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THE MAYOR OF HALIFAX.

It is not certain that serious international complications will result from the action of Mayor Crosby of Halifax, the story of which is told in full from the Halifax papers on another page of today's Times. It is not even certain that war between Halifax and St. John will ensue. No doubt there is a disposition on the part of some of our people to make a demonstration off Sambre with Wun Lung and the Ouangoudy, but they are needed in this harbor. It is questionable, moreover, whether they could make an impression on Mayor Crosby.

As a matter of fact, it is not certain that the mayor was actuated by belligerent motives, or that the criticism to which he has been subjected is deserved. The Halifax Recorder says he is wrong in assuming that Mr. Barbour is an American citizen, and in asserting that a Canadian engineer could not get a job in the United States. Of course that is true, but is the mayor to be censured for his lack of knowledge? Of course he might have read in the newspapers over and over again that Mr. Barbour was a St. John man, who had been engaged to report on the water system of St. John. But he may not have time to read the papers. A mayor has a lot of work to do. For the same reason he may never have learned that many Nova Scotians, including some from Halifax, are prosperous civil engineers in the United States. A mayor is a busy man. But the Recorder also asserts that from Oct. 6th until well on in November the mayor never discovered that he had any objections to a Boston engineer. This is quite possible, but easily explained. The mayor was too busy.

But may there not be another and entirely different explanation? May not the action of Mayor Crosby be part of a clever scheme to boom the city of Halifax? He has seen that the Tourist Association has been doing excellent work for some years, and that more recently the board of trade has got a vigorous new secretary, enlarged its membership and strengthened its organization. The purpose of all this is to advertise Halifax, direct attention to its charms and advantages, and derive profit therefrom. It is now proposed to secure the Dominion exhibition for 1906. All this cannot but have impressed the mayor, and aroused in his breast a desire to be of some substantial use to the city. The opportunity came and he seized it. What better advertisement could a city have than the fact that it has Mayor Crosby? The Tourist Association will be able to add to its list of public attractions, such as the public gardens, the warships, the North West Arm, the garrison chapel, the forts and the soldiers, a sentence to this effect: "Halifax is the home of Mayor Crosby." The American tourist who might not be moved by the enumeration of other attractions would doubtless say to himself: "I want to see the town that stands for Crosby." The man who is surfeited with exhibitions would say: "I don't care anything about the Dominion exhibition—but it is worth the price to see Crosby."

Looking at the whole question from this standpoint, it would appear to be good business to make Mr. Crosby perpetual mayor of Halifax.

There does not seem to be a particle of foundation for the rumor that the mayor was afraid a St. John engineer would pollute the springs from which Halifax derived its water supply, or feared that he would do anything to make the harbor water more susceptible to the influence of frost.

COME ALONG, GOVERNOR.

"We do not know that the time will come, but we suspect it will, when it shall be recognized, with the consent of the motherland and the approval of the people of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, that the welfare of all requires that but one flag should float over this whole country."—Gov. Bates of Massachusetts.

It is of course possible that eventually the British flag "will float over this whole country", including the United States, but the prospect is too remote to make the subject one of pressing interest at this time. The governor of Massachusetts might, therefore, discuss more timely topics. If he meant to suggest that the American flag would float over these provinces, he was discussing a far more remote possibility. Most public men in the United States are now aware of the fact, and it is not creditable to the intelligence of Gov. Bates to say that he is not. We may therefore assume that he is thinking of a time when the United States will desire to be annexed to Canada. At the present time, however, Canada would not be prepared to consider such a proposition.

This country would, however, be quite willing to annex the state of Maine—and possibly the whole of New-England. A portion of this territory should never have been lost to New Brunswick. If Gov. Bates is prepared to submit a proposition along these lines, it will receive due consideration. The larger scheme of the annexation of the whole of Uncle Sam's territory does not enter into the calculations of a single Canadian. They are not sure, in the first place, that it would benefit Canada to take over the whole continent; and in the second place they would regard it as somewhat presumptuous, if not unneighborly, to assume that at this stage the people of that country are not equal to the task of self-government.

This statement is not made to discourage Gov. Bates. If he wants to get under the British flag, let him come over the border at once. A cordial welcome will be extended to him, and unless he goes to Halifax he will be given a steady job.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

Business conditions in the United States appear to have improved of late. The railways have a larger traffic, and prices of most staple goods are at a high level. Any uncertainty caused by the presidential election has been removed, and the assurance that there will be no marked change of policy has increased the confidence of merchants and investors.

A very interesting article on the recurrence of cycles of good times and dull times appears in the Boston Transcript, which tends to show that periods of reaction from good business conditions are shorter than they were years ago. The Transcript says:—

One year ago we reprinted a brief summary of the "swings" of business activity and reaction since the end of the Civil War, and it may be interesting to reproduce it just at this time:—

Table with 3 columns: Years, Period of, Years. Rows include 1868-1873, 1873-1877, 1877-1882, 1882-1886, 1886-1892, 1892-1903, 1903-1904.

Really, the era of advance, begun late in 1896, is still in progress, the 1902-03 reaction being an "incident" or correction of the over-heat in discounting "good times," subsequent events having brought back the upward swing. It will be noticed that the years of depression are fewer than those of advance—twelve only of the last thirty-six. One year ago it was asked, "How long will the present reaction continue?" That was at a time of suspended confidence, after the collapse of the 1902 boom. Now we have the answer—the reaction lasted but a year and one-half, or from September, 1902, to the spring of 1904; the recovery so far as stocks are concerned, dated from March of this year, since when an average rally of \$25 is shown in closing prices of 25 leading stocks which at current prices average only \$6 under the 1902 highest.

One year ago a writer in the Hartford Times observed that "by the time of the next presidential election another advance movement will be in." The readjustment in business conditions now going on should be completed before the end of the year 1904." And so it was—long before. Undoubtedly the tendency in our business life is towards shorter periods of reaction. Conditions are becoming more stable and the change for the better in basic elements of business—currency, credit, confidence—make for less and less protracted depression, more and more of expansion and "resiliency."

A contractor, who has been building railways in the Canadian west for the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., has been telling the people of a Michigan city something about the growth of Winnipeg. He says the city is growing at a remarkable rate. "The Canadian Pacific," he said, "is building the largest yard in the world at Winnipeg. It will contain seventy miles of track. The company is also erecting a combination hotel and depot at a cost of \$1,200,000. Winnipeg is growing like the proverbial green bay tree, and it is no inflated boom, either. I would say that there are not less than fifty fine buildings now in course of construction there, most of them in the business district."

A New York despatch says:—"In order to obtain an expression of local public opinion favorable to international arbitration, and especially to the treaties recently negotiated to that end by Secretary Hay under the direction of President Roosevelt, it was decided yesterday at a meeting of prominent citizens to hold a public meeting here on the evening of Dec. 16. Invitations to speak are to be extended to Former President Cleveland, Governor Odell, Carl Schurz, Bishop Potter, Archbishop Ireland and John Mitchell of the Miner's Union."

All Canadians, regardless of political affiliation, join in congratulations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the attainment of his sixty-third birthday, with the promise of added years of distinguished public service.

THE WINTER LECTURES.

Programme Announced by Natural History Society.

An at home, was held by the Ladies' association of the Natural History Society, on Saturday afternoon which was largely attended. The event was preparatory to the course of lectures arranged for the winter. Mrs. George F. Matthew, president of the Ladies' Association received the guests, and was assisted by the vice-president, Mrs. G. U. Hay and Miss Jack.

Dr. Matthew gave a description of the valuable collection of old Acadia relics contained in the museum, most of which were presented by Dr. A. C. Smith.

Gordon Leavitt spoke of the society's collection of New Brunswick birds, and Dr. Hay took for his subject the collection of ferns owned by the society.

The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Frank Holman and Mrs. George Murray, who were assisted by the following young ladies:—

Miss Purves, Miss Jarvis, Miss Calhoun, Miss Dunbrack, Miss Hatheway, Miss Gilchrist, Miss Hayworth, Miss Price, Miss Bullock and Miss Kerr.

The following programme has been arranged by the ladies for the coming season.

Jan. 12—Emerson and Nature, Mrs. Emma S. Fiske.

Jan. 19—Scenes in Rome and Naples, Mrs. George Murray.

Jan. 26—Glimpses of a Quaint Old German Town, Miss Homer.

Feb. 2—Children's day—Nuts, Miss Ethel Jarvis.

Feb. 9—Notes on China, Mrs. James R. Warner and Miss Purves.

Feb. 16—Scenes from the Life of Huxley, Mrs. George F. Matthew.

Feb. 23—Some relics of the French Occupation of Acadia, Miss Alice D. Jack.

March 2—Children's day—Our Feathered Friends, A Gordon Leavitt.

March 9—The Land of Kia-ora, Miss Olive.

March 16—Voices from the Meadow, Mrs. George U. Hay.

March 23—Reunion of members. A series of elementary lectures or talks will be given during the winter beginning Tuesday evening, January 10th, and continuing on following Tuesday evenings, not occupied by the regular meetings of the society, until finished.

These talks, which will be of the most elementary character, are for the benefit of the ordinary and associate members of the society; but a limited number of children and pupils from the schools will be admitted on producing a ticket containing the name and number of each applicant. Tickets may be obtained at the society's rooms on Saturday afternoon, January 7th, or on application to the chairman of the lecture committee.

The following are the subjects and lectures of the course:—

The Elements of New Brunswick Geology, by Dr. G. F. Matthew, January 21st and 24th.

A Preliminary Talk on Plant Life, by Thomas Stothart, January 31st.

The trees of New Brunswick, by Dr. G. U. Hay, February 14th and 21st.

On Bird Classification, by A. Gordon Leavitt, February 28th.

On Types of Insects, by Wm. McIntosh, March 14th.

On Fishes, Reptiles and Frogs, by C. F. B. Rowe, March 2nd and 8th.

Dec. 6—An Earthen Pot of the Stone Age, G. F. Matthew, D. Sc., and S. W. Kain.

Jan. 3—(a) Birds That Hunt and are Hunted, A. Gordon Leavitt; (b) Additions to list of New Brunswick Plants, G. U. Hay.

Jan. 17—Annual meeting, president's address, election of officers.

Feb. 7—(a) The Magdalen Islands, Their People and History, W. F. Hatheway; (b) Physiography of Grand Lake and Its Affluents, W. S. Butler.

March 7—(a) Pain, Geo. E. Melvin M. D.; (b) Archaeological Notes, S. W. Kain.

April 4—A Talk on Our Insect Collection, W. McIntosh; (b) Notes on Our Fishes, C. F. B. Rowe.

May 2—(a) Bird Notes, J. W. Banks; (b) Function of Plants, J. Brittain.

June 6—(a) Report of the delegate to the Royal Society; (b) The Geology of Rockwood Park, G. F. Matthew, D. Sc.

Professor W. F. Ganong will contribute a series of papers on the Physiography of New Brunswick, Dr. Jas. Fletcher, entomologist and biologist, of Ottawa may be in St. John during the coming winter, and, if so, will give an address.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS. Rev. A. H. Foster, if St. Matthew's Presbyterian church left this morning for Halifax to attend the annual meeting of the Maritime Home Mission board. One of the subjects that will receive consideration is the appointing of a missionary to the lumber woods. Rev. Jas. Ross, of Carleton, who is also a delegate will leave for Halifax tomorrow.

TEMPLE OF HONOR. A new Temple of Honor, is to be organized in Carleton, in a very few days. The names are now being chartered and the election of officers will take place in about ten days.

The Alexandria Temple of Honor, will re-organize the juvenile section on Friday evening, Nov. 25. All boys from 7 to 12 years of age are invited to join.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. At the Royal—George Sanderson, Halifax; George W. Gardner, Charlottetown; A. H. Clark, Kingston; Geo. Hunnack, Montreal; T. Loya, T. C. Allen, Fredericton; J. Norris, Mrs. J. May, Montreal.

At the Victoria—John G. Greer, Galt; O. F. Windermere, Toronto. At the Clifton—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Batur, M. Stevens, Montreal; H. F. Fraser, Halifax. At the Dufferin—Robert D. Adams, Truro; H. Murchie, St. Stephen. At the New Victoria—Alfred Clarkson, Newark; Edward Vickers, New York; Alex. Veisstein, Meville; Chas. Dewese, Portland.

NOT SO MANY MILLIONAIRES.

There is a great misapprehension as to the number of millionaires in New York and in the world. Chauncey M. Depew, said recently that there were 100,000 millionaires in the United States. According to a great commercial agency, which is probably nearer right, there are only 7,000. The Financial Red Book, a most carefully compiled publication, gives the names of practically all the persons in the United States who are supposed to be worth more than \$600,000. And there are only 15,000 names on the list. No claim is made that the name of every person worth that amount or more is given, but the proportion of those left out is extremely small, for a most exhaustive investigation has been made. In the last few years there has been a marked tendency among men of wealth to conceal the amount of their worldly possessions. The first incentive in this respect is the vulgar prominence given to the man that has lots of money. There are other reasons men have for suppressing knowledge of the amount of their wealth. Some wish to avoid heavy taxation and give false returns. Another man may have made his money in a business not commonly supposed to be especially lucrative and he doesn't care to have his acquaintance blazoned forth to arouse competition.

A SOUND REASON.

(From New York Press.) "I'd like to have the day off next Wednesday, sir," said young Thompson to the Senior Partner.

The Senior Partner frowned. He did not approve of holidays.

"We don't like to establish the precedent of giving time off," he said. "But I have some rather important business on hand," urged young Thompson.

"And I suppose no one possible could attend to this important business but you," sneered the Senior Partner.

"Well, not very well, sir, because, you see—"

"Young men are too prone to overrate their own importance," interrupted the Senior Partner. "It's a common failing among them to consider themselves indispensable, when nine times out of ten they are only blocking the way of better men. Now in this little business matter of yours, no doubt, if necessary, you could deputize some one else to attend to it for you—some one just as able and just as willing as yourself."

"Without doubt, sir," said young Thompson, "but as I'm to be married, the lady has conceived the notion that I am indispensable to the ceremony."

PAPER CLOTHING. A London wholesale haberdashery concern has introduced a species of paper undersuits and hosiery, samples of which are now being shown in the New York markets. These goods are offered at popular prices and save laundry bills. Japanese paper handkerchiefs are selling more freely than formerly. A specially constructed "clean" is on sale to go with them. Separate divisions are provided for clean and soiled kerchiefs, the latter being burned.

ALLEGED HUMOR. Blodgett—You'd hardly call Hennessy a cold water man, would you? Stalphen—Why not? The capitalization of his concern is more than two thirds water.

Deacon Jones—Didn't I see you coming back in a saloon last evening? Slingsby—Lucky for me you didn't see me when I was going in. I might have had to pay for somebody else's drink besides my own.

Fuddy—Do you consider Mrs. Faquer a woman of rare intelligence? Duddy—That's just what she is. She has the faculty, you know, of conversing about lots of things she doesn't know the first thing about.

Mrs. Knicker—So you want your husband to give you something he has made himself? Mrs. Bocker—Yes, about \$500.—(Harper's Bazar.)

"De only thing dat some people gits out 'education," said Uncle Eben, "is de ability to talk so's other people can't understand 'em."—(Washington Star.)

"Bridget you must be more careful with your dusting. I declare I could write my name upon the piano." "Deed, ma'am, 't's yerself has the grand eddygashum."—(Town and Country.)

"Why did the congregation hurry out so suddenly after the benediction?" The sexton makes them leave their umbrellas in the vestibule and those who get out late haven't much of a choice."—(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Mr. Gayboy—You certainly look fine. You're getting stouter. The Widow—You flatter me. Mr. Gayboy—Not a bit. You're as plump as a partridge.

The Widow—At first I thought it was fatig, but now I see you are trying to make game of me.—(Brooklyn Life.)

"I hear you were disappointed in the love interest of a friend. I suppose your complaint was that he didn't rise to the occasion. No, my complaint wasn't that he did it, but that he seemed disinclined ever to sit down again."—(Philadelphia Press.)

Bronco Bill—Just before Roaring Dan was lynched, he said he hoped he would meet all de boys in heaven. Grizzly Pete—Did, eh? Bronco Bill—Yes, an' de boys said dey hoped so, too, so dey could have de fun uv lynchin' him over ag'in.—(Judge.)

"Does your coachman have any perquisites?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle. "He had one once," replied her hostess "but the doctor said it was brought on by bein' out too long in the hot sun. My 'bent' don't know what I'd do with a person round me that had them regular."—(Chicago Record Herald.)

"Such a dowdy shapel! I don't see what he could see in her." "Perhaps he is marrying her to reform her."—(Houston Post.)

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THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

The Canadian government's fishery commission will, it is learned, suggest to the government drastic measures towards securing for Canada the benefits of the big sardine catch in the Bay of Fundy waters instead of having it go to the canneries of the Sea Coast Packing Company and other concerns at Eastport and Lubec (Me.). The commission also agreed upon recommendations dealing with the lobster fisheries, but not to affect the season of 1904-05. Col. Tucker (chairman), R. E. Armstrong, of St. Andrews; A. J. S. Copp, M. P. of Digby, and E. C. Bowers, of Westport (N. S.), members of the commission, arrived in St. John Saturday after holding a meeting in Ottawa.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Vaudeville at its best, will be seen at York Theatre tonight, when the 10th week will be commenced. There are 8 big feature acts, and the longest and strongest bill of the season. It will be headed by Barr & Evans comedy creators, whose wit is irresistible. A hearty laugh is the reward for all who see them. Belmont and O'Brien English travesty artists, are excellent in their line. They write all of their own songs, and prove worthy additions to any programme. Erni & Taylor are laughable in their burlesque circus, and roller skating. John M. Irvin, the Bowery poet, is a hit on any bill. His natural humor is very entertaining. Burke and Dempsey, are high class conversationalists, and create much laughter. Alice A. Thornton, the little sunbeam, is a neat little artist, who is an especial favorite with the ladies. Williams and Melburn, are clever banjo sketch artists, and will make a big hit here. An extra act has been engaged for this week, the Madison Bros., a special attraction for two seasons, they have been with the Peck's Bad Boy Co. Their act of physical culture is sensational. Matinees will be given at 2.30 p. m., commencing Tuesday. Prof. Walbert's beautiful white horse Dahl, will be seen week of Nov. 28th.

CROSBY U.S. BARBOUR.

(Fredericton Gleaner.) It may be a popular move on Mayor Crosby's part to veto the appointment of F. A. Barbour of Boston, who was engaged to report on the water works system of Halifax, but his is not the action of a broad-minded man. Although Mr. Barbour resides in Boston he is a British subject, eminent in his profession, and should be treated as such.

MARINE NOTES.

C. P. R. Montrose is due at any moment from Antwerp. When Purser Smith returns from his vacation he will join the Boston, and Mr. Bligh, who is at present relieving him, will be transferred to the company's offices at 126 Hollis street, Halifax.—Yarmouth Times. A Bathurst correspondent writes that S. S. Kilkel, which recently went ashore off the Points, stripping her propeller, is now undergoing repairs at Sumner Company's wharf. Bark Westmoreland from this port arrived at Rosario Saturday.

The lady shopper approached the floor-walker in the great department store. "I am looking for some Japanese calico," she said. "Japanese calico!" he echoed in surprise. "Yes, something that will not run," she explained.—Chicago News.

"Yes, she married him to reform him." "Same old story, eh? I suppose her people feel just awful about it?" "Oh, yes, they do. You see, he straddled up and became a model husband and citizen, and hasn't done a single thing they can gossip about."

"You know Jones, who was reputed so rich? Well, he died the other day, and the only thing he left was an old Dutch clock." "Well, there's one good thing about it, it won't be must trouble to wind up his estate."

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