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## COSTLY DELAY

The Times once more takes the liberty of calling the attention of the citizens to the fact that a director of public works is urgently needed. It is openly asserted by persons who see what is going on from day to day that the city is losing a lot of money in wages to men who are not properly directed and therefore do not give value on the work now in progress and come away apparently satisfied, but they ought to know that this important and expensive work should be under the direction of a competent man who would get the best results for the least expenditure. There should be a director who would know how much work should be done in a day, and be sure that it is done, as would be the case with any private concern.

It is said that the hesitation in connection with the appointment of a director is due to wire-pulling by friends of this or that candidate, one favorite argument with some being that the new director should be a St. John man. The only ground on which a St. John man's claims could fairly be ground would be that he was the best man. There has been continuous dissatisfaction for years past. Now the office is vacant, and no sectional or personal appeal should be considered for one moment. St. John needs a thoroughly qualified, young, and capable director of public works—and it needs him at once.

## SIR WILFRID'S RETURN

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is once more on Canadian soil, after having taken a leading part in one of the most important conferences in the history of the British Empire. The premier is welcomed by his fellow citizens of all shades of political opinion. Whether the imperial conference accomplished much of definite and immediate advantage or not is marked an epoch in imperial history, and has set in motion influences of far-reaching effect. The Canadian premier was a striking figure in London, and Canada in his person was well represented. The honor conferred on him was partly personal, because of his high character and splendid service, but chiefly in recognition of his office as the premier of this great Dominion. He returns to arduous tasks and large responsibilities, and as this journal recently observed, his coming has been awaited with more and deeper interest than that of any Canadian statesman in recent years.

## FOREST PRESERVATION

In his sixth article to the Toronto Globe on the subject of pulp-wood and its problems, Mr. William Banks, Jr., says:—"Before proceeding to give the interviews between representatives of The Globe and persons more or less directly interested in the question of the export of pulpwood from Canada, the matter of forest preservation might be emphasized. As stated in previous articles, this point came up again and again in the various interviews and conversations, not alone with men whose money and time are devoted to the lumbering, pulpwood and pulp industry, but with politicians, newspapermen and citizens generally. It does seem as though public opinion in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick is reaching that stage where this vast and important question could be taken up, not in an academic way, not in episodic experiments, but in a broad, intelligent manner, which would result in a systematic adoption of plans which shall make that abused and misnamed phrase 'inexhaustible forest supplies' really mean something. The Dominion government, as stated in The Globe despatches from Ottawa, is engaged in an active campaign of tree preservation and tree preservation in the west, and is also surveying the forest reserves there, with preservation as the aim. A difficulty which has been encountered to a lesser degree by the governments of this and other provinces also faces the Dominion forestry branch—namely, the inability to keep trained men when they get them. The services of such men are being eagerly sought, not only by various governments, universities and other educational institutions, but by many of the lumber companies. The campaign for the preservation of the forests and the examples afforded on every hand in every country of how not to do it is at last beginning to have an effect in Canada."

## A GREAT EDUCATOR

The Kingston Whig pays this glowing tribute to Sir William Macdonald, for his great gifts to the cause of education in Canada:—"Sir William Macdonald will be remembered as the greatest friend of education in Canada. He has been a princely benefactor of McGill; has endowed the domestic science department in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College; has erected consolidated schools in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario; and lastly, has founded the Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal, at an expense, in building and equipment, of a million and a half of dollars. At the meeting of the Dominion Educational Association in Toronto, Dr. Robertson, through whom Sir William's trusts are administered, announced that a great boon was being offered to the teachers of Canada. Forty of them would be given a course at Macdonald College free, and their expenses of going and coming and maintenance would be met out of the

college funds. Next year eighty would be given a similar boon. The only qualification was that they had taught for two years, and the only requirement that they would give the country the benefit of their training for one year after their graduation. There is something which is greatly to the credit of the great benefactor and something which the teaching profession must appreciate very much. Agriculture can be scientifically studied in only two institutions—the Ontario College and the Macdonald College, and the provincial school, with all its prestige cannot compete with the other school whose founder goes further than any province can do in making the way to education highly attractive."

## RAILROADS AND MONEY

What will the railroads of the United States do for money? Last week it was learned that the Atchafalaya shareholders had taken only \$8,881,000 of the \$20,000,000 5 per cent bonds offered at par, while less than \$5,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 Union Pacific is offered to the shareholders at 90 were subscribed for. Earlier in the week President Stevens of the Chesapeake and Ohio asked the shareholders of his company for authority to issue \$10,000,000 bonds, which will be used as collateral for \$5,000,000 short-term notes. This is what one well-posted railway banker had to say last week on the subject of the railroads' needs:

"Practically all of the urgently pressing demands have been satisfied. If any broker offered to lend the railroads money the offer would be snapped up, but the facts are that there is no more money to spare the railroads. They have gone as far as they can on the basis of short-term notes, and they cannot finance any further extensions until the situation clears up enough to enable long-term bonds to be sold. Several systems might be named that would be glad to sell either bonds or notes, but they must wait."

Ald. Hanns, of Victoria, B. C., who has just returned to his home after an eastern tour, visited Port Arthur to investigate the municipal franchises. The city, he says, controls the electric light, telephone and car service. The gross earnings last year of the city were \$64,227. The telephone system has to compete with the Bell Company yet it gave a net profit of \$1,692 after allowing for all expenses, depreciation, etc. The charge to those using business phones is only \$2 per month, while the rate for residences is even less. The profit from the electric lighting plant after all expenses were paid and \$1,700 allowed for depreciation was \$11,201. Power is generated from the falls on the river head the city.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has unequivocally condemned the Harriman railway policy, which aimed to secure control of practically all the transcontinental railway systems of the United States and eliminate competition. It is admitted that railway properties secured by Harriman were not permitted to run down, but if he had got control of all competing lines the public interest must have suffered. The commission makes it clear that railroads should not be made the playthings of speculators, but made a safe investment for shareholders. Mr. Harriman declares that the report is a political document, but its politics will find great favor with people of all parties.

As an illustration of what they think of playgrounds in Toronto, note this from the Toronto World:—"Did you know there was a place over on Broadview avenue—No. 275—where 500 or 600 boys are given an opportunity to do all the things many, active, healthy and good-hearted boys want to do, and are saved the temptations of the street and the slum after school and office hours? The World is trying to interest boy-loving citizens in the project, and to raise \$1,500 towards the payment for the five and one-half acres of property. Make cheques payable to the Sterling Bank." The World acknowledges subscriptions of one to fifty dollars, to the amount of \$377.

"Pressure to sell force." "Tin down in all positions." "Copper heavy and weak." "Lead slow and easy." are headlines in Wednesday's New York Journal of Commerce. The predicted slowing down appears to be in progress.

Any who are surprised that the provincial government cannot easily borrow money should read the article on The

## OBITUARY

Death came unexpectedly to Benjamin W. Stackhouse at his residence, corner of Richmond and St. Patrick's streets, Thursday. Mr. Stackhouse was a carpenter, employed at Loch Lomond. A few days ago he complained of illness and was removed to the city. His death was entirely unexpected and proved a severe blow to his family. He was fifty-two years of age and, besides his wife, leaves one daughter, Ida, at home, and one son, Joseph W. Stackhouse, of St. Patrick street. Burial will be made at Loch Lomond on Saturday.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. J. W. Nobles, of Ottawa, which took place in Toronto Thursday, will be heard of with regret by many in this city and throughout the province where both Mr. and Mrs. Nobles were well known. Mrs. Nobles was formerly Miss Sprout, of Sussex, where she and her husband lived for a number of years until their removal to Ottawa some years ago. Mrs. Nobles had been in Toronto but a short time, having gone there on a visit to her son only a few weeks ago. Soon afterwards she was taken ill and had to undergo an operation in one of the hospitals there.

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As a little child they must humor him. When the hair is white and the eyes are dim. Ah, do not fear at his childish ways. That try one's patience through dreary days. He's living over the life he knew. In boyhood's valley of gold and blue. As a little child on a mother's breast. His heart is weary; he wants to rest!

As a little child he must have his way. In his thought of youth and his dream of "play." He has forgotten his time and place. And lives in the joy of the childhood spell. As a little child in the childhood spell. He hears the chimps of the fairy bell. And thinks he is young, as a boy again In the rosy weather and country lanes!

As a little child with his hand in theirs They lead him forth as his dainty fancies. His hair is white and his form is bent. His voice is soft as a sacrament. When he calls the names that are on the wall. As if they were sweet in the living bloom. He has forgotten, he does not know. He isn't a child in the long ago!

Second childhood they call it: Yes! Old heart, grown young in the dream of play. Poetic fondle and polished hand. Are lost in the vision of childhood land. He hardly sees and he seldom hears. But ever the voices of vanished years. Are singing sweet as they sing of old In the gates of youth and the fields of gold!

As a little child he is comparing now. His friends who slumber beneath the bough. He calls their names and he hears them laugh. And he calls to them in his childhood chaff. So sweet, so good, that he does not know. They are dust of bloom where the roses grow. And only the shadows of life are there. In the violet vales and the country air!

Worn and weary and weak and old. He is wandering back to the days of gold. He thinks he is holding the little hand. He holds in the morning of Other Land. Or silver ripple and golden gleam. With hair grown white and his eyes grown dim. As a little child they are leading him. - Baltimore Sun.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

AN UNFORTUNATE AMBIGUITY. Parson—"There is the other man who used to be here as keeper?" Park Gate-keeper—"He's dead, sir." Parson (with feeling)—"Dead! Poor fellow! Justified the great majority, eh?" Park Gate-keeper—"Oh, I wouldn't like to say that, sir. He was a good enough man, as far as I know."

## DIDN'T FLATTER HIM.

"Mildred, dear," said the happy youth, who had just been accepted, "I can scarcely believe it's true! What in the world did you ever see in me?" "Nothing, Gerald," she answered, "telling with a tuck of his coat. 'I think it was your magnificent possibilities that attracted me.'"

## FATE OF THE FORGOTTEN.

Charles M. Schwab, speaking of forgotten fame, said: "I am reminded of a story about Westminster Abbey. 'An antiquary one day visited the abbey, and found a stonecutter at work in the little chambers, recutting the name of Wilson, the great tenor of Shakespeare's day. The antiquary began to tell the stonecutter about Wilson, how he had been Shakespeare's best friend, and Ben Jonson's, and Kit Marlowe's, and how all these men loved and admired him. The stonecutter, looking up from his work, frowned and shook his head. 'I wish, sir,' he said, 'we'd known he was such a swell afore we run that drain-pipe through him.'"

## SELF FOOLERS.

Robert Hyde, the noted vellum illuminator of Santa Barbara's colony of artists, was talking the other day about work. "A disinclination to work is the artist's great trouble," he said. "A lazy artist will fool even himself about his work. He says in his journal that he has worked seven hours when he knows well that half of these hours were passed in dreaming."

"Home to father, sir." "But surely your father doesn't drink beer," said the minister, "now that he has signed the pledge?" "Oh, no, sir," said the girl. "He don't drink it. He only soaks his bread in it."

Chatham, N. B., July 18.—Advertisements are out asking for two policemen and a marshal for the town of Chatham and it seems as though the law representatives were to be changed. The present representatives are charged with being too self-satisfied and the council have decided to dispense with them. There is a feeling that the men will be re-engaged at the end of their thirty days, but the police commission are anxiously waiting for applicants.

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