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WHAT PORTLAND EXPECTS.

The following despatch from Portland, Maine, is specially commended to the friends of St. John:—

As a matter of fact, the Grand Trunk's biggest elevator here was not run to half its capacity last winter if it was operated at all. Some of the steamship berths were not utilized because there was no press of business. There is no limit to what land and harbor front the Grand Trunk can control.

The company looked ahead when its transcontinental scheme was hatching and secured an option on land and water to cover its expected expansion of business from Canada. It today controls thirty acres in South Portland alone for warehouses, track yards and general business, not one foot of which has yet been touched, as well as indefinite harbor front privileges.

These are the reasons why the Grand Trunk magnates as well as ship laborers of Portland are putting up every effort to retain Laurier in power.

Canada's exports via Portland last winter amounted to almost \$18,000,000, all of which should have gone via Halifax and St. John. That was over fifty per cent. of the total exports from here. Ninety steamships, mostly British, were in this port last year.

As the Portland board of trade says in its last report: "The Grand Trunk is still carrying out the march of improvements, and anything which it may do further up the line, or even in the west, tends to help Portland, its seaport terminus, and we may on the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific look for an increase in Grand Trunk business in this city."

ABOUT LITTLE MEN.

The Times a few days ago printed a letter from Mr. E. C. Burpee, a government official, who wrote to this effect:—

"Will you kindly take my name from our subscription list, as I cannot afford to pay the same price for waste paper that I do for newspapers."

A long letter appeared in the Globe last night finding fault with this paper for printing the letter, and the Moncton Transcript yesterday contained the following editorial comment.

Mr. Burpee didn't want waste paper, and he said so. That was within his right. This is a free country. If Mr. Burpee required waste paper he needn't go to St. John, there was The Times' Moncton namesake much more handy.

But Mr. Burpee had a sound excuse for writing the letter. He never subscribed for the paper but he did subscribe for The St. John Gazette as a liberal newspaper. This was purchased for Mr. David Russell, and transposed into a Tory newspaper. Mr. Burpee would rather forego the balance of his subscription than, as an I. C. R. official loyal to the chief of his department, receive or countenance a newspaper which scandalously abused that chief every day.

One or two observations may be made. The publishers of the Times, though its subscription price is higher, undertook to send it to all persons who had paid in advance for the Gazette, for the balance of the term of such subscription. The Times was costing Mr. Burpee nothing. If he did not want it he could have stopped it without enclosing a sneer. The Times is not a Tory newspaper and has not scandalously abused Mr. Emmerson or anybody else. Possibly Mr. Hawke advised Mr. Burpee in the matter, in his general capacity as railway adviser of the government. The pair of them appear to have made a nice mess of it. The incident is now closed.

THE TIME IS SHORT.

There are only three more working days before the elections take place. It is the duty of every opponent of the G. T. P. gift enterprise to work hard during this brief period, in order that the verdict may be an overwhelmingly decisive one. The government party are working with desperate energy in an endeavor to cut down the majority against them, and they should be met at every point. The opposition leaders should see to it that the best men available are secured to work at the booths, to watch their opponents and make it certain that the will of the people is fairly expressed. Whatever remains to be done to complete the work of organization and present a united and enthusiastic front to the political foe should be done at once. The friends of Portland, Maine, are very busy. The friends of St. John have an equal opportunity—Let the defeat of the G. T. P. be a rout.

ST. JOHN'S INTEREST.

No portion of Canada is more vitally interested in the issue of the present campaign than is the city of St. John.

The chief rival of this port is Portland, Maine. For years the citizens have seen a large volume of

Canadian trade carried through the Maine port, taken there by the Grand Trunk railway and its steamship connections. If the Canadian portion of the trade were taken away Portland would have a much less number of steamship sailings every winter.

The Grand Trunk seeks to control the traffic of the new transcontinental railway. There is no secret about it. Everybody knows it. And everybody knows that the Grand Trunk will divert every possible pound of traffic to its own port. Mr. McKeown professes to believe that the government can prevent such action. But the contract does not provide any protection for Canadian ports. The right thing to do is to terminate the arrangement and protect the interests of our own ports.

NO GUARANTEE.

All talk about what the government will be able to do to compel the G. T. P. to bring freight to this port is a waste of energy. The contract has been made, and has been amended once in the interests of the company. There is nothing in the contract to compel the company to use Canadian ports. If by-and-by the company wants more concessions it will have an excellent chance of getting them from a government which has already sacrificed the interests of the country in the contract to which it has agreed. The safe thing to do is to defeat the whole scheme. Then the people will be in a position to control the road that is to be built with their money.

IN KENT COUNTY.

The Moncton Transcript says:—"Pascal Hebert was nominated by the McInerney crowd in Kent on Thursday, in the hope of dividing the French vote and depriving the Acadicians of the seat in parliament. LeBlanc will whip the two of them."

Mr. Hawke in his heart knows this is not true. He further knows that a delegation was recently sent from Moncton to try to call off Mr. Hebert, LeBlanc's star in Kent has wanted. Mr. Hebert will split the liberal vote and it is conceded by prominent electors in that county that Mr. McInerney will be elected. The blustering of the Transcript are well known in that county, and the fictitious editorial statements made in a mood of desperation will go for exactly what they are worth.

There is a lot of talk about the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company. The name Pacific may as well be dropped. The real company with which the country has to deal is the Grand Trunk, with its terminus at Portland, and with its desire to get more Canadian trade for that route.

Portland, Maine, seems to derive more satisfaction from the Grand Trunk Pacific contract than any Canadian city. It is the only Atlantic port that has a Grand Trunk rail in sight. (Charlottetown Guardian).

If the editor of the Liberal News should have a lapse of memory and proceed to discuss Mr. O'Brien and the Globe people in a former vein of appreciation there would be wigs on the green.

The young man, casting his first ballot, should not cast it in favor of a policy which would sacrifice the interests of Canadian ports for the benefit of Portland, Maine.

The defeat of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. McKeown will be a declaration by the people of St. John, that in their view Canadian trade should come to Canadian ports.

A P. E. ISLAND VIEW.

Borden's Transcontinental will build up Halifax and St. John, Laurier's Transcontinental will build up Portland, Me. The interests of the farmers of P. E. Island lie in the building of Halifax and St. John, our best markets.

The harbor terminals of a great Transcontinental Railway employ thousands of dock laborers and officials. Does P. E. Island want to have those dock laborers and officials at Portland or at St. John and Halifax. Canada for the Canadians or Canada for the Yankees. Which is it to be?

Every vote for Martin and McLean is a vote for the building up of the Maritime Provinces and particularly of the cities of St. John, Halifax and Sydney. Every vote for Prowse and Warburton is a vote for the enrichment of Portland and the enlargement of a market for the farmers of Maine.

If the population of St. John and Halifax and Sydney were each to double, the value of farm property on P. E. Island would go up by leaps and bounds and the demand for P. E. Island farm produce be greatly increased. But instead of building up St. John and Halifax and Sydney the Laurier Transcontinental Scheme will build up Portland and a larger market for Maine farmers. Can P. E. Island afford to help pay for that.

WHEN WITCHES DANCE AND GOBLINS HOLD FULL SWAY

Hallow'e'en a Festival When Mirth and Mystery Unite in Merry Carousal—When Lovers Read Their Fate and Small Boys Play Their Pranks.

Monday is hallow'e'en. All Hallow's Eve, or hallow'e'en, as it is popularly called, seems to be the night above all others in the circling year that tradition has marked with strange characteristics. There is really nothing in the observance of the feast of All Saints which it immediately precedes, to suggest the origin of the singular customs, associated with this time of the year. Everybody knows that the Grand Trunk will divert every possible pound of traffic to its own port. Mr. McKeown professes to believe that the government can prevent such action. But the contract does not provide any protection for Canadian ports. The right thing to do is to terminate the arrangement and protect the interests of our own ports.

The prevailing impression of Hallow'e'en, is that on this, above all other nights, supernatural influences hold full sway, that spirits of both the visible and invisible worlds walk abroad, that the human spirit, assisted by supernatural power, can detach itself from the body and glide through space. Goblins, sprites, elves and all the inhabitants of fairyland, turn out in full force, to say nothing of witches and brownies. Cupid, too, plays an important part, indeed, he is almost the hero of this mystical time.

On this night, the power of divination is at its full height, and all who so desire, may call spirits from the unknown depths of their abode. In no corner of the globe is the mystic festival held in more affectionate remembrance, than in "Auld Scotland," and Scottish people everywhere hail its approach with delight. The feast has been immortalized by Bobby Burns, who in his well known poem, entitled "Hallow'e'en" tells of the ancient Scottish beliefs and customs, connected with it.

First of all, lad and lassie went hand in hand in the kail-yard, and with closed eyes, each pulled a stock of kail. If the earth clung to it, fortune was assured, and as the stalk was sweet or bitter, to the taste, such would be the disposition of the future husband or wife. Another curious practice, was to stand alone, before a mirror, candle in hand, and eat an apple, when it was believed the shadowy outline of future husband or wife could be seen peering over one's shoulder.

One of the most popular customs was that of nut cracking or nut burning. Two and two the nuts are placed on the fire. "And monie lads and lassies' fates, Are there that night decided; Some kiddle, couthe, side by side, And burn together triply. Some start aw' wi' saucy pride, And jump out ower the chimney."

While many of the old customs are still observed, many more have been added. Ducking for apples has always been popular, particularly with the bairns, and the still more ancient rite of kindling bonfires is almost universally observed. This custom gives the festival a semblance of paganism, because it suggests the idea of sacred fires to the gods.

Many of the old customs are modernized, for instance the pulling of kail. The Canadian youth or maiden pulls cabbage, and the modernizing of time.

this custom adds more to its meaning as regards predestination. If the cabbage is spare, and the leaves loose then your life partner will be frail and delicate. If the cabbage is solid and the leaves cling closely to one another your intended will be plump and rosy.

A weird custom for Hallow'e'en, is that of removing the pulp from a squash, cutting holes in it to represent eyes and mouth and placing a candle inside of it. It is then placed on the end of a pole on which a sheet has been arranged and carried through groves and down dark lanes, or sometimes placed upon gate posts.

Then came the Hallow'e'en parties, probably the most interesting of the whole year. Many of these gatherings take the form of a masked ball. Youths and maidens are arrayed in weird costumes,—bats, owls, hopgoblins, witches, and spectres. The little ones, too, have their part in the fun, and are gotten up to represent, fairies, sprites, elves, brownies, and over all these Cupid holds sway. In more than one college the king and queen of hearts or old father time hold high court; whilst at the preparatory schools the fairy godmother is the centre of attraction.

Then as to our own streets; to neglect them would be to leave out the small boy of the city, to whom the celebration of Hallow'e'en means the playing of pranks, which usually consist of with the kindling of immense bonfires, around which the lads gather and make plans to set the entire neighborhood in an uproar. All or nearly all, are provided with cow's horns, hollowed out, fitted with a mouth-piece and filled with oakum, in which has been buried a live coal. Armed with this formidable weapon they steal into a neighbor's porch, fill it with tarry smelling smoke, then ring the bell and get out of sight. Another trick popular among boys, is to select a house having a large knocker on the door. To this a strong black thread is attached; the tormentor, concealing himself on the opposite side of the street "keeps a-knockin'" much to the annoyance of the goodman of the house.

On Hallow'e'en too, the school girl invites her companions to a "spook supper." The invitation cards are ornamented with bats, fairies, witches, broom-sticks, and what not. At the table fortunes are told from the tea leaves in the cup, and various "spook" means are employed to determine the future. After tea all adjourn to the drawing room, and gather around the fire (alas in these modern days some houses are steam heated) where the ghost stories are told, which generally occupy the remainder of the evening, and as the merry party breaks up each of the members speculates as to whether the shadows of her ancestors will visit her during the night. And so the keeping of the feast of Hallow'e'en has been handed down from generation to generation and will probably be observed until the end of time.

Morning News in Brief.

There was a good attendance at the smoker held in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket Square, last night, by the electors of the ward and their friends. An entertaining programme was carried out, R. J. Wilkins was the host.

The Junior Mission Band of Brussels St., Baptist church, will hold a concert in the vestry on Tuesday evening next. The programme will consist of readings, by Miss Jump, Prof. Titus and Wm. Plummer, instrumental trio, by Geo. S. Hoyt, S. Guy Smith and Chas. Hoyt.

The school house at Silver Falls was crowded last night, when addresses in support of Dr. A. A. Stockton, the conservative candidate, were delivered by Ald. R. Maxwell, Mr. Boyd, of Ontario, and B. J. Franklin. Ald. Maxwell discussed the transcontinental scheme in an able manner, and the two latter speakers devoted their time to the tariff question and other matters. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

An audience that filled the large hall to the doors, greeted B. L. Gerow on Thursday evening, at Cole's Island, Queens Co. when he addressed a very successful conservative meeting. Samuel Parker was in the chair, and Mr. Gerow spoke for more than two hours, chiefly on the G. T. P. scheme. He was given a great reception. At the close of the meeting six or seven old time liberals announced their intention of supporting Mr. Wilmot in the coming election.

Rev. David Long, delivered his lecture on the Canadian west, in the Portland Free Baptist church, last evening. There was a large audience present, and a silver collection was taken.

Hazen O. Barnaby, son of W. H. Barnaby, of the firm of Manchester Robertson & Allison, fell down the elevator shaft in M. R. & A.'s establishment yesterday afternoon. He was attempting to step from the door of the print room, leading to the elevator, across the pit to the carpet room, when his foot slipped, and he fell down the shaft a distance of seven feet. Dr. Walker attended him at his home, and found that no bones were broken. He is suffering from severe bruises.

A reception was given, last evening by the young men's class of Main street Baptist church to the Acadia foot ball team, about 350 people were present, and a formal address of welcome to the footballists was delivered by Rev. H. H. Roach. Walter H. Golding on behalf of the Sunday school, addressed the members of the team, after which Capt. Howe of Acadia on behalf of his team, replied. A short programme followed including a solo by Miss Maud Scott, and a piano solo by Miss Marvin. Refreshments were served, and the enjoyable event closed with the college yell.

At the meeting of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, Montreal, on Thursday, W. H. Thorne, of St. John, was elected Lieut. Grand Comptroller, and J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, deputy for New Brunswick, for the next three years. Thomas Scott was taken to central station last evening, suffering from severe bruises on his head, caused by falling down the stairs in his boarding house, Pond street. He was first taken to S. H. Hawker's drug store, Mill street, where the cuts were dressed. Subsequently he was conveyed in the ambulance to the police station, where Dr. Berryman attended him.

STRUCK BY A SQUALL.

Schooner Grace Darling, Captain Taylor, which put into this port, last Wednesday, from Cheverie, N. S., for Bowdoinham, Maine, with a load of plaster, and sailed for her destination on Thursday, put back to this port again this morning with the loss of her foremast head and topmast. The schooner was struck with a sudden northeast squall off Little River, Maine, yesterday, which disabled her, and the Captain decided to run back for repairs.

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Here's A Puzzle For Somebody

AND ALL ON ACCOUNT OF "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD"

"The hold upon the people of Annapolis county which this 'Royal Household' flour has secured of late is one of the most remarkable things I have seen in my eighteen years business experience," said an Annapolis county merchant who attended the Halifax Exhibition. I find that the majority of my customers absolutely refuse to take anything but "Royal Household" and I tell you it is almost a serious problem with some of us as to how we are going to sell the stocks we have of other fairly good flours.

A FAVORITE COMES BACK.

W. A. Whitecar With the Mummy and the Humming Bird at the Opera House Next Week.

"I go to the theatre to be amused," said one inveterate first-nighter when "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" had its premiere presentation at the Empire Theatre in New York City. "I like to laugh." "And I go to the theatre to be instructed. The play that will teach me something is the one I like best to see," remarked his friend. "White



JULES MURRY'S COMPANY. THE MUMMY AND THE HUMMING BIRD. SEPT. 1904.

I come here to weep," was the characteristic remark of one of the ladies in the party. "Well, we all should be well satisfied then with this play that we are witnessing to night, for it certainly has the power to amuse, to reach and to cause one to weep. It is just simply, great." The verdict that was then pronounced upon "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" by that first-nighter in New York has been confirmed by thousands and thousands of theatre-goers all over the civilized world; for this greatest of all modern comedies has undoubtedly caused more people to laugh, to weep and to applaud than any other play that has been seen in years. The local management is to be commended for booking this excellent attraction at the Opera House, Friday night, Nov. 4, and Saturday matinee only, with Mr. M. A. Whitecar in the role of Lord Lumley.

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FIFTY YEARS IS A LONG TIME.

(Contributed to Moncton Times.)

A young man and his mother sat before an open grate fire.

"The third of November will be one of the most important days in the history of Canada," said the young man, gazing thoughtfully into the fire. "You will cast your first vote on that day," said his mother, looking up from her book with a smile. "Yes," he said, "and a great many other men will do the same, but I was thinking that something is to be decided on that day which will affect us for fifty years."

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