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## THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving Day, like every other day in the year, finds thankful people, and people who are not sure in their own minds that they have much cause for rejoicing. Almost on the very eve of the festival, a young girl, weary of life, by her own hand ends it. A man going on board his vessel, falls to his death. Persons die or are maimed in train wrecks, or sink in the storm swept waves. Along with joy goes sorrow; with wealth, poverty; with faith, doubt. It is well, nevertheless, to set a day apart for collective recognition of human dependence upon the Divine, and of the blessings which the years bring to the race.

## MR. BARBOUR'S MISTAKE.

The dark suspicions nursed in the bosom of the mayor of Halifax have taken the edge off the Thanksgiving joy of this devoted city. Mayor Crosby has refused to allow a native of St. John to report on the water system of that town. It appears that Mr. Barbour made a grievous mistake. He should not have gone to Boston and risen to a higher place in his profession than was open to him in the limited Canadian field—and he should not have allowed himself to be born in St. John. He will know better next time. He will be born in Halifax, and stay there.

It is a sad thing when a youth entering upon his existence is guilty of two such grievous errors as those of which Mr. Barbour has been guilty. Mayor Crosby has issued a timely and useful warning. Hereafter persons about to be born will be more careful about the place of their nativity, and if by any misadventure they should first see the light of the world in any other place they will as quickly as may be proceed direct to Halifax and report at City Hall.

## RECIPROCITY.

The Times republishes to-day from the Montreal Witness a very interesting review of the various efforts made by Canada to secure reciprocity with the United States. It is not the most cheerful reading, for the reason that all efforts failed, though both political parties in Canada joined in the negotiations. There has been a great change in Canadian sentiment since the failure of the last attempt, and now the general feeling is one of indifference. This fact is recognized by our neighbors. For example, the New York Globe, after the recent Canadian elections, said:—

"A mistake will be made by the American press and people if Sir Wilfrid Laurier's great triumph in the Canadian election is interpreted as a victory for closer trade relations with the United States. While the tendency of the Liberal party, of which Sir Wilfrid is the chief, is against Chamberlainism and in favor of interchange of commodities with the United States, Canadian statesmen of all parties are practically agreed that Canada has gone as far as she should in urging reciprocity upon us, and that future negotiations must originate on our side of the border."

The Globe is not entirely correct in its reference to the liberal party and Chamberlainism, but it has rightly gauged Canadian feeling with regard to reciprocity.

## RUSHING TO CANADA.

Mayor Edwards, United States consul general, who has just returned from Fargo, North Dakota, to Montreal, made the following statement to the Herald:—

"The proper way to describe the manner in which the people of North Dakota are coming over into Western Canada is to say 'they are coming over in droves. Among the people there does not seem to be any thought of there being a boundary line at all.'"

"It is simply a question," added the Mayor, "of there not being any more land in North Dakota and the surrounding states, and the people are flocking to Canada to get good farm lands. Naturally the number that will come over will increase all the time, and I may say the people you are getting are the best people in the West. They are well supplied with money and are well acquainted with the conditions under which they will have to work."

## A MONTREAL SENSATION.

The Montreal city council is trying to discover whether it dare investigate the police scandals in that city until specific charges have been made, although such charges have actually been made by the keepers of respectable houses, and the chief of police has resigned and half a dozen officers have been dismissed.

Meanwhile public opinion has been aroused to such an extent that it cannot be ignored. The mayor has received a letter from Mgr. Racicot, Catholic Vicar-General of the city, conveying the news to the city council that the Catholic clergy is willing to join hands with civic officials in a crusade against vice. The letter reads as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:—Owing to the absence of the Archbishop of Montreal, the duties of the administration of the diocese

rest upon me, and I deem it my duty to inform the city council that the clergy will lend the aldermen its co-operation in a crusade against the ravages of public immorality of which the good citizens of Montreal are now so alarmed.

Let us unite against the invasion of vice, which is becoming more and more audacious and shameless, and is exhibiting itself with revolting cynicism.

The time has come when we should repulse an enemy which will ruin the people and destroy Christian purity and our moral force.

Let us succor the unfortunate woman who has fallen from the right way by helping those institutions which shelter women against vice.

If the civil and religious authorities work hand in hand, there is every reason to believe the result will be satisfactory.

By such concerted action the principles of faith which govern Christian morals will be better safeguarded, and the means employed be more efficient.

Kindly accept, Mr. Mayor, my warmest wishes.  
(Signed) Z. RACICOT, V. G.

The letter has been sent by the Mayor to the Police Committee, and the committee has been asked to report at once upon it to Council.

## HON. MR. FITZPATRICK.

The Montreal Herald says:—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, the minister of justice, has announced to his friends that he will take a short rest, and will sail for England on Thursday on the Allan line SS. Tunisian, in company with Lord Minto. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick will be accompanied by Miss Fitzpatrick, and will be absent till the beginning of the new year.

A Quebec despatch to the Herald adds the following:—"It is now definitely known here that the rumor that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, will shortly resign his portfolio in the Dominion cabinet to become the solicitor for the Grand Trunk Railway, is premature. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, it is said, will retain his portfolio for the present at least."

Mr. W. D. Lighthall, who is well known in connection with the League of Canadian Municipalities, is in the field as an independent candidate in St. Antoine division, Montreal, with a platform of clean government and municipal rights, along absolutely non-party lines. He states that he has consented to become a candidate for the Quebec legislature at the request of many liberals and conservatives, and will certainly stay in the field unless a straight party fight develops.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier, a leading conservative of Quebec, has written a letter to the press, stating emphatically that he stands loyally by the manifesto of Hon. Mr. Flynn, leader of the opposition, in which the latter declared that the conservatives would take no part in the coming provincial elections. He vigorously attacks Premier Parent for bringing on the elections at so early a date, and declares that no conservative should enter the campaign.

The Toronto board of control and fire committee have decided to recommend that the city council submit a by-law for an expenditure of \$700,000 for increased fire protection. The scheme includes a high pressure system, water from the bay through a series of mains laid through the congested district and five gas driven pumps with a capacity of 8,000,000 gallons in 24 hours.

Mayor Urquhart of Toronto has introduced a resolution at the board of control, setting forth that in view of frequent breaches of the contract by the Toronto Street Railway company, the council should take steps to expropriate the system. City Solicitor Fullerton says the city has that power. It will be discussed at the next meeting. The stock now sells at about \$200 per share.

The building boom in Winnipeg this year has been extraordinary. The permits totalled over \$9,100,000, and an even greater record is predicted for 1905. When one compares the value of buildings erected in St. John in a year with these figures the phrase "wondrous west" has a fuller meaning.

The three months' operations of the Intercolonial ending with Sept. 30 shows a loss of \$201,980 compared with a surplus for the same period last year of \$56,950. This is not cheerful reading, since the large company roads have been doing better business.

An Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Herald says that Mr. Aylesworth, who was defeated in the federal campaign, will not enter the cabinet at present, but devote himself to his law practice.

Matthew Hutchinson, K. C., who has been appointed a judge of the superior court of Quebec, is a native

of Halifax and was educated in London, Ont., and at McGill. He was from 1878 to 1891 a professor of law at McGill. As a lawyer he has handled some very important cases.

The Ottawa city council asked the street railway company at what figure it would sell to the city. The company has named the modest figure of \$2,500,000. But the court of appeals has decided that another company can use this company's poles for wires. That may make a difference.

Goldwin Smith may be a pessimist, but he is also a philanthropist. It is announced that he has purchased a block of land on Gerard street, east of the River Don, in Toronto, for the purpose of erecting buildings thereon for dwelling houses suitable for working men.

An Ottawa despatch states that Sir William Mulock has made up his mind not to go to England to attend the Pacific Cable conference until after the next session of Parliament. The conference will in all probability be postponed until next June or July.

It is gratifying to learn that the services of Prof. Robertson, who has resigned the office of commissioner for agriculture, are not to be lost to Canada. One of the notable achievements of the conservative government of Canada was its discovery of Prof. Robertson.

A Glasgow paper prints a story of Arthur Balfour treating a crowd, one of whom was the Japanese Minister. Everybody had named his drink except the Japanese, who in reply to Mr. Balfour's nod said: "Oh, I'll just take port, Arthur."—The Chicago News.

The Times is indebted to the Sun Printing Co. Ltd., for a well printed, tabulated statement of winter port trade between St. John and the United Kingdom since the business began in the winter of 1895-6. It is a useful compilation.

Montreal street railway earnings last week were \$47,166.74, an increase of \$2,972.34. The Toronto street railway earnings were \$44,523, an increase of \$1,481 over the corresponding week last year.

The Ontario courts have decided that neither Christian Brothers nor anybody else can teach in the separate schools of the province without provincial certificates. This settles a vexed question.

Cheese shipments from Montreal this season have crossed the 2,000,000 point, while butter is still going out very freely and the shipments are about 150,000 packages ahead of a year ago.

The city of St. Thomas, Ont., has decided to take over the gas and electric light and power property of the town from a company, at a cost of \$196,866.88.

SIGNED  
A TREATY.England and Portugal  
Agree to Arbitration.

London, Nov. 16.—The Anglo-Portuguese treaty of arbitration was signed at Windsor Castle this afternoon.

King Edward, in a felicitous speech, expressed his own and the queen's thanks and gratification for the visit, recalling the hearty welcome he himself had received at Lisbon last year.

"I am glad to think," he said, "that the feeling between our two countries is of the most amicable kind. It dates back a long period nearly seven hundred years ago, when the first treaty between Portugal and England was made in the reign of Edward I. About one hundred years later a treaty was made at Windsor, and I am glad to think that this French-Canadian treaty of arbitration has been signed here. Long may the good feeling continue which now exists. Long may we work together for the cause of humanity and for the maintenance of peace."

The company then drank to the health of the royal guests. The King of Portugal said:—"I am profoundly touched by your majesty's speech. I thank your majesty in my own name and in that of my queen for your most cordial and hearty reception, which we most sincerely appreciate. The words you spoke at Lisbon, which now have become historic, have touched the hearts of all my subjects. Our alliance, as your majesty has just said, is of ancient date, and I am happy to say your majesty will always find the same loyalty and the same class of men as those who in former times shed their blood side by side with Englishmen."

King Charles, concluded with an expression of sincere gratification with King Edward's efforts in the interest of peace, which had been for the good of humanity at large, and which were furthered by the treaty signed today. In the name of himself, of his queen and of Portugal he drank the health of King Edward and Queen Alexandra and all the royal families.

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 17.—Arbitration treaties will shortly be concluded between Switzerland and Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Germany and Sweden and Norway.

ECHOES OF  
THE STORM.Vessels and Lives  
Lost Along the  
Coast.

## PERILS OF THE SEA.

One Crew Escaped by a  
Rope—Another Taken  
Off After Being Lashed  
to the Mast 24 Hours—  
Some Went Down to  
Death.

Rockport, Mass., Nov. 16.—While attempting to run into the harbor just after dark tonight the fishing schooner General Hancock of Rockport, Mass., struck on a rock at the western entrance and will be a total loss. The crew of four men reached land through the high surf by passing hand over hand over a rope thrown to them from rocks and made fast from the schooner to shore.

Machias, M. E. Nov. 16.—Three persons are believed to have lost their lives in the storm Sunday night. Today an auxiliary fishing schooner was found, sunk in six fathoms of water near Spruce Island, five miles from Rockport.

The boat was believed to be the auxiliary schooner Unas which left Sunday and in the gale of that night is supposed to have struck on the ledge outside Spruce Island and sunk with her crew, consisting of the owner, Captain John Wallace, Walter Davis and an unknown man.

Washington, N. C., Nov. 16.—Captain Williams and three others left here Sunday on the schooner Misson. Storm bound at Indian Head, they anchored off the shore, but the wind blew them from this anchorage and the boat was capsized and all on board drowned. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Philadelphia Nov. 16.—After having been lashed to a mast for more than 24 hours and with hope of rescue almost abandoned, Captain Fish-C. C. Sweeney, was taken from their perilous position Tuesday afternoon by the steamer Hawaiian from Honolulu for this port. The men suffered greatly from exposure to the weather but are apparently no worse for their experience. The brig left Charleston early last week for Philadelphia with a cargo of lumber and encountered the southern hurricane Sunday off the Virginia coast. The brig withstood the terrific wind and sea for a short time only, and then became waterlogged. The deckload and houses were swept away and the vessel finally broke in two. The crew then climbed the mainmast and lashed themselves in the mainsail to keep from being washed away. They remained in this position until Monday afternoon when the tide rose and had moderated enough to permit them to return to the deck of the half sunken hulk. The vessel was not sighted until Tuesday morning when the Hawaiian responded to their distress signals and rescued all hands. The brig was abandoned in lat. 36. 30 N. long. 73. 45 W.

Other reports of Sunday's great storms are still coming from the sea. The Hawaiian also reports having passed a four masted schooner, bottom up with masts floating along-side, about 70 miles southeast of the Delaware Capes.

The British steamer Regulus from Colliers Cove, N. E., for this port, reports having encountered the hurricane.

## SETTLING QUEBEC.

Over Two Thousand Settlers Al-  
ready Placed North of Mon-  
treal.

During the past season there has been an increase of over 15 per cent in the number of colonists that have been placed in lands in the district north of Montreal, the Metapedia and the Lake St. John districts.

Besides being a very large increase in the number, there is a big improvement in the class of colonists that have been taking up the lands. There was quite a large percentage of French-Canadians who have returned from the New England States and many were the sons of farmers in the older townships.

A 3,000 have been located since the beginning of the year.

In addition to those placed in this part of the country, a number of French-Canadians went to the Canadian West. Most of them settled in the French parishes in Manitoba.

## AT THE YORK THEATRE.

There has never yet been a better show given by the Hyde company than that presented this week at the York. Every act is worthy of special praise, and the audiences are not backward in showing their appreciation. Last night there was not a moment that was not enjoyed.

Vaudeville is delighting a great number of citizens, and many return to see the same show again proving conclusively that high class vaudeville will wear.

A special Holiday matinee is being given today. The present company give but five more performances.

## THE HERO.

He was a soldier of the Czar, And he had come back home from war; A bandaged head him hero made, As he into a Tomsk bar he strayed. They asked of him news from the front, "I only know," he'd say, and grunt, "We slaughtered all the Japs in sight, And then retired ten versts at night."

The soldier of the Czar they gave Tobacco, since he was so brave, And he would tell them much more news He smoked and drank and thought awhile And then he told them with a smile, "We slaughtered all the Japs in sight, And then retired ten versts at night."

Mrs. Gramercy—Which of your social duties do you find most exacting?

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A GOOD MAN  
RESIGNED.Prof. Robertson No  
Longer Commis-  
sioner of Agricul-  
ture.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Professor Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, has resigned his position. The resignation will take effect from the first of the year. It is not intended to fill the position. The work will be rearranged so that the present staff will cover it. Mr. Riddick, who is assistant dairy commissioner, will no doubt be placed in charge.

Mr. Robertson is going to take charge of a large agricultural college and experimental station which is to be established at St. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal, by Sir William McDonald, the Montreal millionaire. Professor Robertson will have full control. There will be classes in scientific agriculture, and also a department for original research.

The college will be located on a seven hundred acre farm, which will be available for practical demonstration. Sir Wm. McDonald has already purchased the Reford farm and some adjoining properties for this purpose.

James Wilson Robertson was born at Dunlap, Ayrshire, Scotland, Nov. 2, 1857; and is the son of John Robertson by his wife Mary Wilson. After serving in a commercial house in Glasgow he came to Canada in 1875 and embarked almost immediately in the business of cheese-making. At once his skill became noted and nine years later he was manager of eight large cheese factories in Ontario. In 1886 he was appointed professor of dairying in the Ontario agricultural college and, in 1890, he was appointed dairy commissioner and agriculturist to the central experimental farm maintained by the Dominion government at Ottawa. He was also honorary resident lecturer of Dairy Husbandry at Cornell University, New York, 1888 to 1890. The mammoth cheese exhibited at the World's fair in 1893 was manufactured under his supervision.

Prof. Robertson has accomplished many noteworthy and important results in connection with his office one of which is the general introduction of the system of making ensilage into Ontario and the other provinces. In 1897 he was appointed honorary secretary of the provincial committee for establishing a fund in connection of the Victorian order of nurses in Canada. In the same year he departed on a mission to Great Britain for the purpose of bringing before the boards of trade, chambers of commerce and produce and provision exchanges in a few of the large cities the improved transportation facilities provided by the government for the carriage of Canadian food products to the British markets. An adherent of the Presbyterian church he married in May, 1896, Jennie, only daughter of John Mather of Ottawa. Mr. Robertson's career since 1898 is familiar history to the people of Canada.

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

Toronto, November, 16.—The Court of Appeal handed out judgment in 22 cases yesterday. The Court affirms the judgment of Justice MacMahon, enjoining the separate school board of Ottawa from entering into a contract with the members of the Christian Brothers who did not hold properly qualified certificates as required by the Public School Act.

The Christian Brothers claimed they were members of a society which had the right to teach before the passage of the British North America Act. Justice MacMahon held that this right did not hold now, and the Court of Appeal upholds that decision and dismisses the appeal of the Ottawa Separate School Board.

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