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THE DELEGATION

The St. John delegation to Ottawa is a strong and influential one, and it goes well fortified with facts relative to the present condition and future needs of this port. It will meet with a kindly reception, and we may hope that many matters will be cleared up, and the government placed so fully in possession of the facts concerning the port that no steamship company will find it easy to evade responsibility, while provision will be made for continuous work on the additional facilities required in this harbor. The matter of the armory and the exhibition buildings and grounds will doubtless also be brought nearer to a satisfactory settlement. The new armory has long been needed and long promised and the site is now the only apparent obstacle. The delegation will accomplish one good thing if it secures a pledge from the government that nothing likely to affect the interests of the port, no matter by whom introduced, will be considered until the civic authorities have been notified and given a chance to state their case. This would especially apply to the application of steamship companies for permission to vary their contracts and cut out this port.

THE EXPOSURE

It is fortunate for St. John that there are some newspapers here which put St. John interests first. Had not the Telegraph and Times directed the attention of the public and the minister of railways to the Allan sailing schedule cutting out this port with their turbine steamers, they perhaps would have got the consent of Sir Richard Cartwright to make the change—on the false assumption that they could not get wharf accommodation at this port. Sir Richard will now demand the proof, and Mr. Emmerson will see that it is conclusive.

The mystery is now cleared up. The Allans asked for the change, and made such representations to Sir Richard Cartwright that he seemed disposed to grant their request. Then they revised their sailing schedule, cutting out St. John as a port of call for the turbine steamers. The Telegraph and Times took up the question and called for an explanation, with the result that after some days of doubt and deep anxiety here the facts are set out in time to prevent the injury to the reputation of the port which would result from the withdrawal of the steamers on the alleged ground that they could not get accommodation here.

It is to be regretted that there are still persons and papers here which are willing to play the game of Halifax or the Allans against St. John. It is done with a fine assumption of fairness, and a fine show of indignation at the indifference of citizens and incapacity of aldermen; but it does its work. It provides Halifax delegations and steamship delegations to Ottawa with just the sort of ammunition they desire. Doubtless this sort of thing will continue so long as the good-nature of business men prevents them from taking measures to ensure a more fair and patriotic attitude in relation to the vital interests of this port.

THE OTHER FELLOW

There are from seventy-five to a hundred boys who have been attending every evening at the rooms of the Every Day Club, who have now been excluded because the rooms are crowded with men. Something should be done for these boys. They have nowhere to go in the evenings, and the fact that they went to the Every Day Club rooms proves that they are not kept at home. Some of them are quite small, and under ten years of age. Is a place on the street the best that St. John can do for them? And these are only the boys from one portion of the city. The opening of the Every Day Club has revealed in a very striking way a great defect in our social system. There is a great number of men, and youths, and boys who are not connected with any institution which meets their social needs. Something should be done for them, to prevent the habit of merely drifting about, which so often leads to dissipation and an utter waste of energy that might be usefully employed in bettering social conditions in the city. The appeal is to every citizen who cares for the welfare of his fellows and the good of the community. It is idle to say that there is this or that church or institution and these persons should become active members. Experience has shown that outside of the churches and other institutions is a great number who must first be appealed to through their social instincts, in the comparatively free and easy comradeship of such an institution as the Every Day Club, where men of all shades of faith may come together on the simple ground of a common manhood and citizenship.

But these boys who now have no such place of meeting. Cannot something be done for them? The members of the Every Day Club are giving the question careful consideration, and if they are able to point the way they should receive the hearty support of all who care anything at all about "the other fellow."

MISREPRESENTATION

Why should a St. John paper mis-state the facts about the Allan affair and contemptuously describe St. John people as "hysterical" when they stand up for their rights? The Sun this morning says:—

"The Minister of Trade and Commerce, in whose hands any such alteration of the contract rests, is quoted as declaring not only that he has sanctioned no change but that he has not even heard of the matter."

Over against this place the following:—

"OTTAWA, Feb. 15—Hon. H. R. Emmerson had an interview tonight with Sir Richard Cartwright, after the minister of trade and commerce had returned from Kingston. Sir Richard told the minister of railways that he had given no order to the Allans to give St. John the go-by in connection with the mail contract. The Allans did ask him to be relieved of calling at St. John with their turbine steamers, because there was no room in the berths in the harbor for them."

The Sun says that Sir Richard had not even heard of the matter. Sir Richard himself says that the Allans themselves applied to him for permission to make the change.

THE PRICE OF GAS

The Montreal Witness launches this broadside at the advocates of high-priced gas in that city:—

"Those aldermen who have voted to compel us to pay very dearly for our gas will doubtless be delighted to learn that the inhabitants of Widnes, a town of about thirty thousand inhabitants, and situated near Liverpool, are being supplied with gas at 28 cents to 30 cents in moderate and small quantities, while those who use large quantities for power and other purposes are charged 22 cents a thousand. To compete with the latter, electricity would have to be sold at a third of a cent per ampere hour, compared with three-fifths of a cent net, or nearly double in the Payette offer to the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company. The Widnes people, however, are up to date. They will not put up with an effete plant. A little while ago, for instance, the mayoress of Widnes opened a new holder at Widnes Gas Works, capable of containing a million feet, which is the only four-lift spiral guided holder in existence, and the very latest invention in gas engineering. But inventions may come and inventions may go and we shall be interested in them but historically and academically. We shall never have the chance to benefit from them practically while Aldermen Payette and White rule the roost and flap their wings and crow for the Light and Power trust."

Mr. Hugh A. Allan, in his annual address as president of the Montreal board of trade, made the following statement: "The question of making Montreal a free port is one that ought to receive the early and favorable consideration of the government, and I now take the opportunity of mentioning that there has been introduced this month into the State Legislature at Albany a bill to abolish the present wharfages at the port of New York, by repealing the city charter relating thereto, a sacrifice, it is said, of $13,000,000 per annum, as against wharfages at the port of Montreal of $360,000. This action ought to be sufficient to impress upon our own government the necessity of taking immediate action to meet the competition that may be expected."

The Montreal Herald pays this tribute to one of St. John's representatives in parliament:—"There will be general regret at the announcement that Dr. Stockton, M. P., has had a return of his illness. The last time he was attacked his life was despaired of, but he decided, against positive orders, to go from St. John to Boston for an operation. His strong will was probably his salvation, for on the journey his condition so improved that the operation was found to be unnecessary. Dr. Stockton is a favorite with the House of Commons, for the good reason that he says clearly what he has to say, and never offers to the debate a contribution that is not worth while."

When asked if the company would be influenced by medical testimony regarding the nerve-racking effect of long hours upon the telephone girls, Bell Telephone Co. officials in Toronto yesterday said the directors would consider the subject. This is a very kind and Christian attitude. Of course the company must pay dividends, but if it can do that and at the same time spare the lives of the girls it may decide to do so. How very considerate!

The opposition in the Nova Scotia legislature is so small in numbers that it can afford to worry the government by moving that a prohibitory law should be immediately enacted for the whole province. If the opposition were the government it would not be so eager for the change. When prohibition ceases to be a political plaything it will fare much better as a serious subject of legislation.

It is regretted that Attorney General Pugsley cannot accompany the St. John delegation to Ottawa, but the forestry convention claims his presence at Fredericton.

After all, the Japanese children are to attend the public schools of California. The better sense of the American people has prevailed.

THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY

Thomas Malcolm, the contractor in charge of the International Railway from Campbellton to St. Leonards, was at the Royal yesterday and left last evening for the north to confer with engineers as to further work.

Mr. Malcolm said he expected that by this time next year the line would be in full operation and handling a large quantity of lumber. Thirty of the 110 miles have been completed, this being at the Campbellton end. At present about 100 men are at work, but in the spring about 2,000 will be employed and the work rushed through to completion.

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Meant for a poet, born an Earl,
His Lordship, like a pawky carl,
Has ta'en the spigot frae his barr'l
And let it run
In gowden thoughts and words o' pearl,
Weel oiled wi' fun.

Ye brither Scots, frae Perth to Denny!
Tak' tent o' drum-taps frae Dalmeny;
Come ilka Jock, come ilka Jenny,
Richt blithe and trig,
Row in your pound, birl up your penny
And save the Brig!

Five hunder years, in foul and fair,
I've knelt upon the banks of Ayr,
Bending my back now gashed and bare,
Frae land to land,
And, by yon Sun, five hunder mair
I hope to stand!

Could ye but see the mighty thrang
Hae passed my cobble stanes alang,
The lads and lassies, lithe and strang,
The bairns sae prime!
My fren's, you'd say I did sma' wrang
To beg for lime?

Ladies and Lords frae yont the toun,
Knights wi' chain coats and iron shoon,
Bailies, hae bauchled up and doun
My auld soos back;
And princes rested on my croon,
To hae their crack.

But, King among them a' by right
Was he who on yon autumn night
Watched the braid moon her silver light
Lave in my stream,
The while he preened his fancy's flight
And wove his dream.

And shall these stanes where Rabbie stood,
For lack o' mortar, by the rood!
A shapeless mass beneath the flood
Sink for a' time?
The King o' Scotland's rhyming brood
Forbids the crime!

All ye who warm at Rabbie's flame,
Who sing his sangs, and toast his name,
The door step o' his muse's hame
Ye daffin' ca'me—
Be his the sorrow, yours the shame,
If ill befa' me!

By all the guid his sangs hae done,
By all the love that he has won,
Frae Arctic night to India's sun,
Ower land and sea,
While green woods grow and rivers run,
It shall na be!

—Punch.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

TOOK HIS ADVICE.

"You certainly look better; you must have followed my advice and had a change."

"Yes, doctor, so I have."

"Where did you go?"

"I went to another physician."

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SOPHRONY'S TROUBLE.

"Yes," sighed Mrs. Lapsling, "Sophrony suffers terribly from neralagy. The only relief she ever gets is when she has an epidemic inserted in her arm."—Chicago Tribune.

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ACCURATE DEFINITION.

Tommy—"Pa, what is the Isthmus of Panama?"

Pa—"The Isthmus of Panama, Tommy, is a narrow strip of land connecting Central America with the United States Treasury."—Life.

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THE JOVIAL DRUMMER.

"What business are you in," asked the jovial drummer.

"I," replied Mr. Pompous, "I'm a gentleman, sir;I—"

"You don't say? Haven't been workin' at it long, have you?"—Philadelphia Press.

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HARD TO SATISFY.

"Some women," said Uncle Eben, according to a writer in the Washington Star, "not only wants their own way, but dey wants de privilege of blamin' deir husband's foh lettin' 'em have it if it don' turn out right."

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AMUSING EXPERIENCE.

"Yes," said the sexton, as he was showing the visitors round the church. "We had an amusing experience here only a few weeks ago. Our regular minister was away, and a stranger filled his pulpit. During the service, finding a written notice tucked in the Bible on the reading desk, he read it out with all due solemnity. It was a request for the congregation's sympathy and prayers for Mr. H., who had been deeply afflicted by the loss of his wife." The sexton smiled broadly for a moment befor finishing his narrative. "You see, sir," he said, "our regular minister had been using that paper as a book-marker for more than a year, and Mr. H., in a smart grey suit, sat in a front pew with the second wife he had taken the week before."

THE NORTH SHORE CRITIC.

Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World turns from Tennyson Smith for a moment to hand one to another brother who has gone astray. Thus:—

"It is interesting in view of all that has been said recently of church union, to note what Rev. W. J. Wilkinson said of it at the deanery meeting, and we call Judge Forbes's attention particularly to it. Mr. Wilkinson 'thought some of the leading Protestant sects would soon be amalgamated, but that the time was not yet ripe for union with the several 'branches of the Catholic Church.' Note 'Protestant sects' and 'branches of the Catholic Church. These 'branches' are, we presume, the Anglican, Greek and Roman communions. The others arer 'Protestant sects.' Judge Forbes will note tha his hopes for union between mere 'sects' and a real 'branch of the Catholic Church' are not likely to be realized. The only way for his 'sects' to secure union is to unite with one of the 'branches' and then endeavor to get these to amalgamate. These poor sects, you see, as seen from the lofty height of Anglican righteousness, are not branches of the Church at all, not even boughs on a branch, nor twigs on a bough, nor leaves on a twig, and their talk of union with the Church of England is an impertinence. How pleasant it must be to have this sense of superiority and be able to look from the platform of assured verity, with benevolent toleration on the antics of the sects that are out of the fold though they fancy they are in a corner of it."

It is reported that people in Florida are seeking to purchase the steamer Aurora, of the Grand Manan Steamboat Company, and many people of the island and other places along her route are anxious that the deal be "called off" and the favorite steamer be retained and kept on the route, where she has so long given general satisfaction.—Eastport Sentinel.

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