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MONTREAL AND ST. JOHN

The Montreal Witness emphasizes the statements made in St. John the other day by Mr. Arthur Piers with regard to the lack of facilities at eastern seaboard ports. The Witness makes special reference to Montreal and the duty of the government in regard to that port, but what it says is equally applicable to St. John. We quote:—

"As Mr. Piers, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway steamships, has pointed out, there is not a port in the Dominion which begins to be adequate for the demands made upon it. The condition of Montreal, the chief port, is simply disgraceful. The result is that business which should come here goes by way of New York, because that port offers better facilities. Mr. Piers regards this as the most urgent question now before the country. The country is growing so fast that the transportation business, like a flood let loose, is making channels for itself away from Montreal and other Canadian ports, owing to dilatoriness in not preparing ways for it within our own territory. No question of expense should delay the work of making the port of Montreal equal in shipping facilities to those of rival cities on the Atlantic seaboard of the United States. This is not a question of politics, but of national economic necessity. If our harbor affairs were managed as those of the Canadian Pacific Railway are, for instance, the transportation facilities here and throughout the St. Lawrence would be inferior to nothing of the like sort in the world. That company, a creation of parliament, has shown how a great national undertaking can and should be conducted by putting its affairs into the hands not of politicians but of competent experts paid adequately for the service. An equal capacity ought surely to be within the reach of the government, which has the means and should see no time in making this harbor adequate to the fast and largely increasing trade of the country."

There seems reason to hope that this question of the proper equipment of ports by the government will by the force of circumstances be brought to the front much earlier than has hitherto been anticipated. St. John should take note of the signs of the times, and be ready to do its part in hastening the desired end.

THE SLIPPERY STREETS

At a time when young and old, stalwart and feeble, desire to go about town and see the Christmas shops, and make holiday purchases, the streets of this city are in so dangerous a condition as to be simply disgraceful. The street department is apparently trying in a half-hearted way to cope with the situation, but its efforts have produced very unsatisfactory results. It has been stated that the chairman of the board of public works has issued orders to have more sand thrown on the slippery sidewalks, but the effect is not as noticeable as the citizens desire. Complaints are made in all directions, and several angry citizens have today asked the Times if something cannot be done to give the taxpayers value for their money. It ought to be possible to put enough men and teams at work to do in one day what now requires several days. The need is urgent and the action should be prompt. At no time is there a greater crowd on the streets than just before Christmas. Merchants and their customers are alike indignant because of existing conditions on the sidewalks.

WHO IS AFRAID?

The controversy between G. P. R. and I. C. R. officials with regard to the delay to the Empress of Britain, and the complaints of Montreal merchants about the delay of their mails will effectively inform the country at large that there is here a question which ought to be settled. The way to settle it is to test the direct St. John route. This the country should ask for and insist upon getting. So long as the Empress steamers are compelled to call at Halifax without a test being made, there will be dissatisfaction and continued agitation. A test of St. John would settle the matter, and that is all the people of this city desire. If this port cannot stand on its merits it makes no sectional appeal. Who is afraid to have the test made? The plea that the contract calls for a certain port is not sufficient. When both parties are willing to make a change, the change can be made. Who is afraid?

A St. John clergyman recently contended that the evolution theory had been practically abandoned. In this connection it is interesting to note that Sir Oliver J. Lodge, LL. D., F. R. S., principal of the University of Birmingham, has issued the text of a catechism, which he read before a gathering of Nonconformist ministers in London and which is designed for the use of teachers interested in the education of the young. In reply to the question in this catechism, "What are you?" the answer is: "A being, alive, conscious upon this earth, my ancestors were ascended by gradual processes from the lower forms of animal life and with struggle and suffering become man."

Reference was made in the Times a few days ago to the increasing value of wireless telegraphy. A Berlin cable states that the German Society of Wireless Telegraphy has succeeded in holding wireless telephonic communication between Berlin and Nauen, 24 miles away, and that the experiment was "eminently successful." It is added: "Prof. Slaby says the problem of wireless telephony is solved; he believes that the time is coming when a man will be able to speak wirelessly with a friend in any part of the world."

The hands of St. Luke's church clock, on Main street, have indicated four o'clock for the past ten days or so. The city gives a small grant toward keeping this clock in repair. It is not a large enough one to be of much use. The north end people value this clock when it is in running order, and the city might very well make its grant large enough to keep the timepiece going and to illuminate its face at night.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. declines to reduce rates as desired in Moncton, and the citizens will apply for legislative authority to install a municipal system. There is doubtless no hope that St. John will get either lower rates or an improvement in the present wretched service. This city may have to follow the example of Moncton.

The Toronto board of education has adopted a superannuation scheme for school teachers, and if the minister of education approves of its provisions legislation will be sought at the next session of the Ontario legislature. The importance of a proper recognition of the teacher's work is being more fully realized as years pass.

The Salvation Army expect to bring from 25,000 to 30,000 immigrants to Canada during the next year. These are selected immigrants and will prove good citizens. The practical work of the Army in this direction will bear good fruit. The lower provinces may secure a considerable number of these people if the proper steps are taken.

A man of charitable disposition and singularly lovable nature, Mr. James Reynolds, who died yesterday, was esteemed by his fellow citizens of all classes and creeds. He had for many years been identified with worthy causes of benevolent intent, and his passing is sincerely mourned.

Hon. Mr. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, announced that the government has accepted the vote in Winnipeg on municipal telephones as a mandate from the people, and at once will call for tenders for the building of a thousand miles in the province next year. He declares he will cut the Bell rate in two.

A grave injustice appears to have been done to a worthy citizen in Montreal last evening. He was disqualified in a prize fight for biting his opponent. Why shouldn't a man be permitted to bite in a prize ring?

The mining boom continues. It is estimated that the aggregate capital of mining companies in the Cobalt district, which were incorporated in Toronto last week, was \$10,000,000.

The rapid growth of Calgary is indicated by a despatch which says: "Building permits issued in Calgary and suburbs this year will total three million dollars."

Nationalization of the port, the drill hall, the Atlantic mail service and some other matters will no doubt be discussed when the minister of railways comes to town.

Manufacturers would like to see the tariff more protective. Farmers would like to see it less so. The government must pursue a course between the extremes.

The opening of traffic of the railway from Halifax along shore to Yarmouth will be welcomed by the shore towns en route.

When Mr. E. P. Staver goes to New York, Canada loses a very capable bank manager. His rise in the financial world has been unusually rapid.

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St. John, Dec. 19, 1906.

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THE WAY OF THE WORLD

"What legions of friends always bless us When golden success lights our way; How they smile as they so joyously us, So cordial, good humored and gay; But oh, when the sun of prosperity Hath set—then how quickly they frown, And cry out in tones of severity, 'Kick the man, you'll see he's down!'"

"What though you know not a sorrow, Your heart was as open as day, And you're 'friends' when they wanted to borrow."

You'd advise and ne'er ask them to pay; What though not a soul you e'er slighted, As you mused about through the town, Your 'friends' become near-sighted, And don't seem to see you when down."

"When you're 'up' you are loudly exalted, And trade all a day for your praise; When you're down you have greatly defaulted, And they really 'don't fancy your ways.'"

Your eye was 'up' when you'd money, So sang every sucker and clown, But now 'tis exceedingly funny, Things are greatly altered because you're down."

"Oh, give me the heart that forever Is free from the world's selfish rust, And the soul whose high and noble endeavor Is to raise fallen man from the dust. And when in adversity's ocean A victim is likely to drown, All hail to the friend whose devotion Will lift up a man when he's down."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

CAPABLE SERVANTS.

The timid man and the pretty girl were occupying a sofa in the parlor scene, "I would you—er—surrender for me if I attempt to kiss you," he asked.

"I should say not," she replied. "The help we employ are perfectly capable of doing their own screwing."

SENSIBLE VIEWPOINT.

The Friend—but are you not afraid that some man will marry you for your money?

The Heiress—Not at all. I'd rather be married for money than for beauty.

The Friend—Why, pray?

The Heiress—Because I'd then have a husband with more sense than nonsense.

EXPLANATION.

"Papa," queried little Dolly Dimpleton, "why is the pen supposed to be mightier than the sword?"

"Because, my dear," answered the father, "one can't sign cheques with a sword."

UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Sailor (on the airship)—"Look, captain, quick! The cook has fallen overboard." Captain—Darn the cook. That's the fourth one that has left without giving notice.

WISDOM OF AN EMPIRICIST.

The eloquent man may not be very wise, but he is at least wise enough to be silent.

Do not worry when you think you have made a fool of yourself. It is probable that no one noticed anything unusual.

The coming thought as to modern literature is that it gives many worthy printers, papermakers and binders employment.

Some are reformers by choice, and some can't make a living in the old way. Debt makes slaves—that is, one of the million varieties of slaves.

SIR JOHN LENG

Sir John Leng, M. P., who for seventeen years represented Dundee, Scotland, in parliament, and who died last week, at the Hotel del Monte, in Monterey, California, was seventy-eight years old.

Sir John Leng was one of the most prominent editors and publishers and ardent promoters of Liberal opinion in the United Kingdom. Born in 1828, he was educated in the Hull Grammar School, and when only nineteen years old became sub-editor of the Hull Advertiser.

In 1851 he went to Dundee to become the editor and general manager of the Dundee Advertiser, a bi-weekly that was in a very depressed condition. This he revived by his energy and executive ability, and in ten years he had converted it into a daily of large circulation and influence. It was one of the earliest penny papers in Great Britain.

In 1858 he started the People's Journal, a weekly, whose circulation long ago was numbered by the hundreds of thousands. Later on he founded a literary journal, the People's Friend, which also proved a great success and has been the means of introducing many well-known writers to the middle class public.

In 1877 he established a half-penny daily, the Evening Telegraph, which also has a wide distribution. From the first Mr. Leng was a devoted supporter of Mr. Gladstone, an earnest advocate of home rule, a promoter of all measures looking to the condition of capital and labor, and a staunch supporter of temperance principles.

He was constantly requested to stand for parliament but refused until 1889, when he was induced to contest a seat in Dundee. He was elected without opposition, and was again returned at the top of the poll in 1892. It was on this occasion that he was knighted.

In addition to his regular journalistic work Sir John published a number of volumes and pamphlets upon miscellaneous subjects—electrical science, banking reform, American agricultural competition, unemployed labor, cattle importation, church disestablishment, etc.—proving the versatility of his interests and the activity of his mind.

He was an indefatigable traveller in his later days, having paid prolonged visits to Canada and the United States, Europe, Egypt and India. In the councils of the Liberal party he wielded a great influence.

FOREIGNER HAS ADVANTAGE

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special).—A special London cable save: The Daily Telegraph points out that the fare for an alien emigrating to Canada is from London or Liverpool, £1 6s. less than for an Englishman, and says it gives the emigration agent a bonus for sending the foreigner in preference to the Britisher, which should not exist.

BIG GOLD NUGGETS FOUND

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