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## THE SCALES OF JUSTICE.

If there is not in the United States a bitter prejudice against Canada it is not the fault of one Boston newspaper. The only consolation Canadians may have is the knowledge that this same newspaper, The Boston Telegram, is quite as abusive in reference to American citizens who may fall under its displeasure. Nearly two years ago The Boston Herald took occasion to expose The Telegram and its methods, which were very closely related to the box office receipts, and the exposure was such as would make any self-respecting journalist lose the quality of self-respect before he could associate himself with such a sheet. With these preliminary remarks we may quote a few choice extracts from an editorial in The Boston Telegram relating to the hanging of Walter Muir, who came over to Canada and committed a murder.

"Canada's judges, so smug and satisfied, when they refused to listen to an appeal, should be thrilled with pride today. To satisfy the prejudice of men and women, who hated Muir because he was a citizen of the United States, and because his victim was a Canadian, Canada's courts and her public officials condemned to death a lad who was innocent. Muir, a lad of 21, without a criminal record, with more decency, a better code of morals, and a finer nature than the majority of the Canadians who condemned him, was hanged as a boast that Canada did not fear the United States. Canada, killed that boy to prove it dared to, just as the blood-hungry Bolsheviks killed the Polish priest a year ago in Moscow. Young Muir could not have been convicted in any court where justice dwelt, where law was intelligently interpreted, but in Canada, where the law is lifted in part from the tribal rulings of nameless Indians, no man's life is secure if public hatred is aroused against him. It is regrettable that against him. It is regrettable that the United States has not a secretary of state with some courage. Hughes is rushing to Europe in a frenzied attempt to save the Doves plan, and save Canada's bankrupt stepmother, Britain, when he should be in Washington, protecting the lives of American citizens who are being murdered in every alien land. If Hughes were big enough for his job, Canada would not have murdered Muir. Canada would exist because so many of her citizens are growing wealthy violating the law of the United States. Canada does not attempt to stop them, and will not. But Canada does find time to torment and kill young Americans, for Canada remains faithful to the code of the aborigines who thirsted for the blood of any white man who fell into their hands. Canada proposes to send a minister to the United States. He should be refused recognition."

It is not necessary to make any comment on this deliverance other than to say that Muir committed a murder, that the crime also caused the death from shock of a niece of his victim; and that he was given a fair trial, convicted and hanged. He was not saved from justice by the interference of any influential politician or through the influence of wealth. Justice was meted out. That is the British way. Perhaps it is not the American way. It will, however, suffice for Canada.

## A WELFARE COMMISSION.

There is a Social Welfare Commission in Winnipeg which has been in operation for six years, and it has superseded many private organizations engaged in welfare work, those which still exist dealing only with those of their own creed who need emergency assistance, pending reference of their case to the Commission. It is explained that the success of the Commission is due to the fact that civic officials have not been allowed to enter into it, and that there are included on the board men and women whose knowledge and interest in the problems of social welfare are unquestioned. The Commission dealt with nearly ten thousand cases last year, and the cost of operation was \$129,037, of which \$110,338 was for outdoor relief. The administration last year cost almost twelve thousand dollars. Not only does the Commission give relief to families, but extends legal advice, supplies information, assists in collection of debts, and gives other forms of assistance not usually classed under the name of relief. About fifty per cent. of the relief given was directly due to sickness of breadwinners, and in some cases it was necessary to give relief for the whole year. While the Commission endeavored to investigate carefully every case, and is not easily deceived, there were some cases which illustrate how difficult is the task of giving assistance to the needy without at times being deceived and defrauded. One family, for example, received relief last winter from the city through the Commission to the extent of \$88. The same family was found to have purchased liquor during the winter to the value of \$114.65. Several other cases were suspected of purchasing liquor, and the Commission has sought the opinion of

the City Solicitor as to whether it may not prosecute any such persons on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Possibly it may be argued that it is easier to defraud a civic commission than a private relief organization, but all who have had anything to do with the latter know that it is quite impossible in all cases to avoid deception. The fact that there are those who practice deceit in order to get easy money must not, however, be charged up against those who are in real need. The City of Winnipeg appears to be well satisfied with the work of its Social Welfare Commission, and its creation has probably placed the whole matter of relief for the indigent and unfortunate upon a more satisfactory basis than when the work was divided up among many organizations of a voluntary nature.

## PRICES AND POLITICS

The New York Herald-Tribune sees in the rising prices for farm products in the United States an influence that will be felt in the No. 20 election. The rise in the price of wheat, corn and hogs is expected to improve the condition of the farmers, and indeed it has already done so. The Herald-Tribune is of the opinion that in spite of the reduction in the crop the improved prices will leave the farmer in a better position. It believes further that the improved prospects for the farmers will help to break the force of the LaFollette movement in national politics. Last year the farmer was facing a large world production of wheat, while he had himself a short crop of poor quality. Unsound country banks collapsed, and, as a result, The Herald-Tribune says, the LaFollette movement became a political possibility. This year the world crop is smaller, and some have gone so far as to predict wheat at \$1.50 per bushel. This would, of course, bring much benefit to the wheat farmers. Under such conditions, who'd have come about without politics and without government intervention, the New York Journal believes the farmers will be disinclined to upset the nation on a rising market. In other words, it believes the improved prices for the farmers' products will make for the benefit of Coolidge and the Republican Party. This, of course, is the view of a newspaper which supports Coolidge, and since much may happen between now and November, it may perhaps be regarded as food for present speculation.

An Englishman and his son arrived from England a little over six weeks ago to make a motor tour across the Dominion. On the day they arrived in Winnipeg they camped with other motor tourists in the old exhibition grounds. This was their introduction to the wild and woolly West. On the second evening, while contemplating the serenity of the western atmosphere, a wild-looking person went flying past, pursued by an automobile filled with police officers. One of the policemen stretched out his arm, a pistol cracked, and the fugitive, who was a bandit and gunman, fell shot through the heart.

"Wild," said the Englishman, commenting on the incident, "Well, rather." He did not even have to go to the wild and woolly West. It came to him. He will have something interesting to tell when he goes home.

Lord Banbury is a somewhat ungracious gentleman. He told the British House of Lords last week that women were not a success in the House of Commons. The discussion arose over a bill offered by Lord Astor to enable peacemakers in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords. He pointed out that there are eight million women voters and that women hold some important positions under the Government. The debate on the bill was adjourned and it will be interesting to learn whether Lord Astor or Lord Banbury expresses the views of the House.

Three killed and five injured was the record of two automobile collisions yesterday, one in Maine, near Calais, and the other near Oak Bay, N. B. There are daily reports of accidents in which persons are injured or have narrow escapes, and many are not reported. There is so much danger from speeding on country roads that the thrill of rapid motion does not compensate for the risk taken. It is amazing that so many people go on taking risks after reading the frequent reports of serious if not fatal accidents.

Parliament has been prorogued, and at the last moment there was a clash between Commons and Senate over the Pension Bill, which goes over till next session. The Premier announced that he would then introduce legislation to assert the authority of the Commons in such cases.

An interesting story comes from Russia to the effect that Trotsky is gaining ground in his struggle to be the successor of Lenin. The Red Army is said to be at his back. With

Trotsky in the saddle Russia's relations with other countries would not improve.

Is the Venetian gondolier to pass into history? Last week they made a demonstration against the use of electric launches on the canals of the city. Venice without its gondoliers will not be the Venice of old, but science marches on.

Senator La Follette has found a running mate in Senator Wheeler of Montana, who will be a candidate for the Vice-Presidency. He was a member of the Senate Committee which investigated Daugherty and caused his downfall.

## SAYS RECOGNITION GIVEN TRADE BOARD

St. John Organization Functioning Since 1819, Secretary Says

The St. John Board of Trade has received from the Under Secretary of State a copy of the summary report which was filed recently with the Department of the Secretary of State in Canada under the Board of Trade Amendment Act of 1920.

The statute provides "a penalty of \$20 a day for default in forwarding the summary to the department and every member of the council of a Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce who knowingly authorizes, permits, or allows the default is liable to the penalty which may be recovered on summary conviction."

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the local board, says that the submission of the summary reports and their acceptance by the department at Ottawa carry with them the assurance that the Board of Trade which forwards the report is recognized by the Government departments as the official commercial organization of the community in which this reporting organization exists.

## More Than Century Old.

The St. John Board of Trade, which has been functioning since 1819, and which in 1872 was incorporated by "Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Commons of Canada," is therefore recognized as the official Board of Trade of the entire city of St. John, Mr. Armstrong says.

Examples of this recognition by the Ottawa departments have been received by the St. John Board of Trade on more than one occasion.

The first clause in the Board of Trade Incorporation Act is as follows: "The St. John Board of Trade, created by the St. John Municipal Council, George Thomas, Henry A. Austin, John W. Cudlipp, Isaac Burpee, Richard S. DeVeber, J. Walter Scamman, W. W. Turnbull, John Magee, Hon. Thomas R. Jones, Thomas W. Daniel, John C. Brown and such other persons resident or carrying on business in the city of St. John, province of New Brunswick, or in the vicinity thereof, as are or shall be associated with the persons above named for the purpose of this act, and who are hereinafter provided, and their successors shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of 'The St. John Board of Trade' and by that name shall have all the powers and privileges incident to corporations by 'The Interpretation Act.'"

The 1924 report of the St. John Board of Trade to the Secretary of State, which was sworn to by affidavit by the president and secretary, includes the names of the board, the date of its incorporation, the date of last general meeting, the names and addresses of the 18 members of the council, and the signatures of the president and secretary.

## A MESSAGE TO CANADIANS

"If I be asked—as in fact I have been asked—in closing these remarks, to say a word of 'greeting' to this assembly of representative Canadians, as a friend and well-wisher coming from a nation of friends and well-wishers, it would be best."

"Seek diligently to understand one another's views, aims and problems—man and man, calling and calling, section and section, diligently to progress and prosper, if not to pull anybody up, that the means toward combating poverty is not to be found in division, but in multiplicity."

"While striving to enrich your country by strenuously carrying on the things of material pursuit, aim to enrich it likewise by cultivating those of the spirit, the things of art, culture, beauty, faith, science."

Practice economy, both nationally and individually. It is one of the urgent needs of the day. Make every effort to have taxation reduced to the strictly necessary and to have it applied not according to political, but to scientific, economic considerations. Unwisely laid or unduly high taxation is one of the most serious handicaps and obstacles to a nation's welfare and development, and all taxation, however laid, is a burden on all the people.

"Beware of the glib talker, encourage the doer. Don't begrudge success or the reward of success, if gained by character and ability. The men of constructive capacity and enterprise are an asset to the community, and whatever may be the fruits of their activities for themselves, much the greater benefit is bound to accrue to the community."

The potentialities of Canada are immense. The realization rests with her people. Its attainment cannot fail you if you bend to the task with a long pull and a strong pull, as is the Canadian way, and, above all, with a pull all together."—Otto Kahn, American Banker.

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## THE BEST UNPAYABLE.

(F. W. Bourdillon.)

What have I given,  
 Bold sailor on the sea,  
 To soldier, land and brave,  
 That you should die for me?

What can I give,  
 To soldier, land and brave,  
 Long as I live,  
 To pay the life you gave.

What title or part  
 Can I return to thee,  
 O stricken heart,  
 That thou shouldst break for me?

The wind of Death  
 For you has slain life's flowers,  
 It withereth,  
 (God grant) all weeds in ours.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Time To Learn.  
 He (fervently)—"And when are you going to allow me to kiss you?"  
 She—"Come around Friday. That's that's a matter of time."

A Little Strong.  
 "Irate Customer"—"Say! Do you know what you ought to have for handling such cheese?"  
 "Grocer (frankly)"—"Sure—longer!"

A Future Policeman.  
 "Say, mister, don't you want a boy to help get business for you?" Inquired a redheaded boy.  
 "What can you do?" questioned the grocer.

"I can stand out front and eat candy and peanuts, and when the other kids see me they'll want some so bad they'll come in and buy."

Then The Fun Began.  
 "I can't keep visitors from coming up," said the office-boy dejectedly.  
 "When I say you're out they won't believe me. They all say they must see you."

"Well, put them off somehow," said the boss with a stern look.  
 "What's the matter with that?" "That's what they all say," he said.  
 "Yes, sir."

"That afternoon a lady called. She had hard features and an acid expression, and she demanded to see the boss at once."

"Impossible," said William.  
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## DAMASCUS IN NEW YORK.

To one just come from the Orient, a descent upon the Syrian quarters in New York is like a dream travel, says Konrad Bercovici in the July Century, describing the Syrian colony in New York in his series of articles recounting his adventures among the various peoples of New York's foreign quarter. Describing Washington street, the main street of the Syrian colony, he says: "Every second store is a coffee-house or a restaurant, and such as are in existence in the Orient, somewhere around Constantinople or Smyrna, Saloniki, or Damascus itself. And around rough pine tables, sit swartly men drawing the cool smoke from the aromatic tinn that burns slowly in the center of the table. The coffee is being continually poured are being served all around by the large, majestic, dark-brown owner of the 'Kha', whose face and feet are incased in pointed, heelless slippers (bathouches), dragged flippity, flippity-flop as he walks around."

"Women, thin-boned and oval-faced, olive-brown, with long Semitic noses and fleshy chins, with large black eyes, almond-shaped eyes, under heavy eyebrows, and lustrous hair hanging profusely about their shoulders, walk quietly and somewhat stealthily along the walls. The older ones, not yet accustomed to Occidental ways, as if they still belonged to the harem, walk to the secluded part of the house, where the women's quarters usually are in the house of the Syrian at home, even if he is a Christian."

The men wear their trousers upon their slightly bowed legs as they have worn their wide, homespun shalvans. The stiff derby hat or the soft felt one always sits on the top of their large, egg-shaped heads, somewhat in the manner they have worn their fezzes, or as they still wear their fezzes in the intimacy of their own homes."

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## M.P. IS GIVEN APPOINTMENT

Quebec, July 20.—Emmanuel D. D'Anjou, federal member for Rimouski county in the House of Commons, has been appointed registrar for the district of Rimouski by the Provincial Cabinet. This makes two Quebec seats where by-elections will be necessary. Statu quo division is already without representation since the resignation of Hon. W. G. Mitchell.

The new registrar succeeds the late Edouard Letendre, who, appointed in 1894, died a few months ago.

Mr. D'Anjou has been a member for Rimouski since 1917. It is understood that the by-election in Rimouski will be postponed until the fall. Amede Caron, advocate, son of Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, is mentioned as a possible Liberal candidate.

## WESTERN MAPLE SUGAR.

Surprise is expressed in the East, says the Winnipeg Tribune, over the news that a farmer at Kipling, Saskatchewan, this year tapped some maple trees planted twenty-five years ago and made maple sugar.

Maple sugar is more especially a product of the Eastern provinces. There the hard maples, with a more generous flow of sap, permit profitable commercial manufacture of a fine product that is still too little in use.

Here in the West we look forward to the Eastern maple sugar, or syrup, season, just as we anticipate strawberry and blueberry time.

Maple-sugar making in Manitoba dates back to the very earliest recollections. Down the Red River there is "Sugar Point," with its thousands of soft maples, where Indians were wont to congregate and lay in a store of the delicious maple syrup and sugar; sometimes, in prolific years, marketing

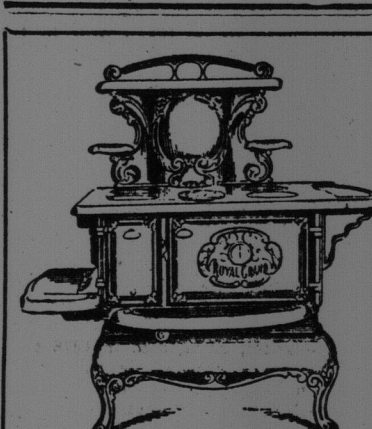
quantities of their product, neatly encased in birchbark retainers.

Beautiful maple groves line the banks of the Assiniboine River between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie and farther west. Fifty years ago at Pigeon Lake, the French-halfbreeds never failed to take full advantage of the maple sugar season. The trees were small, but numerous. There was no lack of industry, however. Many pounds of the product were purchased at the post.

The respective qualities of the products, East and West, do not permit of comparison. Both are wholesome food and very tempting.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

Daily vacation Bible schools were opened on Monday in 380 centres in New York city. About 47,000 children were in attendance, it was said, a larger number than in any previous year.



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