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## THE ALLANS ONCE MORE

The traditional dislike of the Allans for the port of St. John appears once more to have found expression, this time in a secret attempt to withdraw the steamers to Halifax. The last time the withdrawal was made, it was accomplished with a boldness and dash which made leading St. John business firms appear to be a party to the affair, and their breath was quite taken away when they discovered what they had been so artfully induced to endorse. This time, however, the company appears to have worked underground. Efforts to learn all that was going on have failed because of the secrecy observed, but it has been whispered for some time that the interests of this port were in some danger. If members of the board of trade knew about it they gave no sign, and when interviewed had nothing to say. Doubtless they were looking into the matter and making representations in the proper quarter, but until this morning the facts of the case were not made public. Then the news came from Ottawa to the Telegraph, in the following despatch:-

"It is understood that the Allan Steamship Company have been pressing upon the government very strongly to withdraw their service for a time with St. John, because their vessels are liable to accidents by running to that port. They wanted to run to Halifax instead. It is learned from reliable sources that the Messrs Allan have been advised by the government that they will not be permitted to withdraw their service from St. John."

The action of the government in this matter is prompt and commendable. Had the Allans been permitted to withdraw their boats at the time their large turbiners are due to go on the route, the word would have gone forth that St. John is not a safe port and could not accommodate large steamers. This might have seriously affected the reputation of the port. Instead of such a result we will have the big steamers coming here with safety, and vindicating the port.

The Times has been falsely charged in the recent past with working in the interests of the Allans. Then, as now, this paper stood for the best interests of the port of St. John. It therefore urges the city council, the board of trade and the St. John members of parliament to inform themselves and the public fully on this matter, in order that the citizens may know from what they have been delivered, and what arguments they may have to refute, in the interests of this winter port.

## THE WESTERN MARKET

"The western business continues to increase month by month, and the company is now forced to consider the erection of an addition to the Amherst factory for the purpose of keeping up with orders from Manitoba and the western provinces."

The above statement was made the other day by a member of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Co. It emphasises what has been said in this paper about the growing value to lower province manufacturers of that great market which has been opened up in the far west. It was noted in the Times many weeks ago that the shoe factory in Fredericton sold most of its output west of New Brunswick, and was doing a profitable business.

These facts are full of interest for St. John people. Why is there not a shoe factory in this city? The committee on industries no doubt have this question under consideration. The point it is here desired to emphasise once more is that the western market offers a fine field for the products of eastern factories, and St. John should take advantage of its opportunities.

## THE YEAR 1905

The year that closes tomorrow has witnessed many notable events. Chief among these was the conclusion of the war between Russia and Japan, which has so marvellously changed the whole aspect of the eastern world and brought a new and powerful influence into world-politics.

The year has also seen the beginning of a new era in Russia, which though it is attended by shocking events will ultimately give the people wider liberty and a more democratic form of government.

In the United Kingdom the year has seen the resignation of the conservative government, and the return of the liberals to power, with a lively renewal of the agitation for Home Rule in Ireland and a sharp fight in prospect over the fiscal question. The empire is at peace with all the world.

In France the final separation of church and state has been accomplished. The year saw some threats of renewed trouble between France and Germany, but all difficulties were happily overcome.

Norway and Sweden have become separate kingdoms, the union being dissolved by mutual consent, and Norway achieving the independence her people so ardently desired.

In the United States, President Roosevelt has strengthened his hold upon the affections of the people. The year in that country will be chiefly memorable for the rude awakening of the public conscience by revelations of rascality in high finance and graft in politics, the heads of some great financial institutions and some notable political bosses going down before the wave of popular indignation.

In Canada the most notable event has been the inauguration of two new provinces in the great west. The magnificent crops of the year, the continued rush of immigration, the general prosperity and the steadily growing importance of Canada in the eyes of the world are facts that all Canadians regard with pride and satisfaction.

Says the New Freeman:—"A report that comes via Restigouche County reaches The New Freeman that before the opening of the legislative assembly Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., will become a member of the provincial government; and Mr. McLatchey, M. P. P., will be appointed county court judge of the northern districts of the province in place of Judge Wilkinson, retiring on account of age."

It will be seen by Bradstreet's statement printed today that there were about twice as many failures in New Brunswick this year as in 1904, but that the total liabilities were less than in the former year. It is true that the assets were also less, and that the statement for both years is not nearly as favorable as that of 1903.

A Toronto firm of grocers and liquor dealers have had two clerks and seven drivers of delivery waggons arrested, charged with stealing on a large scale. In the face of recent revelations the name "Toronto the Good" seems somewhat ironical.

The St. John Star cannot forgive a succesful rival. This is an infirmity of small minds.

## HUGH OF THE ALLANS

(From Daily Telegraph, Oct. 19, 1903.)

Listen, my children and you shall hear
(Some with a smile and some with a tear)
How Hugh of the Allans came to town
—Came and whispered as if in fear
—Came alone, with a heart bowed down
To the Union Club, a tale to tell
—A tale of woe and a prayer for aid,
—A prayer in secret—and prayed so well
That they who listened were sore afraid,
Lest Hugh of the Allans should tear his hair,
Or throw some fits in his wild despair,
Or turn his back on the town for fair.

Then one said "Hist!" Said another, "Hist!"
"For the C. P. R. has him on the list;
"If we aid him not in his hour of need,
"The world will mock us because of greed.
"But tell it not, not a single word,
"To one of the long-eared rabble herd,
"Hide it from even the little bird,
"That sometimes ruins the shrewdest plan
"By giving a tip to the other man."

And so, my children, the game was played,
And the prayer that Hugh of the Allans prayed
In secret, was answered the self-same way,
E'en as he wished it, the self-same day,
But lo! It was found when the answer came'
(Forgive me, my children, this tear of shame,
For I had cherished the city's fame)—
This Hugh of the Allans had made but sport
Of the wise old guys of the Winter Port.

And on that day, ere the sun went down,
A voice from Borden and Fielding's town
Was heard to cry:—"Ha! Ha! Oh, say—
"It must be foggy in Fundy Bay—
"Perhaps their harbor is out today."
St. John, my children, was always wax
In the hands of the builders of Halifax.

And now 'tis done—my tale is o'er,
Two Allan steamers will come no more;
But let them mock us as they will,
We have the Quangondy still.
The Union Club is with us yet,
—Perchance 'twill aid us to forget,
How Hugh of the Allans came this way
To meet a man and found a jay.

## FAILURE OF SOCIALISM

(Toronto Globe.)

That men will continue to vote for conditions under which they would refuse to live is a truth obvious to all who take more than a casual glance at the public affairs of any country under popular institutions. It is also evident that men will subscribe to theories of life and theories of government in absolute sincerity, while contradicting these same theories by the course of their daily life and conversation. This peculiar bent of mind is seen in the Socialist cult or organization who subscribe to an altruistic faith not in accord with their own natures nor with the spirit that moves humanity. They think that man can be made or induced to love his neighbor as himself and still continue to love himself ar ardently as at present. But the countless ages through which the human race has evolved have not developed the kind of humanity that is depicted in the Socialist's imaginary ideal. Man is an individualist, whatever altruistic creed he may subscribe to, and this fundamental and inevitable principle of human nature stands out as clearly in the lives of the Socialists as in the common course of human experinece. A Socialist may go about doing good to others, but it is and always must be his good and not theirs that he bestows on them. A Socialist may found a communal colony or organization, but it is always an absolute despotism, composed of himself and those who can be bent to his will. Such success as Socialistic communities have achieved has been due to the fact that they were unconscious despotisms under strong men.

The Socialistic theory, although it fails to read the human riddle aright, is a political force that often exerts an important influence. It gains strength by every obvious defect in existing political and industrial systems. Its assumption that there exists an all-ruling power for good known as the State, to whose hands all things can safely be entrusted, is quite seductive to the unthinking. The few instances in which Socialistic principles are good-naturedly tolerated make persuasive arguments. Men are willing to pay as much for the carrying of a letter from one street to another as if it were carried to Britain or Alaska, and that is made the basis of much theorizing. But the spontaneous individualism of all Socialists can be trusted to individualize their organizations before they can seriously attack natural human institutions.


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## SIR WILFRID CAMPAIGNING

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves this afternoon to take part in the political campaign tomorrow in Compton. The premier will speak at Cookshire in the afternoon and Lake Megantic at night.

At a meeting of No. 4 Hose Company last night it was decided to have an entertainment in their quarters New Year's Day. There will be a reception for the friends of the members, afternoon and evening.

## MORNING LOCAL

James Pender will not have to go to Toronto to answer a charge of combine in the tack business. Mr. Pender received official notice yesterday afternoon that he will not be required to go as he has been out of the tack business for ten years.

The marriage of J. Dill Dunlop, a popular young barber, and Miss Nellie C. Purkiss, of Marysville, is to be solemnized on Monday evening, January 1.

L. P. D. Tilley will address the gospel temperance meeting in Union Hall, North End, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock; special music, strangers cordially invited.

## THE TARIFF COMMISSION

### They Will be in St. John on Monday, January 8.

Hon. A. T. Dunn, collector of customs, received yesterday from J. Bain, secretary of the tariff commission, a telegram announcing the following dates for the commission's sitting in New Brunswick.

Newcastle—Wednesday, Jan. 3.
Fredericton—Thursday, Jan. 4.
St. Stephen—Friday, Jan. 5.
St. John—Monday, Jan. 8.
Moncton—Probably, Jan. 9.

The board of trade also received yesterday from Mr. Bain a telegram giving Monday, Jan. 8, as the date for the sitting in St. John. It is likely the board of trade room will be used and the board requests that any one having objections to the present tariff to make will communicate with the secretary of the board.

Representatives of the hardware firms in the city held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the board of trade to organize and discuss the preparation of a report to present to the tariff commission. A further meeting will be held early next week. W. H. Thorne is chairman of the organization.

## UNION SLUGGERS ARE CONVICTED

### Officers of Chicago Union and a Paid Slugger Convicted of Conspiracy

Chicago, Dec. 29—Five officers of the carriage and wagon workers union and two hired sluggers tonight were found guilty of conspiracy, and all of them will be sent to the penitentiary unless they are granted new trials.

The severest punishment was inflicted on Charles Gilhooley, leader of a gang of sluggers, who was sentenced to the penitentiary and fined $2,000. The other men found guilty are Henry Newman, financial secretary of the Carriage & Wagon Workers' Union No. 4; Charles Casey, secretary of the Union; Edward Shield, recording secretary; Charles H. Deutsch and John Helden, members of the executive board, and Marcus Looney, a hired slugger.

The specific case in which the men were tried was that of Charles J. Carlstrum, who, while returning home last April, from a factory where a strike was in progress, was attacked by two men and lay unconscious on the frozen ground for several hours. He died two weeks later from pneumonia, contracted, it was said, at this time.

During an investigation of the teamsters' strike, last summer, George Meiler, a former president of the Carriage & Wagon Workers' Union, turned state's evidence and declared his union hired sluggers to intimidate non-union men. As an example he cited the Carlstrum affair.

## SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

### A British Columbia Clergyman Protests Against Proposed Legislation on this Subject.

(Daily News, Nelson, B. C.)

We have read with great pleasure a communication by the Rev. H. S. Akehurst to the Kamloops Standard, dealing with the subject of Sunday observance in general and the proposed Lord's Day Alliance measure in particular. Mr. Akehurst writes with commendable frankness and we trust that his example will be widely followed by the clergy throughout British Columbia. The dominion government and the parliament of Canada should be given to understand clearly and unequivocally that the legislation proposed by the Lord's Day Alliance is entirely at variance with the conceptions of liberty and justice held by the great mass of the people of this country. Rev. Mr. Akehurst's timely letter reads as follows:

To the Editor of the Standard:

Dear Sir,—There have been sent to me forms of petitions to the senate and commons of Canada seeking the enactment of legislation on Sunday observance. May I be permitted space in your paper in which to explain why I am unable to sign these or canvass for signatures. These petitions must be taken in connection with the enacting clauses of the law which the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance is strenuously advocating. These petitions, besides making illegal the Sunday indulgence in many innocent recreations, will deprive many working people of the only opportunity they now have of spending a few hours in the healthful open air of the country, and so escaping for a brief spell the soul-deadening surroundings of their daily life. This act will not prevent the rich from using their own carriages, boats and other conveyances, or from employing their domestic servants on the Lord's day, but the poor who cannot afford such possessions, and have few, if any, opportunities other than Sunday of using public conveyances for pleasure, will be debarred from doing so on that day. Must we conclude that hired service is for the rich a necessity, but for the poor a desecration of the Sabbath? Is it just to refuse a public concession of those kinds of recreation to the poor which the rich have long taken without hesitation? Above all is it wise to multiply restrictions and requirements beyond what is essential, when we know that men so hemmed in break the artifical barriers, and in doing so with a sense of guilt become hardened and prepared to transgress commandments of divine and eternal obligation. Let us in all lawful and expedient ways try to ensure to every man his weekly day of rest, though that may not in all cases or on all occasions coincide with the Sunday. By all means lawful let us try to lead men to what we believe to be a right observance of that day. But as Christians we have no right to go further than St. Paul did when he said: "one man esteemed one day above another," while "another esteemed every day alike," the apostle only said, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

Much of the work of the Lord's Day Alliance is commendable, but their proposed law in its present form seems neither advisable nor just, and to sign their petitions, though very general in form, would signify approval of the law.

Thanking you for your courtesy.

Yours truly, H. S. AKEHURST.

## OTTAWA MAYORALTY CONTEST

Ottawa, Dec. 29—(Special)—Ald. Black has resigned from the mayoralty contest. It will therefore be a straight fight between Mayor Ellis and Mr. Taillon.

H. G. Hunter engineer on the water works construction paid his first visit to the works after vacation yesterday. He reports good progress on section 2 and says the work of laying the reinforced concrete aqueduct through the dry bog should be completed today unless the heavy rain of last night caused unexpected delay. On section 3 the lining of the tunnel is being proceeded with as quickly as possible. On section 4 everything is in readiness for closing down at any time the frost should render it necessary.


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