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MR. HAZEN'S DUTY

If the statement is correct that the Atlantic mail steamers are to be permitted to make their own choice of ports, it becomes the duty of Hon. J. D. Hazen, St. John's representative in the government, to see that the port of St. John is in a position to offer next winter every facility to the Canadian Pacific and Allan lines for docking their mail steamers here.

During the past winter there have been times when there were more steamers in port than there were berths to accommodate them. Commissioner Schofield has said that unless a contract for the construction of an additional section of the new wharves is awarded within a few weeks, it will not be possible to have even one additional steamship berth ready for use next winter.

It is none the less the duty of the city council and board of trade to give this matter precedence and if necessary send a strong delegation to Ottawa as soon as possible.

THEY HAD A GOOD TIME

The speakers at the meeting of the St. John Conservative Club last night are great imperialists, but have very little faith in the veracity of imperial statements. The latter have declared over and over again that there is no emergency, and the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, has declared that three Dreadnoughts paid for by Canada are not necessary to maintain British naval supremacy, but these ardent St. John Tories assert that there is an emergency, and appear to hold the view that anybody who differs from them is more or less tainted with disloyalty.

There is to be an international congress on school hygiene in the city of Buffalo in August. Many Canadian delegates will be present. This reminds us that we are still without medical inspection in the schools of St. John.

The introduction of the closure resolution at Ottawa will be the signal for a more determined fight than that which was lately precipitated by the Hon. Robt. Rogers. The Liberals in their struggle are fighting the battle of the majority of the Canadian people.

There appears to be universal agreement that if the tariff measure is adopted as it stands, or even with some slight amendments, by the United States congress, it will confer a good deal of benefit upon Canada at large, and a great deal of benefit upon the maritime provinces.

Dr. Rowley tells us that Germany is fifty years ahead of Britain and the United States in the matter of right treatment of dumb animals. Germany leads, too, in tour-planning and community work. That country does much more than build Dreadnoughts and vote army estimates.

Dr. Clark of Red Deer is a very sharp thorn in the side of the government at Ottawa. He brought the finance minister up with a sharp turn yesterday. Hon. Mr. White, accepting a Montreal Star cable as his authority, said that Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill had said that the Canadian Dreadnoughts were absolutely needed to maintain the required supremacy of the British navy. Dr. Clark produced the full text of Mr. Churchill's speech, and showed that he had said they were not necessary. Hon. Mr. White should be a little more careful as to his facts.

The Women's Canadian Club of St. John are to be congratulated upon giving the members and some invited guests the pleasure and the inspiration derived from the exceptionally able and well illustrated address by Dr. Rowley of Boston last evening. It would be difficult to make a stronger plea than that which Dr. Rowley made for our animal friends, and for the cultivation of the spirit of kindness to the whole animal world. Some of his remarks, such as those relating to egrets and to the slaughtering of animals for food, were decidedly pointed, and ought to leave a marked impression upon the minds of his hearers. Perhaps we in St. John will be stimulated by his address to pay a little more attention to the matters to which he has directed attention, and if so will have conferred a great benefit upon the city. Not only should the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals receive stronger support and a wider sympathy in its work, but there should be a deeper interest in the welfare of those other animals—who are not dumb, and who are also human—the little children who are not getting a fair chance in life.

AN EXAMPLE FOR ST. JOHN

Winnipeg is a much larger city than St. John, but this city may take a leaf out of the book of Winnipeg with profit to itself. Canadian Finance in last week's issue sums up some of the things that have been accomplished by that organization of business men known as the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau, which not only deals with matters relating to industry and trade but social welfare, educational work and the encouraging of art. The bureau has no less than fourteen standing committees, composed of one hundred and twenty-five prominent business and professional men, all of them working for the good of the community. Perhaps the best illustration of the breadth of the work of the bureau

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL NINE.

Sir H. N. Bate, for many years chairman of the Ottawa Improvement Commission, is eighty-four years of age today. He is a native of Cornwall, England, and came to Ottawa in 1853 and engaged in the wholesale grocery business. The Right Rev. C. H. Brent, bishop of the Philippines, was born on April 9, 1862, in Newcastle, Ont. He was for some time a member of the staff of Trinity College School, Port Hope, and then took charge in Buffalo and Boston. He went to the Philippines in 1902.

The Hon. P. N. Lemieux, justice judge of the supreme court of Quebec since 1907, was born in Lévis on April 9, 1831. He won fame as a criminal lawyer and defended Louis Riel at Regina in 1885. He has sat in both the provincial legislature and the House of Commons.

LIGHTER VEIN THE GRASPING LANDLORD. "Does he own much property?" "I should say he does. Why, at least \$100,000 to all the decorating his tenants have asked him to do so far this spring."—Detroit Free Press.

THE HUMAN HOG. Crawford—"Don't you believe that a man should be the architect of his own fortune?" Crabshaw—"That's all right; but he shouldn't build on the other fellow's lot."—Judge.

THE WAYS OF SOCIETY. "Fashionable people surely do get things mixed up." "In what way?" "What should be a horse show they make a dress parade, and a dress parade they call grand opera."—Judge.

EVEN THE HORSE KNEW. The newly married pair had escaped from their demonstrative friends, and were on the way to the depot when the carriage stopped. The bridegroom looked out of the window impatiently. "What's the matter, driver?" he called. "The horse has thrown a shoe, sir," was the reply. "Great Scott!" groaned the bridegroom; "even the horse knows we're just married!"

JOHN'S REPLY. A good story is told about a West Country minister and his headle, showing the familiarity that used to exist between the minister and his man. The minister over sixteen thousand delegates in attendance. It became so hot that John was like to lose his temper. The minister naturally tried to throw oil on the troubled waters. "Man, John," he said, "it's a good thing we are not all of one mind. For example, had everybody been in my mind everybody would have been wanting my good wife Janet." "Very true," replied John, a little surly, "for if everybody had been in the same mind as me nobody would have taken her."

LANGUAGE. Dr. Ouler tells the following to illustrate the elasticity of the English language as used by the southern negro. One day there came to the clinic a negro with a broken jaw. The examining physician, interested in the exact nature and extent of the injury, asked numerous questions. To all of them the negro returned evasive answers. Finally she admitted that she was "hit by an object."

"Was it a large object or a small object?" asked the physician. "Tall by large." "Was it a hard object or a soft object?" "Tall by hard."

"Was it coming rapidly or slowly?" "Tall by fast."

Then, her patience exhausted, the negro turned to the physician. "To tell the truth, doctor, I was just empty kick'd in the face by a gentleman friend."

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MINERVA NOT MARRIED. When entertaining some school children at her country house a certain famous spinster took them round the rooms and pointed out the beautiful things in them. LOVING AND LEAVING. Her father—"So my daughter has consented to become your wife. Have you fixed the day for the wedding?"

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