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SATURDAY	10,667

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THANKS, MR. ROCHE.

Why did Mr. Roche, M. P. of Halifax, ask in parliament concerning the fact that the Empress of Britain did not at once come up to her berth on arrival at St. John harbor on the evening of Dec. 7th? The steamer had no mails on board, blizzard weather prevailed, and she lay outside until the following day. Had there been mails, and had it been necessary, the mails and passengers could have been sent ashore by tender. But the mails had been landed at Halifax, causing a delay which brought the steamer to St. John at low tide in the evening. Had the steamer come direct to St. John, her mails would have reached Montreal as early as they did by way of Halifax. This is the vital point to be noted.

Why did not the postmaster general direct attention to this fact in his reply? And why did he say the steamer was delayed by fog? There was no fog, but a white vapor low on the water, caused by intense cold. The wind was out of the north and no fog ever comes from that quarter.

Perhaps Mr. Roche, M. P., has done this port a service. He has directed the attention of all Canada to the fact that the entrance to the chief winter port of Canada should be dredged by the government without delay. The government cannot afford to have one of the principal seaports of the country left in this condition any longer. The channel must be made straight and dredged out, so that vessels of the Empress class may come up at even dead low tide. The dredge fighting is now at Yarmouth. If she is in proper condition she should be sent here to do this work. The government must see, since Mr. Roche of Halifax has so pointedly directed attention to it, that this dredging must be done as soon as possible. It is a work called for in the interests of the whole country, and will doubtless receive the warm support of the able member for Halifax.

In the meantime, tide or no tide, fog or no fog, by bringing the mails direct to St. John, the C. P. R. can land them in Montreal at least as soon as they can reach that city via Halifax.

St. John is good enough for the over-seas mail, and they were taken on board here today, but they must be delayed at Halifax to take on other mails that should also be received at St. John. The country cannot long endure this sort of thing. Sectionalism must go, and the interests of the whole country be regarded.

THE FIRST STEP

It should be a natural inference from the tenor of the speeches at the luncheon on the steamship Empress of Britain on Wednesday afternoon that steps would be taken without delay to provide for the construction of another steamship berth, in addition to the one now contracted for.

The dredge Beaver will soon have completed the dredging necessary in connection with the wharf which Mr. Clark is building, and will then begin digging at the site of the next one, which as yet no tenders have been called. That berth should also be completed before the winter of 1907, so that then two more berths than are available this winter will be at the service of the steamship lines. The members of the city council are kept very busy at present, but this subject is one that should command their immediate attention.

REALIZATION

At the luncheon on Wednesday Mr. W. S. Fisher appropriately referred to the late Governor Boyd, who so long ago, in a memorable address, declared that western trade must eventually come to St. John, and who referred to this port as the coming "Liverpool of America." These are days when one likes to recall the memory of those who abounding faith in the future of this city sustained the spirits of the citizens in many an hour of doubt and struggle and disaster. Happily there always have been such, in the city's eventful history, and their memory should be cherished.

To a newspaper man who for nearly a score of years had found it a portion of his duty to attend board of trade and other meetings, where the condition of the port, its future prospects, and the possibilities of trade expansion in various directions, but especially as a winter port, were discussed, the speeches on Wednesday were especially interesting, because they summed up so much that had been from year to year the vital thought, the hope and the desire of the people.

OPEN AIR RINKS

The Times recently suggested that the Weldon Lot, at the corner of St. James and Wentworth streets should be converted into an open air skating rink for the children. No response has been made to this suggestion. In a letter in today's Times, Miss Mabel Peters points out that the city of Detroit devotes \$1,000 to the purpose of providing such rinks in various parts of that city. Why should not arrangements be made in some way to make a rink on the Weldon Lot, which is eminently suitable, being very large, and being the property of the school board?

One of the city churches has decided to convert a vacant space in rear of the church edifice into a rink for the use of the children of the congregation. This is an excellent example, but there is no reason why a large public rink should not be provided. It would be a great boon to the children and the expense would be comparatively small. Very many children cannot afford to pay for such sport, and their opportunities are therefore very limited.

CONTINUE THE WORK

Mr. W. H. Thorne, a member of the board of trade committee that has for a long time been giving special attention to the question of providing St. John with a complete system of docks, with all the necessary dredging and other work required, is of opinion that an expenditure of between four and five million dollars could be profitably made by the government within a few years, converting St. John into a properly equipped national port. The Canadian Pacific Railway officials make it clear that in their opinion the growth of trade will warrant this expenditure, and if it is not made the trade will go elsewhere. Everybody concedes that the city has done more already than should have been expected of it, but the expenditure has not been in vain. If \$20,000 or more per week is paid out in wages in connection with winter port traffic, there is a tangible return to the people for their confidence and enterprise. Therefore, while the effort is being made to get the port nationalized the construction work must not lag nor trade be permitted to pass by.

Some of those English women who want the power to vote continue to submit evidence of their ability to scratch the honorable gentlemen opposite, whatever they might be able to do with a ballot.

The Times Moncton correspondent intimates that as a result of the Tennyson Smith campaign there has been a marked falling off in drunkenness in the railway town.

The mayor should keep a diary. Busy merchants have something else to do at this season than to sit at city hall twiddling their thumbs and waiting for him to keep an appointment.

Western liberals have informed the government in emphatic terms that they consider the Canadian tariff high enough. They could endure it if it were lower.

President Roosevelt has abandoned simplified spelling. The Storer incident suggests that he might with profit abandon all kinds of spelling—on paper.

Legislative action to prevent a tie-up of coal mines by strike or lock-out would be in the public interest.

A PLEASANT RECEPTION

Doors of Protestant Orphan Asylum Thrown Open to Visitors Last Night.

The doors of the Protestant Orphan Asylum were thrown open to guests last night. Among those present were Mayor and Mrs. Sears, Revs. W. E. Hand, R. Mathers, David Lang and Thos. Marshall; School Inspector Carter and Mrs. Carter, Dr. and Mrs. Frank, T. S. Simms, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cross, T. H. Estabrooks, Rev. W. W. McMaster, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Morrison, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. H. L. McLean and others.

In the absence of the chairman, W. S. Fisher was in the chair. The children sang an anthem, and the chairman followed with a brief address. He stated that there were sixteen boys and twenty-three girls sheltered in the asylum, and traced the history of the institution. Mr. Fisher made an earnest appeal for aid as he said that there was a deficit of nearly \$200. The chairman also stated that many orphans could not be accommodated on account of want of more room.

Mr. Fisher told of the good work done by Mrs. Frost and her sister, and also by the medical men, who give their attendance free of charge.

Rev. Thomas Marshall spoke a few words after Miss Edith Stewart had given a recitation. The orphans then repeated a psalm.

Mayor Sears complimented the staff on the good work done and the chairman then announced that Mrs. H. L. McLean had invited all the children to visit her residence for Christmas afternoon at four o'clock.

The entertainment was brought to a close with a dialogue, in which many children took part.

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St. John, Dec. 13, 1906.

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THE VOICE THAT CALLS

I. Far to the Northland, far, By the shores of the inland sea; Where the subarctic air Through the white expanse drifts— There's a voice that calls to me.

II. Far to the Northland, far, In the forests so wide and free; Where the red deer roam In their woodland home— There's a voice that calls to me.

III. Far in the Northland, far, Runs the trail of the years that flee; For my lost youth lies 'Neath those no-there skies— And it calls, it calls, to me.

—Clarence A. Murch, in Sports Afield.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

POSITIVELY BRUTAL. "Did it ever occur to you," said Mrs. Naggsby, "that no man ever acquired anything worth having without a tremendous effort?"

"Yes, indeed," replied Naggsby. "And that reminds me that I acquired you without the slightest effort on my part."

ON THE RIALTO.

"There's plenty of snap and go in this new play of ours," said the first actor. "The acts are short, and so are the intermissions; no long waits at all."

"Indeed? Not even for salary?" inquired the other.

HE WAS A BELIEVER.

"Do you believe in hypnotism?" asked the fluffy haired boarder who writes type between meals.

"Sure I do," answered the old bachelor at the foot of the mahogany. "Otherwise I couldn't explain to my own satisfaction why men get married."

ITS PURPOSE.

"What does that expert witness' evidence go to show?" inquired the man who was trying to understand the trial.

"It goes to show which side has paid him a retainer," answered the lawyer.

UP TO THE COOK.

Jack (after acceptance)—Shall I speak to your father now? Helen—Merry, no! Not to him! Jack—Your mother, then? Helen—No, no! You just ask the cook if she would object to one more in the family.

ALL-EMBRACING.

"And what did your lover do when your father promised him your hand and fifty thousand kronen?" "He was beside himself with joy and embraced first me and then papa's cash box."

AN INCOMPLETE CURE.

"Well, did the doctor succeed in getting the ten-kreuzer piece you swallowed?" "Yes, but when he demanded three kreuzer for doing it I was so taken aback that I swallowed it again."

SUGGESTING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

"Customer—Anything that is warranted pure is always clean, isn't it?" Conscientious Dealer—Certainly not, sir. I know this to be pure cider, but I can't warrant it to be clean.

TERRIFIC JOLT.

Sapleigh—The doctor says cigarette smoke kills microbes, doncher know? Miss Cautique—Then how do you account for the fact that you are still alive?

OBITUARY

J. Rupert Elliott

J. Rupert Elliott, a well known Nova Scotia business man died yesterday morning at the hospital. Mr. Elliott took ill on the Empress of Ireland coming here from England and after landing was cared for at the home of Edward Manning, the latter's wife being a sister-in-law of the deceased. As he grew worse Mr. Manning deemed it advisable to remove him to the general public hospital, where he died.

Mr. Elliott was a man of culture and considerable literary attainments. He had written considerably about the resources of Nova Scotia and had made arrangements to take up this work for the Nova Scotia government, and was on his way to Halifax, where he intended making his headquarters, when an acute malady brought about his death.

Mrs. Elliott arrived in the city yesterday and took the remains across to Yarmouth this morning and the funeral will take place at Lawrence town on Saturday.

The deceased is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter.

MORNING NEWS

A. Piers, general manager of the C. P. R. steamship line left for Montreal last evening. Mr. Piers said that he hoped no time would be lost in taking some action to improve the shipping facilities here.

The parties concerned in the burial of the three-months-old child, which was interred without a burial permit being secured, will be summoned to appear before the board of health in order that their explanation will depend whether or not proceedings will be instituted against them.

The Salvation Army authorities have sixty-nine people coming out on the Al-lan liner Lonian. Half of the number will remain in the maritime provinces and the remainder, mostly women and children, will go forward to join relatives in the west.

The high tides yesterday caused another slide in Union street, west end, and from 4 o'clock until 7, no engines could pass over the C. P. R. trestle work there. Men were put at work to remedy the trouble.

C. F. Droure, of Ottawa, commissioner of wireless telegraphy under the department of marine and fisheries, is in the city. He will go to Halifax on the Empress of Britain and make tests to see if a vessel between these ports is always in touch with one or the other.

FOR A GUN SHED

It is understood that the \$13,500 which was included in the estimates for the stores building in St. John will be expended in the spring for adding a seventy foot extension to the rear of the stores building, to be used as a gun shed. It is the extension which would run into the space occupied by the kitchen in the left wing of the main exhibition building which has caused the recent action of the militia department.

Dolls and Toys.

DRESSED DOLLS, 6c, 10c, 15c, to \$2.50. UNDRESSED DOLLS, 1c, 4c, 10c, to \$2.50. KID DOLLS, 25c, 50c, to \$3.50. CELLULOID DOLLS, 10c, 15c, 25c. RAG DOLLS, 6c, 10c, 20c. CLOTH DOLLS, 10c, 15c, to 50c. TOYS IN GREAT VARIETY, at 6c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, to \$15.00 each.

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