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A COMMERCIAL MILESTONE

The most significant statement made at the luncheon on board the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Britain yesterday afternoon, regarded from the standpoint of St. John, was that of Mr. Piers, when he said that too much in the way of developing the facilities at this port could not be done within the next ten years, because of the immense growth of western trade that will be seeking an outlet here during that period. He spoke as one having knowledge of what is transpiring in that great western region, whose inestimable resources are attracting the world's capital for their development. He added that St. John is the Atlantic terminus of the Canadian Pacific, and that the Empress steamers are but a bagatelle to what we shall see ere many years have passed.

Captain Walsh, speaking along the same line, expressed the view that ere many years other ports between St. John and the Maine border would have to be equipped to handle in the winter season the overflow of the enormous trade of growing Canada.

It may be said that these gentlemen are optimists, and that it is to their advantage to have the best possible facilities; but we remember, and were reminded of it by two speakers yesterday, that fourteen years ago Sir William Van Horne made certain predictions which were received with some degree of skepticism, but which are today matter of fact statements. Indeed, as one speaker pointed out, we are not now as we were years ago talking about and planning for the trade of the future; for the trade is here, knocking at our doors, and there are not at this moment sufficient facilities to handle it properly. Seaboard facilities are not keeping pace with western trade developments, and Mr. Piers is no doubt fully justified in his assertion that we cannot move too rapidly during the next few years to meet the actual commercial conditions as they develop from season to season.

Ald. Baxter used the term "boom town," and said he did it deliberately with reference to St. John, because within eleven years we had seen the winter export trade of the port grow from nothing to the more than $23,000,000 of last season. Other speakers contrasted the little pioneer steamer Lake Superior of eleven years ago with the magnificent Empress of Britain, and the harbor facilities of the time when the C. P. R. extended its rails to St. John with those of today.

Yesterday's luncheon brought out a symposium of historic interest and value. The speeches throughout were marked by that new spirit of hopeful confidence which is today universal in St. John, and they pointed unmistakably the way that we must journey to new fields of conquest in the industrial and commercial world. The great railway company does all things thoroughly, and in the entertainment of yesterday its officials brought together in the most effective manner the representatives of all interests, and gave them the key-note and starting point of renewed effort for the benefit of the port of St. John. Some matters to which Captain Walsh directed attention require immediate consideration on the part of the city council and board of trade.

It is worthy of note, at a time of some tension with regard to traffic matters, that not a single reference was made by any speaker to the attitude of any other port, except to name certain of them as ports which with St. John should be made national ports. It is but fair to say of St. John business men that they are fair men, who seek to build up this port on its merits, and on that ground alone.

If yesterday's pleasant function shall lead to renewed effort to forward the plan of nationalizing this port, and to see in the meantime that there is no cessation of the work of providing needed facilities, it will have accomplished a purpose of substantial benefit, as well as provided a distinguished company of citizens with a delightful afternoon's entertainment.

THE MONEY MARKET

How acute the financial situation was in New York last week, before Secretary Shaw came to the rescue, is indicated by the following from Saturday's New York Evening Post:—

"Never but twice in the records of the clearing house have the New York banks reported as great a deficit in reserves as today's official statement showed. The $6,702,000 deficiency has been matched in the four weeks of acute distress in August, 1893; and in one week of March, 1883, when the 'rich man's panic' of that generation had begun. It may have been paralleled in the panic of 1873, but as publication of weekly bank returns was then suspended, it cannot be said with certainty. Thus, as the year draws to a close, we have our money markets pointing, through an almost unprecedentedly weak bank exhibit, to a wholly abnormal situation. With such a showing by the Associated Banks, most people will be likely to cease expressing surprise at the 25 and 30 per cent. call money market of the week. The banks, very clearly, had no money of their own to lend."

LIFE SAVING STATIONS

Writing of the need of a better life saving service along the Canadian coast, a correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle makes a suggestion that seems worthy of more than a passing attention. If it is not possible at present to provide for a complete series of life saving stations, this writer remarks that the state of Massachusetts furnishes an object lesson in a volunteer model that might be adopted in Canada, or in the maritime provinces at least. He says:—

"Before the national life saving service was established by the United States government the Massachusetts Humane Society furnished along the coast of that state houses of refuge for the shipwrecked, and stations equipped with life-saving apparatus, in charge of keepers, who, when emergency arose, summoned volunteer crews. This volunteer service, I believe, is still kept up, and is able not only to render effective assistance to the regular government crews, but, occasionally, also, to save life when the nearest United States life saving station is too far for the crew to arive in time. Could not our government do for our coast, even now, what a society did for the coast of Massachusetts — provide and equip stations and appoint good men as keepers. The government might do more than this. Volunteer life-boat companies might be enrolled in territories in proximity to stations, and the members of such companies treated as liberally regarding instruction, etc., as are the members of our militia forces. Such a force, I believe, could be easily organized, would become enthusiastic, which would guarantee efficiency, and when the government felt like organizing a permanent life saving service it would have at hand good material to do this."

WHERE MANY STREAMS MEET

The cosmopolitan character of the population of New York is well illustrated by an article in the Evening Post, which indeed claims that New York is the most cosmopolitan city in the world. We quote:-

"Paris has nothing to show in actual living ethnic diversity that approaches the following gleanings from a few day's happenings in New York: (1) On the East Side the Jewish consumers of kosher meat have struck against the prices exacted by the retail butchers, and these in turn have united against the tyranny of the Beef Trust. (2) The Appellate Term of the Supreme Court heard pleadings yesterday in the case of Joseph McCol-Jough, who sues to recover the sum of $71.25 expended for meat and drink consumed at the wake of his uncle, Peter McCullough, which expenditure the executors refused to recognize as necessary. (3) In the Bohemian colony on the upper East Side there is strife between the free-thinking section of the community and the pastor of a Presbyterian church of the same nationality. The latter has been threatened with assassination, so bitter do feelings run which were first engendered when John Huss and Jerome of Prague assailed the Roman Catholic Church. (4) In Brooklyn yesterday there was enacted a sudden "Cavalleria Rusticana" as veristic as Verga ever made his story, when Raffaele Franzese, twenty-one years old, slew his brother, Andrea, aged eighteen, after winning away his bride from him. Semite and Celt, Czech and Latin—New York can show the working of racial trait and passion daily within her own gates. The author who scours the world in search of variegated local color could save money by putting up at the Waldorf."

In addition to learning what gas costs the St. John Railway Company the civic committee will doubtless endeavor to learn whether it could be produced for less than that cost.

John D. Rockefeller's income is said to be about $1.90 per second. If John D. should decide to co-operate with Santa Claus he could help a a lot of people to solve their problems.

The "unwritten law" is the defence of Mrs. Bradley for shooting ex-Senator Brown. This is also the defence in the Thaw case. It is becoming popular over the border.

The discussion of life-saving stations in parliament yesterday developed a difference of opinion between Mr. Fowler and Mr. Lefurgey relative to the conduct of Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

The Temperance Federation have taken a practical step for practical temperance work, in their effort to establish a nightly meeting place of entertainment for men.

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Women's Kid Beaded Slippers, three straps	3.25
Women's Grey Suede Ribbon tie slippers,	4.00
Women's Grey Suede Pumps, flat bows	4.50
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However evil things may seem to me today,
Some future joy is certain to dispel
The clouds that lower darkly o'er my way;
And I have noted that one taste of bliss,
E'en though 'tis but a taste, hath joyous need
To compensate for all that goes amiss,
On which a soul in sorrow long may feed,
No night e'er was whose darkness did not fade;
No storm e'er raged whose course was not soon run;
And so my soul, by troubles undismayed,
Doth simply wait the coming of the sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HUMAN TRAIT.

Knicker—Money talks.

Bocker—Yes, and it says the most when it is tight.

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ROUGH TREATMENT.

Redd—I thought the new football was not rough? Look at Bob's face, all cut up!

Greene—Oh, Bob hasn't played football this season. Didn't you hear he got married?

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AS IT APPEARS.

"Look at that sign—'Misfit Clothing Store.' Do people buy misfit clothing?"

"Yes—then they can claim it was made in London."

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THE REASON.

"So you're going to keep a chauffeur. You've never had one before."

"No, but the cook married and we had to give her husband a job in order to keep her."

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TIME FLIES.

"There's our waiter."

"You are wrong. Our waiter wasn't bald."

"Not when he took the order, I grant you."

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CARPE DIEM.

Enjoy the day!
For all we know
Next week we may
Be shov'lin' snow.

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A DELICATE JOB.

Doctor—The increasing deafness of your wife is merely an indication of advancing years, and you can tell her that.

Husband—Hum! Would you mind telling her that yourself, doctor?—Wiener Salonwitzblatt.

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DROWNED EVEN THE FALLS.

Tourist—Are we not near the falls?

Guide—Quite near; as soon as the ladies stop talking you will hear the roar.—Wiener Caricaturen.

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OVER-FOOLED.

Evan Roberts, the advertising expert of Milwaukee, was talking the other day about the disappearance of the reading advertisement.

"The reading advertisement," he said, "the advertisement gotten up to look like news, is no longer popular because advertisers have found that instead of pleasing and impressing the people, it angers them. It angers everybody, you know, to be fooled.

"And some of these reading advertisements were enough to fool a wizard. In fact, I know of one case—"

Mr. Roberts paused and chuckled. Then he went on.

"Old Aunty Cornsilk of Croyden Four Corners, said to her husband one night:

"'Ephraim, did that there story you was readin' end happy?'

"Uncle Ephraim answered heartily from his rocking chair beside the stove:

"'Gosh, yes, Huldy! The beautiful heroine got cured of an incurable disease, and the story guv the name and price of the pills what done the trick.'"

FRUIT GROWERS OPINION

(Mail and Empire.)

On the whole the report of the committee which the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association appointed to examine the Spencer Seedless apple was not favorable. Specimens were procured from the exhibition at Massey Hall, and the committee presented its report at the morning session of the association yesterday. They had found, they said, several objectionable features, which apparently contradicted the printed description of the fruit. The core, they said, was undoubtedly smaller than in other apples, but there was still sufficient to make coring necessary. The lack of the calyx tube left an abnormally large and deep opening extending down to the core and causing a loss of flesh almost equal to a normal core and affording as well a refuge for insect pests. This space also contained a mold-like accumulation, which was pronounced very objectionable. Besides these defects the committee said that the apples contained well-developed seeds, though less numerous than in the normal apple. In size the seedless fruit was about equal to the Fameuse or the snow, and the flavor compared with the Ben Davis.

committee, warranted them in advising that the trees producing this fruit should be purchased only as a curiosity.

Their inspection, in the opinion of the

BOBBIE'S ESSAY

EDITORS.

Editors is the men that reeds everything in the papers, magazeens etc, & tells the printers what to print.

editors is different from doctors, beekaus doctors lern there trade in skool & the editors start at the bottom & work up inch by inch as long yeers go by.

editors is moastly very nice men but they never have much time to talk except to the oaner of the paper. if a reporter cums in & shows a editor a story, the editor jest grunts and says Hello Goodby. if a poet cums in with a poem, the editor jest says Goodby.

My Pa wrote a poem once & went to show it to a editor & took me with him. the editor was smoking a pipe & didn't look up & Pa sed Pardon me I have wrote a poem & the editor sed if you have wrote a poem I can't pardon you, but my Pa wasent scared of him & sed I will reed it & he red:

i stood at Eve when the sun went down
near a graiv where a woman lies
which lured mens soals to the depth of sin O Bridget save them pies!

the editor looked at Pa a minuet & sed "23."

then when Pa dident go he called a office boy & sed Show this gentleman the elevator.

when i grow up i wud like to be a editor so i can smoak a pipe & say "23."

Dolls and Toys.

DRESSED DOLLS, 5c., 10c., 15c. to $3.50.
UNDRESSED DOLLS, 1c., 4c., 10c. to $3.50.
KID DOLLS, 15c., 25c., 50c. to $3.50.
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