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AN OBJECT LESSON

Perhaps the Times should revise a former statement to the effect that most of the capital for new industries must come from abroad. It was noted that a great deal of money had been sent away from this city for investment in mines and other speculative enterprises—and much of it lost—that might have been profitably invested in home industries; and this paper was of opinion that at the present time it might be difficult to secure enough home capital not otherwise invested to go very far toward the establishment of new factories. But an item in this morning's Telegraph is very suggestive. It is to the effect that eight hundred dollars per week has been going out of this city for investment in a loan company in Toronto. Eight hundred dollars per week would be over \$41,000 per year. It is perhaps fair to assume that many other outside schemes are attracting St. John money in like manner. If so the aggregate, if invested in a prosperous home industry, would give employment to a very large number of artisans and add greatly to the prosperity of the city.

How can such a state of affairs be brought about? What can be done to make St. John people have faith in their town as the people of Amherst, for example, have faith in their town? What can be done to make the St. John man or woman with a little money to invest look about for an opportunity to invest it at home, instead of securing the continent for an investment that in many cases proves a losing venture? We hear of the local failures, but nobody is eager to tell about losses in outside investments.

The writer remembers a story told him by a St. John man who wanted to enlist local sympathy in a St. John enterprise. He went to one and another citizen and everywhere received commendation and assurances of sympathy, but very little financial encouragement. He learned later that one citizen who professedly had not a dollar to invest outside of his own business was really indulging in foreign speculation.

If the board of trade committee, or any committee of citizens can submit a statement showing that some particular industry could be started here with a practically assured prospect of success, this ought to be a good time to do it, and to appeal to St. John people themselves to take stock in it rather than in speculative enterprises in distant places, of which they know little and which confer the benefits arising from the expenditure upon other places.

But this of course does not lessen the need of action to awaken the interest of outside investors in the advantages possessed by St. John as a centre for manufacturing purposes. The meeting held in the board of trade rooms last evening should be productive of good. It should set people thinking. There is great need of local patriotism in this matter. This is not a scheme of the board of trade to help the board of trade, but a movement for the good of the whole city. Those who have practical ideas should make them known, so that out of the variety of counsel there may come a result of practical benefit.

BOSTON ELECTIONS

Mr. John F. Fitzgerald, Democrat, was easily victorious yesterday over Mr. Louis A. Frothingham, Republican, in the contest for the mayoralty of Boston. The Baptist minister, well known in St. John, who is reported to have said in a sermon on Sunday night that he did not care to see Boston ruled by the Irish is probably not satisfied with the result, for the new mayor, district attorney and many of the aldermen are of Irish descent.

While there were two other mayoralty candidates in the field, the struggle soon narrowed itself down to Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Frothingham. The former was denounced by the Republicans as a demagogue and the latter by the Democrats as the tool of the corporations. Neither charge was justified to the extent that it was hurled from public platforms and printed in the papers, but the campaign was a hot one. When it was over Mr. Frothingham took his defeat cheerfully and sent a message of congratulation and good wishes to Mr. Fitzgerald. Both are young men, both have been in politics for some years, and, as the Boston Post remarked, there was no reason to fear that the city would go to the bad, whichever of them became the mayor. The new mayor and the district attorney, Mr. John B. Moran, are both strongly pledged against graft in all forms. This is popular, at the present time, but the test will come in their administration.

As an illustration of the strenuous nature of political campaigning in Boston, it is worth noting that on Saturday Mr. Fitzgerald made thirty short speeches, being whirled from one place to another in an automobile. It was ten or twenty minutes talk, a cheer and a whizz!—and repeat.

IN SASKATCHEWAN

It is generally conceded that Premier Scott will win today's election in Saskatchewan, though not with such a sweep as was the result in Alberta. Mr. Haultain has great personal strength. He has, however, to fight against the patronage of two governments and the outspoken opposition of Archbishop Langevin. It would be remarkable if under these conditions he were not defeated. The result in Alberta showed that there is no great public protest in the new provinces against the school clauses of the autonomy bill, although Mr. Haultain makes them an is-

sue in the Saskatchewan campaign. A Regina dispatch to the Toronto Globe says there are no indications of a landslide either way. The correspondent says it is claimed that the government will carry six seats in the north and nine in the south, which would leave ten altogether for Mr. Haultain. This, he says, is perhaps a reasonable estimate, although he expresses doubt if Mr. Haultain can secure ten seats out of the twenty-five. The latter is conceded to be a better organizer and campaigner than Mr. R. B. Bennett of Alberta, and his personal strength is admitted; but the odds are against him.

THE NAUGHTY WEATHER

The weather set in milder last night, and the soft spell continues. Rain has been falling heavily at intervals this afternoon. The streets are slushy, walking is very disagreeable, and a check has been given to the eagerness of Christmas shopping. Umbrellas and rubbers are in demand. The day has been so dark at times that artificial lights have been kept burning in stores and offices not well lighted by windows. Even in the well lighted Times office it has been necessary now and then for members of the staff to turn on their desk lights to read with ease. Naturally, nobody likes this sort of weather at this time of year, and the merchants especially are dissatisfied.

BUILDING RECORD

The great demand for lumber in the American market is due to the great activity in the building industry. Note these figures from the New York Commercial:

"The big increase in building for the preceding months of the year were maintained in November, and the business continues upon a satisfactory basis in all parts of the country."

"During the month just closed, permits were taken out in 32 of the principal cities of the country, according to official reports to Construction News, for the construction of 9,765 buildings involving a cost of \$41,365,518, against \$3,627 buildings and \$33,347,149 for the same month a year ago, an increase of 1,138 buildings and \$7,818,378, or 23 per cent."

"New York shows a gain of 24 per cent, Brooklyn 38, Philadelphia 75, St. Louis 75, San Francisco 152, Cincinnati 66, St. Paul 131, Pittsburgh 43 and Omaha 443. Denver follows this strong lead with 223 per cent, and Washington with 132 per cent. Chicago was the only large city to show a falling off, with a loss of 12 per cent."

A MERITED REBUKE

The courtesies being extended to retiring officials of the big insurance companies who have been found out has aroused the ire of the New York Financier, which thus sharply calls the directors to account:

"It is pleasant to note that resignations of disgraced insurance officials and directors are becoming more frequent of late, but what can be said of the assinine amiability of the boards of directors of these companies which leads to resolutions of respect and regret over the retirement of men besmirched with every form of wrong practice, and worse? Is it an occasion for tears and lament that a man who, on his own oath, is guilty of mal-appropriation of thousands and thousands of dollars of the money of policy-holders, should step down and out? Is public esteem for a life insurance president increased by his statement in print that the retirement of an exposed director 'had not been asked for, and was purely voluntary?' or to read that another officer, forced to give up his position under fire, 'will remain a trustee of the company?'"

"Are directors so lost to the sense of duty that they condone offenses already proven, and further, endorse them by keeping official company with the men who have confessed guilt? If so, it is a matter of congratulation that the plundered policy-holders are not so lost to shame. When these selfsame easy-going directors hasten back to their banks and other business affairs, do they pass resolutions of esteem for the misguided clerk who may be caught in some petty embezzlement? —a board of directors which endorses an official caught with his hands plunged in the company's treasure box is establishing a queer code of honor for the young man entering business life, and the evil thus inspired will live long after the name of every pliable insurance director in the country is forgotten. It is high time that these men learned that a feeling of disgust is being expressed among honest men over such a course of stupidity and fat-headedness."

The war on the combining plumbers in Toronto goes merrily on. Two associations have been fined \$5000 each, and seven master plumbers have been fined from \$250 to \$500 each. But there are yet "some 150 members of the Master Plumbers' Association under charge of conspiracy before the police magistrate, and some fifty others have to face charges of having unlawfully conspired by deceit, falsehood and other fraudulent means to obtain money by fraud." After the plumbers have been dealt with, other combines will receive attention. The people are having their innings.

While St. John is talking about new industries, the farmers of the province might consider the question of supplying the home market with eggs, butter, beef, poultry, and some other products brought in from other provinces.

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HARCOURT

HARCOURT, Dec. 12—Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, Presbyterian minister, went to Wilmot Valley (P.E.I.) yesterday for a few days vacation, before the Strait navigation closes.

Miss Kate M. Keswick of this place has resigned her school at Coldbrook, an adjoining school, and has engaged to teach next term the intermediate department of Rexton Superior school.

Miss Agnes Perry of Acadiaville, who had to give up one of the Harcourt primary departments some time ago through ill health, will not be able to resume her school work this year.

James Walsh's new hotel at Kent Junction is nearing completion. It takes much custom that has hitherto come to the Harcourt hotels. People who travel over the Kent Northern used to take dinner here. Now they are served at Kent Junction.

James King, of the I.C.R. train service, has lately finished one and a half story dwelling house, on his lot next door to the Anglican rectory. James Campbell of Bass River was the contractor.

Miss Maggie Welwood is still confined to her house by illness.

Robert Wellwood has been ill several weeks, but is somewhat improved this week.

There have been several cases of chicken pox among the children lately, but all the patients are recovering.

Word has been received here that Miss Mildred MacKay of this place, who went to Manitoba last spring, was recently married at Neepawa (Man.) to George Crocker of that place, formerly of Miller-ton (N.B.).

SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Dec. 12—Ruby Rebecca Lodge entertained their sister, Amherst Lodge, last evening. Mrs. McDoull, president of the Rebecca Assembly for the maritime provinces, was present, and gave an interesting address. Misses Henry and Moffatt of Amherst also spoke briefly. Supper was served by Ruby Lodge.

Prof. Kidner, superintendent of manual training schools of N. B., was in town today.

Thomas Gass of Rodd's drugstore has accepted a position at Moncton, at Cook's drugstore, and will enter upon his new duties the first of the year. Mr. Gass' place here will be taken by Grover Hermer, post office clerk.

Miss Bly of Truro is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. L. Murray.

Mrs. Wm. Tait, formerly of West Sackville, leaves on Friday for Brandon, Manitoba, where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. N. McLean.

The marriage of Miss Cora B. Allen, daughter of Mr. Silas Allen, Cape Spear, and Ernest E. Ward is announced for the 27th inst.

FROM DOCK TO CABINET

The acquisition of cabinet rank by John Burns marks an epoch in imperial government. He is an avowed but a practical Socialist, who believes that the best propaganda work is done by hard-headed administration. That is why he has worked day and night as a London county councillor for the last seventeen years. John Burns has been in jail—it was an episode of the Trafalgar Square riots in 1887, when the police entered much indignation. He has thrice refused the chairmanship of the London County Council. He knows he was meant for labor, not for ornament. When in Canada two months ago, he said, alluding to these refusals: "Why should I waste my fragrance on the desert air?" John does not suffer from excessive modesty. He is fearless of his brethren; there is no more vehement enemy of drink and gambling than he. Today he passes from a salary of five pounds a week, raised by contributions of workmen, to fifty pounds a week, paid by the keeper of the imperial treasury. John Burns is by trade an engineer, and knows how hot a stove-hold is in tropical Africa. When he came to Canada last September he knew he was going to be a cabinet minister. Two weeks ago he was slated by some people in his constituency of Battersea, which thought he ought to have led the unemployed agitation in South London. His reticence is explained. He becomes the head of all the municipalities which are dealing with the problem under a new act. He lives with his wife and only boy in a forty-pound-a-year house in his constituency. He is fond of cricket and boxing, and doesn't mince his words. A month ago he described The Daily Mail, directed by one of Mr. Balfour's newest peers, as "a paper owned by blackguards and edited by ruffians."

ANOTHER MAIL BAG STOLEN

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 12—(Special)—Dr. Colter, post office inspector, was here today investigating the case of a stolen mail bag from Moncton station. The bag, in question, was taken off the C. P. R. from Halifax Monday afternoon, and was to have been put on No. 1 express leaving for St. John at 6 o'clock.

The missing bag was found by snow shovellers this morning at Robinson's Creek Bridge, about a mile from the station. The bag had been cut open and the contents extracted. It is not known whether the bag contained letters or parcels of value.

Every day certain mail matter for distribution between here and St. John at stations where the C. P. R. does not stop, is taken off here and forwarded on No. 1, three hours later. This mail is usually locked up until No. 1 train is made up, but yesterday, it is said, the mail was left on the trucks on the platform, and the thief had no difficulty in getting at it. How the party took the bag from the platform without being seen is a mystery. So far as known there is no clue to the thief.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cable advices from Paris state that the billiard contest for the world's championship at 18-inch ball line, one shot in ball, will be played in that city, Jan. 15, the contestants being Maurice Vignaux and Willie Hoppe. In accordance with the rules, the contest will be of 500 points. The last contest played for the emblem was between Vignaux and George Sutton, played in Paris, and the former won.

Rev. Samuel Howard, who a few years ago toured Europe, and has since delivered occasional lectures on his trip, spoke last evening in Victoria street Baptist church on his travels through Switzerland. Personal experiences were related, the scenery, customs of the people were described, and many interesting incidents told of. The evening was one of much pleasure to the audience, which was large.

Sabine Carr, a popular young man, son of James Carr, left here on Wednesday for Bellingham (Wash.), where he will take charge of a large retail drug store.—Woodstock Press.

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