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HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY

The new drug merger proposes to erect somewhere in Canada a factory for the manufacture of chemicals, to cost from \$200,000 to \$250,000. An effort is to be made to have it located in St. John. Of course, this city is at one end of the territory to be served, but it is very advantageously situated for gathering the raw material needed and is in all respects an excellent location. The St. John drug companies have joined the new combination, and will, of course, do all in their power in the interests of St. John. This, however, is not all that is required. Here is an opportunity for the citizens who desire new industries to prove their sincerity. The largest stockholder in one of the St. John companies now in the merger assured The Times this morning that they would do all in their power to secure the factory for St. John if the city showed a disposition to encourage them. Other cities will naturally seek to have the plant erected within their borders. St. John can point to exceptional facilities for gathering raw material, as well as excellent means of distribution of the products to all parts of Canada. The board of trade committee has very properly taken prompt action, and it should be as promptly backed up by the city council. The citizens should also take action to assure the council that a vigorous effort to secure this new industry will be approved.

PULP AND LUMBER

The Montreal Herald states that a pulp industry involving from a million to a million and a half is to be established near St. Jerome, by American capitalists. There is room in New Brunswick for a further expansion of this industry, under proper conditions. The history of New Brunswick pulp mills is not in all cases satisfactory, but, as in the case of some other industries, the fault does not lie with the enterprise so much as with its inception and management. At the present time there is something radically wrong with pulp mills that do not yield a fair return, and the demand for the product is continually increasing, while the area of operation of mills is growing more limited. The province of New Brunswick is rich in forest resources, and there is far too little of the product reaching the market in a highly finished state. We are still too fond of a quick return from the product of an ordinary saw-mill.

WHY HE GRIEVES

The philanthropist who is eager to teach the people the value of thrift, and especially to induce poor people to put away a portion of their small earnings for a rainy day, is receiving rather more attention at present than he deserves. For this philanthropist is a modest gentleman. While he would have all of his poorer neighbors put away a dime or a quarter every week—if they could not afford any more—and while he would himself or by agent earnestly entreat them to do so, even if he had to invest their money for them, he does not care to have too much said about it. Like all good men he does not seek publicity. He is perfectly willing that the Divinely Appointed Savings Society or Benevolent Assurance Association should be widely advertised as the poor man's friend, and he would even consent to be recognized as in some way connected with it, being called thereto by a sense of duty and a profound desire to help the poor; but to have the affairs of the particular philanthropy with which he is identified made public, to have them investigated by unfeeling lawyers and the results spread forth in the newspapers, is little short of sacrilege. Pity the woes of the poor philanthropist.

EDUCATION

The fact that a Canadian bank is bringing out a number of young bank clerks from Scotland has apparently given Collier's Weekly the erroneous impression that primary and secondary education in eastern Canada is not sufficiently practical. The simple explanation of the fact that more Canadian youths do not seek to become bank clerks is that the remuneration is entirely disproportionate to the amount of work and responsibility, and the opportunities for advancement not as great as in many other lines. It is an eminently respectable business, but the ambitious young man is disposed in most cases to take larger chances with a prospect of larger rewards. It is not that his education is defective.

Collier's appears also to think that the one hundred and fifty university graduates who are said by the Ottawa Free Press to have gone from one Canadian university to the United States in ten years went there to acquire commercial or technical training. The fact is that having an excellent education and rather poor prospects of immediate employment they go to the United States to accept positions. For example, graduates in engineering in Canadian universities are eagerly sought after by great industrial concerns in the United States and go straight from college to good positions.

The whole of the brief article in Collier's which treats of education in Canada is curiously inaccurate. For example:—"There are hundreds of young boys who would be eager to accept clerical positions, but who are forced into already over-crowded vocations because of a lack of technical training (in clerical work). Even the university graduates are going into the neighboring republic to acquire a commercial footing."

This is not a correct statement. There are in every Canadian town of any importance

commercial colleges where business training is made a specialty. Instead of not having enough young men for clerical positions there are too many of them, and not enough who devote their attention to industrial pursuits. The fault of our educational system is that it produces too many clerks. That is why an effort is now being made to get more of manual and industrial training.

If, however, criticism were confined to the public school system of New Brunswick, it would have to be admitted that there is not enough of commercial training. After leaving the public schools the youth seeking to enter upon commercial pursuits must usually pay for further tuition at one of the private business colleges. This should in part at least be overcome by adding a commercial course for pupils in the public schools. The criticism offered that the present curriculum appears to have been designed for the purpose of turning out more school teachers is not without force. In Halifax there is an excellent commercial course for pupils in the public schools who desire to take advantage of it. There should be the same in St. John. Doubtless the change in this direction that is now contemplated by the school board will soon be made. Parents who want a boy to take a commercial course naturally ask why he should be compelled to take up studies in the public schools which will be of no practical value to him, to the exclusion of the course he needs. We are moving in the direction of making our schools more practical, and the tendency is growing.

So far as bank clerks are concerned, youths go from the St. John high school into the banks and prove to be well qualified for the work. But the majority do not seek to become clerks.

Bradstreet's says of the Canadian trade with Mexico: "The Elder Dempster line monthly service between Canada and Mexico seems to have opened up a trade that promises exceedingly well for this country. The Mexican consul-general at Montreal says that since the service started in July last the shipment of Canadian products, particularly wheat, have increased so rapidly that it is probable a fortnightly service or larger ships or perhaps both, will have to be put on within a comparatively short time. Up to the present time grain has constituted the bulk of the Canadian exports to that country, but there seems to be a good opening there for machinery and timber."

Young Mr. Winston Churchill has not yet entirely emerged from the callow stage in statesmanship. Or it may be that he is merely talking for effect when he declines to believe "that the brave colonials who had helped in the war in South Africa would demand as a price of their loyalty certain paltry preferences on corn, meat and wool, which could be obtained only at the expense of the poorest people in the old land."

The stores have been favored with exceptionally fine weather and sleighing for Christmas trade. So far as one can judge from the crowds that throng the stores, trade is larger than usual at this season. What proportion of it is cash trade is of course a question of interest, but there is evidently a feeling of cheerful confidence. This ought to be a "merry Christmas" in St. John.

Mr. Fitzsimmons is now ready to return to the stage and to the column of reminiscences on the sporting page. The planets will continue to move in their orbits.

JAILS AND CRIME

(Toronto News).

"Every jail in which men are kept in 'idleness is an institution for promoting 'vagabondage and crime,' emphatically declared a New York committee on the treatment of the criminal, at a conference held recently.

This, however, is the prevailing condition in Toronto jail, where over two hundred men are now incarcerated. The Central Prison, with over four hundred inmates, is crowded to the doors, and there are over one hundred men waiting in idleness to be admitted.

Is there not a danger of re-verting too freely to the jail as a cure-all for acts of crime? Imprisonment should not be the first, but the last resort in dealing with criminals, and care should be taken to distinguish the habitual from the first or accidental offender.

The probation system is badly needed in our courts. By this method the offender is released under the supervision of an officer, whose duty it is to help him find employment and generally to regain his lost footing in society.

Where money or goods have been stolen, the value should be paid by weekly instalments, and by this policy of restitution the injured party is benefited, the offender is taught a salutary lesson and the community is relieved of the cost of maintenance.

It is a frequent occurrence at present for young men to be convicted of theft and committed to jail for a short time. No restitution is exacted or made. The young man is discharged by his sentence and enters commercialism with evil deeds, and on his discharge he chances of employment are so slim that he is inevitably driven to a criminal career.

Hundreds of men in both the Central Prison and the Penitentiary have begun their careers in this way, and in the majority of cases a more enlightened policy would have restored them to good society and saved the province untold expense.

Not enough time is spent in studying the history and environment of offenders, or in working out plans for their rehabilitation.

This is a subject that is worth studying out both by judicial officers and philanthropists, for it is evident that the jail, as a corrective or preventive agency, is not too successful.

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"There ain't no Pollard."
"Of course there ain't."
"If there is I ain't never seen him."
They were going to school with their books under their arms and I was on my way to the post-office.

The remarks of these boys recall a little story. The wife of an English official in the far east was taught by a head-hunter chief to speak Malay. Washing, to reciprocate, she offered to teach him English. But the great man begged to be excused, saying, "May is spoken all over the world, while English is spoken by only twelve persons," and he proceeded to name them, "So what is the use?"

Those school urchins don't know Pollard. Who do they know? Who do I know? We see an overcoat moving along the road on a pair of shirt sleeves chopping wood, but who is inside of the overcoat or shirt sleeves? We see a hat of the latest mode sailing by, but who is under that hat? We don't know. We see a face that is more than half hidden by a mask. We hear somebody say, "Good morning," but as the speaker has not claimed to know anybody else. He rambles in the woods with me; he goes a-fishing with me; he accompanies me to the post-office on mail days and he makes a rendezvous of my room at home. Sometimes when I wake in the middle of the night I am startled to see him sitting in my easy chair with a book in his lap, but that, of course, is fancy. He is a most agreeable companion. He has some quaint ideas and a quaint way of expressing them. He is not obtrusive; he is not disputations. He realizes that if we want a better world than this we have got to wait for it and that the best thing a man can do is to do his best and accept the consequences, whatever they may be, without a whimper.

It is a curious fact that nobody except myself appears to recognize the existence of Pollard. When we are out walking together we sometimes meet loquacious overcoats and simpering hats a la mode, and they all seem quite oblivious of his presence. Pollard don't mind; apparently he rather likes to be ignored. Emerson says it is a debatable question whether this is a material or spirit world; whether the things that we call material have any existence except in our imaginations. It may appear that nobody except myself has clothed Pollard's spirit with flesh and blood, boots, necktie, etc., and hence his invisibility to other eyes than mine.

Pastor Russell of Allegheny, Pa., says that in the midst of anarchy, pestilence and famine, this age will end in 1914 or before, and Prof. Geikie says that as a result of the erosion of the earth's surface a second deluge is imminent, but they know just as much about it as Pollard and I, so Pollard and I read such soul cheering books as we can get hold of, and smoke our pipes in peace. What can a man do more than he can do? Nothing. So Pollard and I decide that if either or both of these great disasters are impending we will make no protest, and will not attempt to avert them.

White Head, Kings Co., Dec. 17.

ONE YEAR'S JAIL FOR ABE HUMMEL

New York Lawyer, Convicted of Conspiracy, Will Be Imprisoned and Fined.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — Abraham Hummel, the lawyer, today was convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. He was sentenced within a few minutes after the jury's verdict had been pronounced, to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$500, which is the maximum penalty for the misdemeanor of which he was adjudged guilty. A motion of his lawyer for an arrest of judgment for 24 hours was denied and Hummel was taken to the Tombs preparatory to going to the penitentiary.

The rapidity of this entire proceeding, coming as it did against one of the most prominent and successful of New York lawyers, caused a great sensation. Depending on the results of the case are actions in other indictments against prominent persons which have grown out of the Dodge-Morse divorce case.

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