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A SPLENDID INCREASE

It will be observed by reference to another page that the value of the exports by winter port steamers from this port during the current season to date is within a million dollars of the total value for last season. It would only take two more such cargoes as the Lake Michigan carried on one voyage this season to make the total greater than last year's. As we may expect something like forty cargoes more, large and small, to go forward, it would seem that the total for the whole of this season should approach $20,000,000. Possibly this may be too large an estimate, but in any case there will be so substantial an increase that the city will be able to point with pride to the growth of through business, as a very powerful argument in favor of providing the increased facilities necessary to handle the larger trade of the future.

The time is not far distant when $20,000,000 will seem small as a total of the value of a season's exports from St. John during the period when the St. Lawrence is closed to navigation.

T.IE CHURCH IN THE WEST

In making an appeal for the $30,000 needed to bring the Presbyterian Home Mission fund up to $140,000, the convener of the committee makes some striking statements about the growth and the needs of the west. He writes:—

"New settlements are springing up in every direction. Are they to be left without religious ordinances? Some thirty young men have been secured in Scotland to come out to Canada this spring to assist in this rapidly expanding and vastly important work. Are they to be notified that the church is unable to provide for this additional expenditure? A very large number of requests for the initiation of new work will come before the committee at its approaching meeting. The Synod of British Columbia and Alberta will ask that at least 25 new fields be opened in that territory; and a much larger number will be needed in the Synod of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the Presbytery of Regina alone having already planned for no less than seventeen."

This is eloquent testimony to the rapid growth of the new territories. All the churches are facing a condition which calls for earnest thought and active effort, in order that the new settlers may have thrown around them those influences which make for good citizenship.

AN INTERESTING REPORT

In his annual report to the Ontario legislature, Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of public charities, says there are in Ontario 60 hospitals, 35 refuges, 32 orphanages, three homes for incurables, two convalescent homes, two Magdalen asylums. The total number of patients treated last year in the hospitals of the province was 38,325, exclusive of outdoor patients. Dealing with the treatment of consumptives the report says:—

"The solution of the tuberculosis problem means the solution of the social problem. Whatever prevents the development of tuberculosis will prevent social misery. Whatever cures it will help to cure social ills. In so much as we diminish tuberculosis among the masses we will diminish suffering, misery and social discontent, and when the problem of tuberculosis will have been solved we will be nearer the millennium than we have ever been before."

Regarding the treatment of criminals, Dr. Smith notes the fact that 11,000 persons were committed for criminal offences last year in Ontario, out of a population of two millions, and says that the increasing refinements of civilization fail to produce an improvement in criminal statistics. The old doctrine that the criminal must be punished and preached to in order to make him good has had a disappointing trial. We quote further from the Mail and Empire's summary:—

"Dr. Smith says that the modern rational method of reform is: 'Make a healthy man of your criminal or prospective criminal; give him a sound, well-developed brain to think with, and rich, clean blood to feed it upon, and an opportunity to earn an honest living, then preach to him if you like.' The influences responsible for the production of the criminal classes should be reached and corrected. The social environment is the culture medium of criminality. The money spent on children's aid societies is of incalculable benefit to the province.

"Dr. Smith strongly recommends the adoption of special methods for treating chronic inebriates, and suggests that Toronto take the lead in establishing an industrial farm or home for inebriates. The other large municipalities of the province would soon follow the example, and the result would be a more rational and humane manner of dealing with delinquents, who require sympathy and care instead of a prison cell."

It is further stated in this report that undesirable immigrants have added largely to the public charge for maintenance of indigent persons, and it is urged that greater care should be taken by Canadian agents abroad, so that fewer incapables would emigrate to these shores.

The report is one that furnishes much food for thought on the part of the Canadian people generally.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS

Temperance sentiment is making itself felt in Ontario. At the meeting of the Grand Council of Royal Templars in Toronto this week, Grand Councillor Armstrong, a report says, "was very optimistic as to the prospect of the prohibition movement, and saw in the cutting off of 234 licenses in 98 municipalities in Ontario during the year a promise of the total abolition of the barroom."

It is added that "A request for provincial legislation to prevent the sale of liquor along the route of the new railroads in Ontario, and to forbid the granting of additional licenses in newer districts, was recommended by the temperance and prohibition committee and endorsed by the convention."

"The Ontario government," the report continues, "will also be asked to amend the law regarding local option, so that whenever 25 per cent. of the electors join in a petition the council of a municipality must perforce submit a by-law. This was recommended in order that a few hostile members in the council might not block the efforts to obtain a local prohibitory enactment. A third clause of the report deprecated any change in the statutes which would deprive women of the right to vote in local option contests. Finally, the gathering assented to a clause beseeching the Government to make no retrograde movement in amending the License Act. On the contrary, it was hoped that any changes in the statute might tend toward the further restriction of the liquor trade. The report closed with a strong expression of approval of the course of advocates of local option, who purchased two hotels in order to bring the measure into force without difficulty."

From Montreal comes word of another notable movement, to which the Times has before referred. We quote from Wednesday's Montreal Witness:-

"The temperance crusade inaugurated by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi opens tomorrow evening in St. Mary's Church, corner of Craig and Panet streets, at 7.30 o'clock. Every person belonging to the parish, male or female, who has been admitted to first communion, is expected to respond to the call of the pastor, and begin tomorrow the crusade against intemperance. Services will also be held in the same church, beginning at the same hour, on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Rev. Father Ethelbert, O. F. M. late of Staffordshire, England, will be the preacher on the different occasions. Father Ethelbert has the reputation of being an eloquent and forcible preacher. He enters into the present crusade with the deepest earnestness, and hopes St. Mary's will have cause in future years to look back with pleasure upon the work which is about to begin in their midst. The Rev. Father Wulstan, also a Franciscan, will assist in forming the temperance union to be established at the close of the triduum. Not only are the parishioners, especially the men, both married and unmarried, expected to attend, but a cordial welcome is extended to all residents of the east end who desire to enter into the spirit of the work which appeals to all classes of the community."

The following somewhat singular paragraph appears in the Ottawa correspondence of the Toronto Globe. "Hon. Mr. Emmerson's attention was drawn to the Grand Trunk Pacific's application to build branch lines to St. John and Halifax. Mr. Emmerson seemed to regard such plans as inimical to the Intercolonial, and he said that action to protect the best interests of the Government line would be adopted."

MAINE FAMILIES IN STARVING CONDITION

Fourteen Residents of an Isolated Island, 25 Miles from Portland, in Dire Need.

Portland, Me., Feb. 23—A fisherman brought the story to this city today of the hopeless, starving condition of two families of fourteen persons on an isolated island near New Meadows River, about twenty-five miles from Portland. These are the only inhabitants of the island, and their nearest neighbors are whites and negroes on Malaga Island, some eight miles away.

They are employed as fishermen, but had lost their small boat and could not get away from the island to get food. Finally they managed to build a boat, and went to Malaga Island, where they got food and other supplies. The three-year-old Markhum boy is quite sick as a result of being nearly starved.

A certain farmer set forth one day to purchase a cow from a neighbor who had one to sell. The bargain had reached a point where the would-be purchaser had agreed to take the cow, when her owner said: "I really think that I ought to tell you that this cow has one failing. She is all that I have said in regard to the quantity and quality of milk. She is hard to milk, however, as she is such a great kicker, and you never know when she will kick you over." "Oh, that's all right," said the would-be purchaser. "You see, my wife does the milking at my place."

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Sweeter music than that provided by the Boston Ideal Club in York Theatre last evening is not very frequently heard in this city. The audience was of good proportions, and certainly most appreciative, and the applause was well deserved. The members of the club are G. L. Lansing (director), banjo and mandolin; A. D. Grover, banjo and mandolin; A. A. Barr, banjo and 'cello, and Walter Vreeland, guitar. The instruments were handled by men who certainly understand them. Watching the musicians, you suspected that they had never gone to the trouble of learning how to do it. It just seemed as though the art of creating exquisite harmony belonged to them as a matter of course.

The first number, Kentucky Thoroughbred, was delightful, and the next, Spanish Serenade, a haunting, witching bit, was a gem of its class. For an encore a selection from It Happened in Nordland was given.

The banjo solos, Old Folks at Home and Traumeri, by Mr. Lansing, were played with true feeling, and when sprightly Silver Heels was played by the club, the enjoyment it gave was very obvious.

The following number was Dixie Land, and the encore given was A Bit of Blarney.

The last number in part first was a guitar solo, Fantasia, by Mr. Vreeland, and he demonstrated his place as a master of the instrument.

In part second the numbers were a selection from Ballet Coppelia, Opera Reveries, a humerous song by Mr. Lansing, and several southern melodies. Potpourri Babes in Toyland, was especially well rendered.

The presence in the city of such a talented aggregation as the Boston Ideal Club is an event in musical circles. Each is a master, and it is doubtful if superior playing has been heard here in recent years.

The visitors found in the audience strong sympathy in their playing and this, no doubt, lent to the beauty of their work; certainly it left nothing to be desired. The programme was admirably selected and every number pleased. There will be a matinee at popular prices at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, and the programme is fully the equal of that of last night. As it will be the last chance to hear the club, a large audience is assured.

After the concert last evening, the members of the club were entertained at the residence of Gilbert Davidson, Germain street. There was a gathering of local music lovers, and the time was passed under exceptionally happy circumstances.

HAS COUNT WITTE RESIGNED POST?

Revelations of Bribery of Father Gapon's Followers Causes Sensation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The reports abroad that Premier Witte had resigned and that his resignation had been accepted by Emperor Nicholas are discredited here. No further changes in the cabinet are expected at present and it is probable that M. Kemechaieff, minister of communications, will retain his portfolio for the time being. The successors of Minister of Commerce Timihiazeff, and Minister of Agriculture Kutler have not been determined upon. The appointment of M. Krivoshein, former minister of public works and railways, as minister of agriculture is regarded as only temporary.

At the Witte chancellery nothing is known of the premier's reported resignation.

All the organs of press are contributing to the outcry over the disclosures of the governmental subsidies to the Gapon organization and a liberal amount of mud slinging is directed against Count Witte and Father Gapon, who are charged with having arrived at a corrupt understanding to buy off the labor leaders and break up the force of the Liberal movement among the workingmen by bribery. But the evidence actually works out in their favor. It shows that Gapon did not receive any of the money contributed, while Count Witte's action in authorizing M. Timiriazoff to furnish funds for the legitimate expenses of the conservative organization is regarded as a justifiable counter move to the financing of the postal telegraph union and other political strike organizations by the League of Leagues.

According to a signed statement of the central committee of the Gaponites the author of the revelations was expelled from the organization for accepting bribes. The whole odium of the transaction is thrown on M. Matushensky, Gapon's assistant and director of the campaign, who is said to have been false to both sides and who embezzled the bulk of the funds of the committee. He promises, however, to account for every dollar received and says:

"The best answer to the charge that we were subsidized to play an unworthy role in the struggle is the fact that we are not allowed to meet, that our club houses are still closed and that Gapon was unable to obtain amnesty and was forced to flee abroad."

A TRADING MARKET

It is the judgment of some of the best speculators in the street that the market is likely to be a mere trading affair for several weeks. Those whose opinions are worth knowing are reluctant to commit themselves one way or the other.—New York Times.

BANK MAN GOES TO CUBA

(Montreal Star, Thursday.)

H. C. McLeod, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is going to Cuba.

Mrs. J. A. Rogers, of Fredericton, came to the city on the late train last night. She is on her way to visit her brother, Rev. A. S. Rogers, at Bear River.

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