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NATIONAL PORTS

Mr. C. M. Hays agrees with the transportation commission that the great Canadian ports should be nationalized. The Montreal Star puts the case well when it says:-

"Ceratinly, whatever the effect of the canals may be, both railways and canals need more modern port facilities at every point in the country where freight carriage touches water. The Atlantic sea ports of the Dominion, from Montreal to Halifax, are in competition with the Atlantic ports of the United States; and we cannot permit ourselves to be outclassed in facilities if we hope to retain even a fair share of our own traffic. Nothing could be more stupid than to spend millions to tap the growing west with our own national railways and our expensive system of canals, and then cripple our ports with antiquated plants which must divert much of the freight gathered up by these roads to American terminals.

"The transportation system must be complete; or it will be a failure. Our American rivals are going to leave no weak links in their systems if they can possibly help themselves. If we handicap ourselves by too small 'a spout for the hopper'—to quote another great railway man—we might as well have saved some of our money on the railway systems which are to collect and deliver the contents of the 'hopper' to the 'spout.'"

TO LEND A HAND

To care for the man who is down, or who is in danger of going down—not to worry him about his welfare in the next world, but to make him feel that somebody thinks of him and cares for him in this world—was the keynote of the meeting in the schoolroom of Brussels street church last evening, at which fifty or more men, young and old, were present.

No organization was effected, last evening, the meeting being merely introductory, with an exceptionally bright entertainment, but the Rev. Mr. Cohoe set forth in simple words the simple and yet comprehensive purpose of the organization to be formed next Friday evening. Small beginnings were necessary, but he hoped to see in time a building on Brussels street, apart from the church edifice, where any young man, stranger or native, who wanted companionship, wanted to read, wanted to take exercise in a gymnasium, wanted the grasp of a friendly hand, could go and feel that he could receive benefit himself and help to pass it on to others.

Nothing could be simpler than the requirement for membership, which he stated to be merely a desire to help men. The purpose might be stated in the words of Edward Everett Hale:—

To look up, and not down;
To look forward, and not back;
To look out, and not in;
And to lend a hand,

There is room for more organizations of that class in this and all other cities than at present exist.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

The Toronto News presents these rather interesting suggestions with regard to Mr. Chamberlain:—

"One man who will look on the triumphs of the Labor party without misgivings is Joseph Chamberlain. It is against him for the present, but it provides him with exactly the field in which he would prefer to work. He would much sooner talk to a gathering of representatives of organized labor than to a caucus of old-time Conservatives, and it is likely that his busy brain is already devising some scheme of coalition with that element. He is probably not without hope that the men who apply the principles of protection to their own trades will come to look at national and Imperial protection with a friendly eye. The London Spectator thinks that he may join hands with the Irish Nationalists. Chamberlain marching with a united Irish and Labor party would be a startling spectacle, but things not less strange have happened in his career."

This certainly presents Mr. Chamberlain in an unexpected light. Probably most persons would picture him as more likely to rally other forces against those that make for Socialism than to ally himself with the Labor party. At his age men seldom return to Radicalism, and if there should be an alliance such as the one suggested it would be because, as the News suggests, the Labor men became protectionists in the imperial sense.

THE ROYAL BANK

The statement of the Royal Bank of Canada, set forth in today's Times, is an eminently satisfactory one. The statement of assets and liabilities shows an increase from $31,243,652.92 in 1904 to $36,373, 576.01 in 1905, a very strong proof of rapid development of business. The amount of assets immediately available has increased from $15,192,999.31 in 1904 to $18,398,913.15 in 1905. The fact illustrates the prudence of the management of this bank. It is worthy of note that the Royal holds $1,241,000 in British Consols. The profits of the bank for the year are given as $491,918, or over 16 per cent. on the paid-up capital of $3,000,000. The profits, with the balance brought forward, gave the directors $794,662 to deal with. They first provided for the dividends, which have now been made quarterly and raised to 9 per cent. a year. Then $100,000 was written off bank premises account, and $400,000 added to the reserve, bringing the fund up to $3,400,000. In this matter, the Royal stands as one of the strongest banks in the country.

Under the management of Mr. T. B. Blair the St. John branches of the Royal Bank have enlarged their business during the year, and pursued a progressive policy.

VIA U. S. PORTS

In 1903 some 8,283,000 bushels of Canadian grain were exported via Buffalo and American ports; in 1904, 4,624,000 bushels; and in 1905, almost 11,000,000 bushels. An Ottawa despatch remarks:—

"The disappointing feature of the return from a Canadian standpoint lies in the increasing volume of Canadian wheat, oats, barley, etc., that is carried by way of Buffalo to the United States Atlantic ports. So far as the past fall is concerned the large traffic via Buffalo is to some extent explained by the congestion that occurred at our own ports on Georgian Bay and the relatively small number of vessels comprising the Canadian fleet on these waters. It is to be hoped, however, that when the government has carried out its proposed improvements in these harbors the conditions will change and Canadian trade be recovered to its own shipping routes."

The report further states that, "Of the grain removed eastward from Fort William and Port Arthur during 1905, 29,763,810 bushels were carried in Canadian bottoms and 11,218,882 bushels in United States vessels."

The city of Montreal is saving money this winter. Usually the cost of removing snow is enormous. But note the following comparison:-

Year.	Snowfall.	Cost of removal
1897-98.	169.7 in.	$102,416
1898-99.	116.4 in.	57,916
1899-00.	142.0 in.	57,916
1900-01.	136.8 in.	118,859
1901-02.	115.8 in.	101,580
1902-03.	104.3 in.	94,336
1903-04.	127.8 in.	159,756
1904-05.	128.1 in.	145,864
1905-06. (to date)	35.0 in.	8,000

In today's Times appears an admirable statement of St. John's advantages as a commercial and industrial centre, with reasons for a feeling of confidence as to its future. The article is from a paper recently prepared and read before a local literary club by Mr. W. S. Fisher.

The Globe is again fearful that the C. P. R. will abandon St. John for L'Etang. What's the odds? We'll have the Allans for another five years.

The letter of Observer, relative to the dumping of ashes into the harbor, should command the attention of the civic authorities. The practice must be stopped.

The Emmerson symposium was continued in last night's Star. The minister of railways has found an ardent supporter.

TARIFF COMMISSION

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Special)—The tariff commissioners are now finishing all their engagements in the maritime provinces with the single exception of Halifax. Hon. Mr. Fielding, Hon. Mr. Paterson and Hon. Mr. Brodeur will accompany to Montreal the body of their late colleague, the minister of marine.

Afterwards they will go east to sit in Halifax about the last of January or the first of February. Unless their present plans change the only remaining meeting after that will be in Ottawa, when a number of important cases will be heard, including that of the Canadian woolen manufacturers for higher protection.

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ELECTROLYSIS OF MAINS

It will be remembered that a couple of years ago a claim was made against the city because of damage to a building caused by the bursting of a water main. The city claimed that the water main had been destroyed by electrolysis, the agent being a wandering electric current from the street car line. A similar case appears to have occurred in Toronto. The Mail and Empire says:

"A few days ago a section of water main that it had been found necessary to expose was discovered to be practically unfit for further use. It had been so impaired for further use. It had been so the street railway system that it would be unwise to trust it any longer. A rupture might occur in it at any moment, and the supply of water to a large section of the city be stopped. This accidental revelation of the effects of electrolysis was rightly regarded as a matter of some gravity. It presented a question that demanded the immediate attention of the works department, and of the civic government as a whole. The finding of this damaged piece of pipe is fortunate, not chiefly because it enables the city to anticipate a collapse in that part of the main, but because it gives us fair warning of what is happening in the miles of water pipes underlying the street railway lines. An isolated section decomposed by electricity is merely a sample of the effects of the leaking current. It is to be hoped that the shock of astonishment which followed the finding of this evidence will not be allowed to pass off without producing some remedial action. It must have been suspected that the city's underground plant and that of the gas company were undergoing injury from the street railway electricity. Cities in the United States have long been aware that water pipes along trolley lines were being impaired. To the problem of preventing such damage the engineers of many municipalities have devoted their study. At certain points where the escape was great the life of a section of gas pipe would be found not to exceed three months. Within the last six weeks 1,600 feet of water main has been removed from streets in Dayton, Ohio, owing to the deterioration due to electrolysis. Service lines are giving way from time to time in all the cities. Toronto has just completed the laying of miles of new water main along street car lines. Will it have to relay this main a few years hence? If so, the percentage and mileage receipts from the Toronto Railway Company are an inadequate indemnity for the damage that is being done by its lines, to say nothing of a return on the franchise. Recently Mr. George Westinghouse wrote a letter to the Railroad Gazette, in which he proposes as a solution the use of the alternating instead of the direct current for the operation of electrical apparatus. Steps should at once be taken for the protection of the city's property from this danger."
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PRISONERS TAKEN BACK

Linked to one another with manacles and handcuffs, but assuming an attitude of bravado, the two suspects arrested here in connection with the Red Beach robbery and shooting, were taken on last evening's train away for Portland (Me.), where it is expected they will be formally arraigned.

"St. John's got the — — bunch of rubbernecks I ever heard tell of," observed the white prisoner, Philps, as he faced an ever increasing and vastly interested crowd in the train shed.

The mulatto made no remark. He is a chunky, plump featured young man. But little escaped his view. His eyes, large and full, would keep roving over those who scrutinized him.

Certain articles found in the possession of the suspects were yesterday identified as goods stolen in Maine, and this is looked upon as practically establishing the identity of the prisoners.

As far as can be ascertained, they arrived in this city on the 11.15 train Wednesday night, and put up at the Prince Rupert Hotel, Mill street, of which John McCann is proprietor. They left a parcel containing clothes, which was secured by Detective Killen. They evidently spent Thursday roaming about the city, for Policeman Ira Perry reports that he saw them in Sheffield street, while Policeman White remembers having noticed them in Dock St. during the forenoon. Policeman Hamm says that he saw them in the North End. Another patrolman says that he recognized Philps as a former employe of the Eastern Steamship Company. Philps, it is thought, recognized the policeman and admitted that about ten years ago he was cabin boy on the State of Maine.

Both prisoners were willing to accompany the American officials back to Maine, so there was no necessity to wait for extradition papers.

AT THE THEATRES

Mr. Edward Ellis will certainly feel flattered at the large audience that will greet him at the rise of the curtain next Monday night at the initial performance of the "Man and the Maid" in Canada. The play is very strong and on new and unconventional lines. Mr. Ellis, Miss Brothers, Miss Frances, Miss Booth, Mr. Hill and Mr. Turner have also to make their first bow to a St. John audience. The musical features have not been neglected, and a dramatic treat is certain. The demand for seats has been heavy, and by Monday night it is doubtful if many desirable seats can be obtained. A strong comedy bill, "A Strenuous Time," will follow, and it's a screamer.

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