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CIRCULATION, 5,000.

UNANIMOUS IN SENTIMENT.

The meeting at the Institute, Thursday night, gave no uncertain sound of the sentiment of St. John and the maritime provinces on the question of a Canadian policy.

There are no two opinions that Canadian trade should be done through the ports of Canada. It is not a debatable question.

Nor was there any diversity of opinion in regard to Mikado COLLINGWOOD SCHIEBER. On the contrary there was a pleasing unanimity in the belief that he is no gentleman.

Mr. SCHIEBER would make an excellent general manager of railways for the czar of Russia. He should go to that country. Canada can spare him.

It is the general opinion that SCHIEBER must go.

A GOOD START.

The enthusiasm that has greeted the mention of a carnival drive, next Wednesday, and the active, eager preparations for it show what St. John people can do at short notice sometimes.

Why should St. John not be the Montreal of the maritime provinces? We have willing citizens and plenty of organizations to make such an event a complete success.

Another thing which causes deep dissatisfaction among the travelling public is the exorbitant charge of \$2 for three hours in a sleeping car between St. John and Moncton.

Even if a man is coming from Moncton only, he is not inclined to pay \$2 for such a brief ride. As a consequence, many people who would cheerfully pay \$1 refuse to be imposed upon, and "tough it out" in another part of the train.

Perhaps the authorities will see their way clear to oblige the public in this matter.

A GOOD WORK WELL DONE.

Fredericton and the people of York county are just beginning to thoroughly appreciate what was done for them when the Victoria hospital was established.

There are at present ten patients seeking health and strength in the Victoria hospital. They are receiving every attention that a well conducted institution such as this can give them.

In the near future there may be another addition erected. When that time arrives the generous and energetic lady who has the credit of the present structure may again rely on the help of the public.

A good work is being well done.

Mr. G. E. FENETY's interesting letter on this page contains a graphic description of

a state legislature in the neighboring republic. New Brunswickers might note with surprise that there was no opening flummery, no military parade, no cannon fired, and no gubernatorial body in attendance.

The BRYDENE-JACK memorial scholarship fund is growing slowly. It would seem that no real effort has been made by any graduate to raise the money.

All breeders of Irish bulls will have to haul in their horns in the presence of the unconscious humorist who is writing Florida letters to the Charlottetown Examiner.

It is now generally conceded that the epidemic was first brought here from Cuba, via Key West and Tampa, by an Irishman by the name of MIKE ROBE.

Owing to the pressure of matter, an interesting letter from Rev. GEORGE BRUCE, on Sabbath observance, in reply to A. L. P., is held until next week.

"The glorious climate of California" will please take a back seat after this winter of ours.

WHAT A TRAVELLER THINKS.

Some Hints of Matters Which are Not Satisfactory on the I. C. R.

Why do the Intercolonial officials continue to insist on the conductors carrying books of coupon tickets for cash fares?

The system is all right in theory. It is designed to compel passengers to buy their tickets before starting on their journey.

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But I send up my song to the star That is gleaming and glowing— And the woes of my weaknesses are As excuse for its going— To foreshadow to waiters for long One clear star that will never Lose its place in the heaven of song.

TO CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

In the sky there is many a star, But the wan West is showing That a planet has journeyed afar And is gleaming and glowing Over space out of sweep of our sight.

While we grope on resigning Blinded eyes to the need of the night— Since in some sky 'tis shining.

In my heart there is many a song That is born with its beating— But no strain seems transcendently strong When my heart gives a greeting: It is heard—and the silence that falls When it passes sound's portal.

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But will shine on forever!

—Walter L. Sawyer, in The Dominion Illustrated.

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SOUTHERN LEGISLATORS.

G. E. F. GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF LEGISLATION

In Tallahassee, Florida—There is no "Grand Opening"—The Members get Down to Business in Short Order—A Description of the Senators.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 14.—As I do not write for pay, but for pastime, I feel under no restraining influence in giving vent to my opinions, but send them to PROGRESS for what they are worth.

The legislature was convened here last Tuesday for a special purpose, to consider a health measure and to make provision for warding off, as far as possible, another yellow fever attack.

There was no ceremony, parade or procession in the opening. Instead of appearing in person, the governor sent down his speech (or message) to be read by the president of the senate before both branches of the legislature in joint convention.

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