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INJURING ST. JOHN

The business men of St. John must set themselves to the work of undoing the wrong done to this port by the St. John Globe. These business men have labored for years to build up the winter port. They had to remove prejudices, combat rival interests, spend their money to provide facilities, and be continually on the alert.

The last adverse influence they were called upon to meet was the incorrect statement of the Allans regarding the depth of water at Sand Point. To their amazement they found the St. John Globe lined up with the Allans, to do injury to the reputation of the port.

Last Friday's Montreal Star, under the title in big type "The Winter Port-Captains consider their vessels in Danger entering St. John Harbor," says:—

"The contention of Mr. Hugh A. Allan, of the Allan Line, that the depth of water at the wharves at St. John, N. B., was such as to be a positive danger to their vessels, has apparently been strongly subsantiated by not only their own officers, but by those who reside in St. John,, and who are acquainted with the circumstances."

The Star follows this damaging statement with a quotation from the St. John Globe, as follows:—

"Last year, when the Allan Line S S Virginian, a ship costing upwards of a million dollars, was here Captain Vipond took soundings along the whole length on both the port and starboard sides, and made a report and diagram of these soundings. Nowhere was the full depth of 28 feet found, and in places only 21 feet was discovered. The chart prepared by Capt. Vipond was sent to the council. No move was made to verify Capt. Vipond's figures, nor was anything done to ascertain conditions at other berths. Within a month of the opening of winter navigation the small dredge owned by the city was put to work at the Allan berth, and she raised a considerable quantity of material, including several scow loads of ashes dumped into the slip by steamers using the berth."

The merchants of this city remembering, the very wide circulation at home and abroad of the Montreal Star, and of other papers which will no doubt also copy the Globe's statements, without the official contradiction, can realize the injury done to the port.

THE TEST OF COURAGE

The printers in the employ of the Montreal Gazette struck last week, and after being out a few days returned to work, the Gazette becoming "an open shop."

The St. John Globe, discussing the strike, observes:—"The strike was an unreasonable one, a surprisingly unreasonable one for intelligent men such as printers are supposed to be."

It is quite safe to discuss a strike that has occurred in Montreal, and even to say things about the strikers. There was a strike in St. John quite recently, quite similar to that in Montreal. The Globe did not feel called upon to discuss it, and when it had ended printed an untruthful statement about the manner in which it was settled. The test of courage is in the use that is made of it at close range—not at a distance of nearly five hundred miles.

A CHANGE OF NAME

The Times quotes today from the Boston Transcript the reasons given by Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., son of Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, for leaving the Unitarian to join the Presbyterian church. His address does not appear to contain anything that most Unitarians might not subscribe to with cheerfulness. His change of view is one of those illustrations which from time to time show that what meets the spiritual needs of one man will not meet those of another. Despite his change of name, Prof. Hale will doubtless be well content if he can be as true a Christian, in the best sense, as his venerable and universally revered father.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

The first returns from the British elections show greater Liberal gains than even the Liberals anticipated. The overwhelming defeat of Mr. Balfour in East Manchester is a surprising incident. It had been generally conceded that the Liberals would win, but the results of Saturday seem to indicate a sweeping victory. Although it is a victory for free trade the boast of Mr. Winston Churchill, "We have killed protection," is the boast of a young man who is somewhat intoxicated with success. Protection is far from being killed, as even Mr. Churchill will probably agree before he is many years older.

Many elements enter into the present campaign, of which we in Canada have but a very limited knowledge. But the Liberals are triumphant, for they appear to have almost completely reversed the conditions of five years ago. They will have a magnificent opportunity to develop their policy, and to attempt to prove that Chamberlain's policy is not needed.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

The progressive policy of the Bank of Nova Scotia is associated with exceptional ability in the management of the bank's affairs. The annual statement printed in today's Times shows earnings of about 21 per cent. on an increased capital. A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. was declared for the first half year, and 11 per cent. for the second half. The bank opens the year with a reserve fund of $4,200,000, or 168 per cent of the capital. The Bank of Nova Scotia now occupies a very strong position in the island of Cuba. It continues its forward policy in Canada, and will this month open branches in Sackville, N. B., and Canning, N. S., taking over the business now carried on there by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The application of the Mowry Safety Nut Co. for concessions comes before the civic committee again today. If the company's demands can reasonably be met the industry should be secured. If the view of many citizens that the shore of Courtenay Bay in that section is better suited for factories than for an extension of shipping facilities, and if proper guarantees are given that an adequate expenditure will be made at the outset for plant and thereafter in wages for a term of years the proposition would seem to be a good one. Doubtless the aldermen will satisfy themselves on these points before taking final action.

The Toronto Mail and Empire correctly says:—"The cardinal fault in our public school system is that it is not as well designed as it might be to subserve the practical needs of the people. Leaving the school course and taking to the pursuit by which a living is to be made ought, as far as possible, not to be a matter of switching off, but of continuing along the same lines."

St. John's position as the Atlantic terminus of the C. P. R., and the steady development of the trade of that line through this port, are hopeful facts with regard to the future. Whether nationalization of ports come soon or late, the facilities for handling an increasing traffic must be provided.

The Times prints a statement which was prepared a year or two since, showing the price of gas in various Canadian cities It is of special interest at this time. Presumably the price has not been increased in any of those towns since the table was prepared.

The statement of exports from this port to the United States, which appeared in Saturday's Times, did not take account of rail shipments entered at the outport of McAdam, and which would aggregate a very considerable value.

The Montreal Star, after reading the St. John Globe, concludes that "captains consider their vessels in danger entering St. John harbor." The Globe is doing very effective work this winter. In whose interest?

If this is to be a hard winter Old Boreas is losing valuable time. Trains have been making a phenomenal record during December and thus far in January.

The rush of winter port business continues, and the amount of money spent for wages and supplies means much to the city at this season.

The cotton mills, the rolling mills, the nail factories and other industries of St. John had a good year in 1905, and the outlook for 1906 is equally good.

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Yesterday Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, D. D., commenced the 24th year of his ministry in St. John's Presbyterian church. The reverend gentleman marked the anniversary by delivering last evening a strong evangelical sermon. His text was from John xii—32, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

The preacher first dwelt on the significance the cross has nowadays for us. The greatest buildings, the most splendid examples of painting and statuary in some way or another repeat the wonderful story. In Roman times the cross was even more shameful than our gallows or electric chair, now it was the symbol of the highest value and self sacrifice.

It was not, the speaker went on, the birth of Christ that attracted us most although the angels came down to herald that wondrous event. It was not His after life full as it was of the highest morality and purest ethics. It was the death of Christ that exercises the greatest power over the minds and hearts of men.

Rev. Dr. Fotheringham then pointed out reasons why the death of Christ exercises such a potent influence over the minds of men. It was, he said, a manifestation of supreme love and therein lay a way of escape from human sin and pardon for transgression. He urged all those present to try to bring into the folds of Christ such as had not yet closed with His offers of mercy.

He said that Toronto was now being stirred by two revivalists whose names had become household words in America. He expressed the opinion, however, that revivals were not needed here or in any really earnest Christian community where each did his or her duty.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—(Special)—John Dixon, a well known citizen, died at his residence, Queen Hotel, late Saturday night, after an illness of seven days. He was sixty-six and leaves a widow, four sons and six daughters.

L. C. Jack, collections clerk of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, has been transferred to the new branch just opened in Canning (N. S.) Mr. Jack left on Saturday for Canning.

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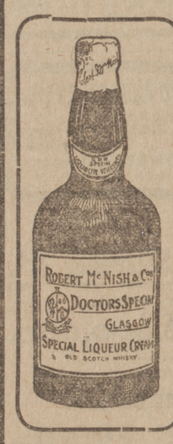
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PREACHED ON CHURCH UNION

Rev. Dr. Heartz Told of Interdenominational Conference in Toronto.

The sermon in Portland Methodist church last evening was preached by Rev. Dr. Heartz, president of the Nova Scotia conference, and a delegate to the recent meetings in Toronto on the union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational denominations.

Speaking of the conference Dr. Heartz said he believed the movement towards union had the sanction of the New Testament and was the product of inspiration. The conference showed an earnest endeavor to fuse together the best elements of the three denominations to the glory of God. In carrying out movements of the kind, he continued, difficulty generally arose as to doctrine. If that could be agreed upon the other points were comparatively easy.

Regarding doctrine it had been well said when we come to truth there can be no compromise, but why should uniformity of thought be indispensible to church union?

In the present instance it was proposed to standardise the best things in the Westminster Conference of Faith and in Wesley's sermons, and to take as a basis of doctrine the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States, the foundations for which Methodism stood for. He believed they had found a workable doctrinal basis suitable to the churches of the twentieth century. They might miss certain phases but who cared, if Christ's doctrine was maintained?

The name of the new church, Dr. Heartz said, had not yet been considered. All matters were tentative, and nothing had been positively arranged. Everything would be referred to the various church courts, and eventually back to each individual church for consideration. If the question were asked will the union be consummated he could only say it would depend entirely on the people. "It will come," he added, "if the same spirit which influenced the men at the conference in Toronto permeates the congregations of the different bodies."

There would be no immediate change. It would take time. "But," said Dr. Heartz in conclusion, "I believe if this union of the churches is one of God's thoughts, and I feel assured it is, it will come. If it is not of God my prayer is May the Lord obstruct it."

HE IS NOW A PRESBYTERIAN

The Son of Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the Famous Unitarian.

(Boston Transcript.)

No small stir in the religious world has been made by the recent conversion of Edward Everett Hale, Jr., third son of Boston's eminent Unitarian patriarch, from Unitarianism to evangelical Christianity. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., is professor of English literature in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and he will soon join the First Presbyterian Church of that city, of which his wife is a member.

Professor Hale's conversion was accomplished during a series of revival meetings held at the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Schenectady, by Dr. Dawson, the travelling evangelist, who is in this country from England; and naturally it made a deep impression on the college in which he lives. Though he will join a Presbyterian church, his own story of his conversion was told in an address made by him at the "watch-night" meeting held in the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church to usher in the present new year, and reported in the current issue of Zion's Herald. Said Professor Hale:

"All denominations lay more or less stress on one phase or another of religious experience, some lay more stress on faith, some on creed, some on good works, while others, I believe, like this church, lay more stress on definite religious experience, because experience is a work on which faith is founded. The call of Christ I conceive to be that time in a man's life when an impulse comes to surrender every thing for Christ. We all come to a place in our lives when we feel that there is something lacking in our life, and Christ speaks to us in that still, small voice, and if we accept him he brings us into the new life. That is what is meant by hearing the call and giving ourselves to Christ.

"Personally I had no expectation that the call of Christ would come to me. I think most of you here who know me personally will agree with me that I was not the man you would have expected to confess Christ here in this meeting house. If you will pardon these personal references, I will give a few reasons why. I am of New England birth, and a New Englander is not likely to be carried away by anything emotional. I am a man of books, of an intellectual life, associated constantly with students, and such men do not take such steps under enthusiasm. Most of you are aware of the fact that I was a Unitarian, and that they are known as a sect that lays more stress on reason and intellect than on the heart. Who would have thought that I would have been led to accept Christ in a revival meeting in a Methodist church? No disrespect to this church.

"By my personal experience I can say that the way of the Cross is through prayer. The first sermon preached here by Dr. Dawson was one on prayer, and it was almost by accident that I happened to go. I only thought of hearing an excellent preacher. I did not find much I had not thought of before; but I said, what he says is sensible, and I will try it; and as I walked down from church that day I prayed that God would give me the best he had for me. Monday came, and I gave myself to the ordinary duties of the week. I did not go to hear Dr. Dawson at once again. It was not until Thursday night that I came to this meeting-house; but during that time I continued this express prayer, and I must admit with a little more interest than usual, I went to hear Dr. Dawson again on Friday, Sunday and Monday, and during this time I became conscious of a curious change which was going on in myself, which I did not, and cannot now, explain. Many things which had been much to me—indeed, all—had ceased to interest me. Interest in life began to have a curious dulness in regard to some things. I do not mean in the carrying on of my regular college duties, but in art, literature, nature, etc. I began to have a greater love for others, for humanity, for people in general.

"On Thursday night he preached on 'The Delusions of This Life,' on Friday night he preached on 'The Visit of Nicodemus to Jesus by Night,' on Sunday night he preached on the text of the burning bush and how it was not consumed by the fire, on Monday night he preached on the Greeks, who came saying: 'We would see Jesus,' and he said that they found not a poet, not a philosopher, not a leader of the people, but one whose life had been a constant sacrifice for the salvation of the world. Then it was on the invitation of my friend, Dr. Adams—whom I shall never forget in that respect—I made the decision to follow Christ. I said: 'I am a sinner. I am resolved to surrender and take up the spiritual ministry of Christ.' The call of the Cross is not merely a call to forgiveness, but a call to love and work for Christ. He has said: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'

"I think there is still something for those who come at the eleventh hour. If we have the spirit and love of Christ, we will serve him in every word and act of our lives. Up to the very last of his ministry Christ labored with his disciples. At the last supper he asked Peter three times in succession: 'Simon Peter, lovest thou Me more than all these?' and Christ's answer each time was simply, 'Feed My Sheep.'"

SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Jan. 13—Mrs. W. E. Lord gave a very pleasant tea party last evening to a few of her friends. Mrs. Lord intends leaving for Winnipeg in the near future.

Rev. E. L. Steeves leaves today for a ten days' trip to Boston.

Very successful services are being held in the Main street Baptist church. Evangelist Beattie is in charge, assisted by Mrs. Beattie and Rev. Mr. Nobles, the pastor.

Mrs. Herbert Wood entertained the senior whist club last evening.

Mrs. D. H. Charters, of Sackville, was called to Moncton to see her mother, who is critically ill.

A parlor concert will be held at the home of James Wheaten, Upper Sackville, next Friday evening, under the leadership of Miss Florence Webb and other members of Mt. Allison's musical staff.

The ladies of St. Paul's church are also making preparations for an entertainment to be given in Music Hall, Jan. 26th. Mrs. Mattie Spencer Wiggin, of Boston, and Miss Elsie Foster, of Mt. Allison Conservatory, will appear on the programme.

Mr. Harold Sears, of Minneapolis, who has been spending a couple of days in the city, left again for the west Saturday.

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