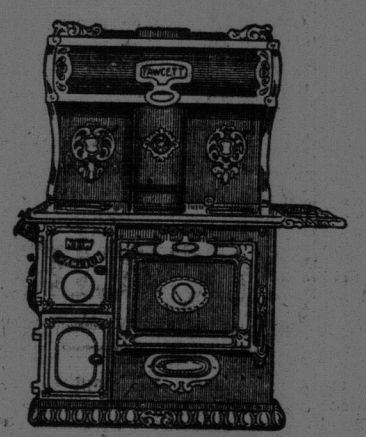


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