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THE BUDGET

In continuing the provincial budget speech yesterday Hon. Dr. Pugsley stated that there will be some increase this year in the aid given to steamer services. Referring to the great growth of the dairy industry he was able to recall the fact that he introduced the first bill for the encouragement of dairying in this province. The aid given and the increasing interest in fruit growing were also the subject of remark, as well as the development of cold storage. The announcement that a bonus is to be given to starch factories, to encourage their establishment, will doubtless be received with satisfaction by the farming community. The premier's confident assertion that the Central Railway is so good an asset, and that it will shortly become a part of the G. T. P. line, removes a source of anxiety from the minds of even opposition members relative to that work. He also makes it clear that the relative position of St. John and Halifax, with regard to shipman, must fix St. John as the more desirable shipping port for through freight.

THE STORM

That the worst and wildest storm of the winter should come on March 20th was a great surprise to people who had seemed warranted in assuming that in a few days we would have balmy air and large streets again. All who breathed yesterday's terrific weather in a smother of shrieking wind and blinding snow will not soon forget the experience. Happily, hereabouts, although some damage was done, there were no fatalities. Today's clear sunshine is doubtless welcome, although the air is crisp and cold, and the streets have the appearance of midwinter. Should heavy rain come, in the present condition of gutters and catch basins, the citizens would have another experience not easily forgotten. But mad March may have exhausted himself in yesterday's outburst, and the snows may steal away as quietly as the traditional Arab.

A FORMER INSTANCE

The New York Evening Post finds a parallel for present conditions in the financial realm in the United States by going back to the year 1882. Referring to the protestations of Harriman and Rockefeller that they have not been selling stocks, and there is to be an end of mystery in high finance, by taking the public into their confidence, the Post says:

"But there is nothing new under the sun. An angry public, buried in 1882 under the avalanche of continuous liquidation, accused the leaders of the preceding 'boom,' Jay Gould and William H. Vanderbilt, of having 'unloaded' on them. Mr. Vanderbilt hotly denied it. He was a buyer, he declared; he believed in values; stocks were going up. Gould, the sagacious and slippery, did more than deny; he escorted a bankers' committee into his safe deposit vault, and bade them examine personally the \$33,000,000 share certificates stowed away in it, unblemished—so it was said—even by an endorsement indicating a pledge for loans. The list included \$23,000,000 Western Union, \$12,000,000 Missouri Pacific, \$8,000,000 Manhattan Elevated, and \$2,000,000 Wabash—stocks which had fallen respectively 16, 29, 15, and 32 points. It was clear that Gould was innocent. Yet the decline in stocks went on, and an ungrateful public continued to utter harsh words against the two eminent friends of plain investors. To this day, one interesting question of financial tradition is, Why were Gould and Vanderbilt so anxious to convince the public? Perhaps the same question will hereafter attach itself to the events of the past week."

A WORD TO BOYS

The New Glasgow Enterprise has a word of counsel for boys which all who have to do with boys in cities will heartily commend to their attention:

"People of all classes that need help are looking about for intelligent, industrious, well-behaved, gentlemanly boys. A boy of that kind is laying a good foundation for success in life. Not every boy can be a rich man or a great man, but every boy can be a gentleman. A boy with gentlemanly manners, who is trustworthy and honest, and does his very best every day, will gain the attention and confidence of men, and will be given paying and responsible positions as soon as he is old enough to fill them. Boys like to have fun and a good time. It is right they should. They will never be boys but once, but to have fun is not altogether what they are made for. Boys are of value to make men, good for something in the world. Character, like a house, must have the right kind of foundation."

DISEASED IMMIGRANTS

At the meeting in Ottawa last week of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis the danger from an influx of infected immigrants was discussed, and one speaker asserted that the present system of immigrant inspection was "a farce." A deputation waited upon Hon. Frank Oliver relative to this matter, and the Citizen says:

"They stated their case as follows: That cases of immigrants in the advanced stages of the disease had been brought to the knowledge of the association, and it was felt that these people became a burden upon the charity of the country and a menace to the health of other people. They requested that if possible, it be insisted that the inspection at the port of

entry be made more strict in order to keep out undesirables.

"Mr. Oliver's reply was that the government was in sympathy with the representations of the association, and that already instructions had been given to increase the severity of the examinations with a view to keeping that class of people out of the country and he thought that still greater vigilance would be urged upon the medical officers of the government at the ports of entry in order to keep out all classes of undesirable immigrants."

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

All the evidence is not against public ownership, says the Windsor, Ont., Record. To prove its statement the Record gives the instance of the city of Duluth, as follows:

"The latest official report of the water and light department of that 'city of the unsalted seas' shows that the earnings of the department from both gas and water have increased from \$271,105.28 in 1905, to \$304,456.83 in 1906, while the expenses of operation, maintenance and interest have only increased from \$244,538.25 in 1905, to \$261,883.86 in 1906, and that the net surplus for the year 1906 is \$47,572.97, as against \$26,577.04 for the preceding year."

"Meanwhile there has been no change in rates for either gas or water. In comment the commissioners say: 'So far as the operation and maintenance of the gas and water systems are concerned, this board is confronted with very easy and simple problems. Both systems are money-making propositions, and notwithstanding the reductions in the price of both gas and water that have been made since the city acquired these plants, and notwithstanding the fact that during the last year the consumers of gas and water have had to pay additional interest on the cost of the Duluth Heights and Park Point systems and the West Duluth reservoir, from which no income has been derived, the department is yet able to show an annual profit of \$47,572.97.'"

The Toronto Globe says:—"It is reported that the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto have asked Professor B. E. Fernow to take the proposed chair of forestry at the university. If he accepts he will at once set about organizing his staff and making preparations for the work on the resumption of the university term following the summer holidays. Professor Fernow, who is one of the foremost of experts on forestry in the United States today, is at present on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania. He was formerly dean of the faculty of forestry at Cornell University. Last week the professor attended the forestry convention at Ottawa."

The lord high chancellor of England, speaking in the house of lords yesterday, said: "All roads lead to home rule. It is as certain to come as that tomorrow's sun will rise." His lordship explained that he meant a modified home rule, subordinate to an imperial authority, but there is no possibility of mistaking the significance of his statement, taken in conjunction with those of the premier and other members of the government. Home rule is merely a question of time.

The woman suffragists of England are determined to keep their grievances before the public until redress is granted. It is a notable fact that the agitators are cultured women, some being members of titled families. They will win in the end, since even the premier declares their cause is just.

Earl Grey's eulogy of General Booth and the Salvation Army at the Canadian Club banquet in Ottawa yesterday was an eloquent tribute to a commanding and unique personality, and a world-wide work for the uplifting of the ideals and the lives of men and women.

The latest report is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will attend the colonial conference, that the Canadian parliament will continue in session, and that by agreement with the opposition no partisan advantage will be taken of the premier's absence.

If the teapot-tempest regarding civic elections leaves St. John with the same old system and the same old council, the price will be a high one to pay—even for that famous meeting in the board of trade rooms.

Premier Pugsley stated yesterday in an interview that he was confident a railway along the St. John valley would soon become an accomplished fact.

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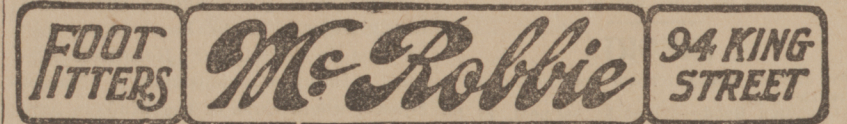
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THE FLIGHT OF LOVE

To spring the flowers return, to winter frost, These their particular jewels have won. Life owns no treasure that is wholly lost, Love, art thou not a fool?

The humbler boasts of nature, by thee scorned, The fickle planets and the changing year, Behold! their lesser heaven have redeemed! And dost thou not appear?

I mourn not that my heart, unloved, is lone, Nor that I shiver over embers ceased; But that fair Truth is robbed of scepter throne, The greatest made the least.

—Evelyn Plinney in the Century.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"Let's see, Colonel, you'll want a bottle that'll hold about a quart, won't you?"
"No, sir; I'll want a bottle that'll let go of about a quart."

PROBABLY.

"He's still enjoying love's young dream, is he not?"
"Yes, but he'll probably be jarred wide awake Easter."

HARMLESS

"Does you fink people is livin' longah dese days Jan what dey usestuh, Deakin?"
"Ah specs dey is,"
"An' how does you account to hit?"
"Ah reckon hits bekuz ob de numbah ob safety razahs in use, suh."

VENGEFUL.

"Jinx has eloped with your wife!"
"The dickens he has!"
"Yes, he has! I can tell you where to find him, too!"
"I don't care to find him."
"Aren't you going to kill him?"
"I should say not! Let him suffer."

A PLACE FOR HIM.

"I understand you have changed your beliefs somewhat?"
"Somewhat!"
"You formerly did not believe in a hell, but now you do?"
"That's it."
"What caused the change?"
"Someone stole my dog!"

HOW SHE KNEW.

"Do you know what made me so anxious to marry you?"
"Sure; it was because I struggled and got so angry when you tried to kiss me."
"How did you know?"
"Because you were the first I tried to kiss; of all the others whom I permitted to kiss me without a struggle not one ever proposed."

IN POLKVILLE.

"Pardon me," courteously inquired the recently arrived salesman, "but may I ask the name of the lady, of somewhat haughty bearing, who just passed on the other side of the street, and to whom all the men bowed bareheadedly and the ladies are still looking enviously after?"
"Her?" promptly replied the landlord of the Polkville tavern. "Aw, that's Mrs. Judge Chum, who last week actually received a long-distance telephone message from New York!"—Puck.

A FREE TRADE VIEW

(Montreal Witness.)
Evidence is accumulating of the approach of a crisis in the United States, of more essential and deeper import than anything that has occurred since the close of the civil war. From all parts of the Union come indications of profound popular dissatisfaction with existing conditions. These are chiefly to be seen in the interviews given by politicians, railway magnates and heads of great industrial concerns to the press. While some are inclined to blame President Roosevelt for stimulating the radical movement by his attitude towards the trusts and the railways, others say he only interprets popular feeling correctly. The uneasiness of the Republican leaders is conspicuous, for they perceive that the public is being educated up to the point where it will be recognized that the tariff is the true source of the economic troubles which afflict the country. It is stated in the Springfield Republican that if the new book by Franklin Pierce convinces the public, as he is convinced, that the trusts are identical with the tariff, then the downfall of the tariff in the near future is as certain as is the bringing of the public service corporations to a clearer accountability to the public. William Lloyd Garrison, secretary of the Free Trade League, is quoted as saying that the strongest force making for the breaking-down of the tariff is the economic loss which comes from the interference with the laws of trade by the politicians and concentrated wealth of the country. It may, therefore, be true that, though the country gives little heed to warnings from the side of principle and from history, yet it is forced to suffer when it is burned in the fire. But the whole industrial and commercial fabric of the United States being founded on the tariff, it is easy to see how tremendous are the issues involved.

A NOVA SCOTIA

SEMITIC SCHOLAR
(Montreal Witness.)
The name of Dr. H. S. Davidson, the clever young Canadian Semitic scholar who has won a name for himself in research work in Arabic, and an important work from whose pen in that department is shortly to appear in a Semitic series in Germany, is mentioned in connection with an appointment to the Semitic faculty of Columbia University, New York. Dr. Davidson is a Nova Scotian, and is regarded as one of the strongest of the young men in the ministry of the Presbyterian church of the maritime provinces.

MORE CIGARETTES THAN EVER

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)
For a number of years past we have had a violent popular agitation against cigarettes, and many states have thought it desirable to enact strenuous legislation as to their manufacture, sale and use. How ineffectual all this has been may be inferred from the report that the sale of cigarettes in the United States in 1906 exceeded that of the preceding year by 851,000,000. This makes a record in the sale of these articles. There was also an increase of about a million pounds in the importations of Turkish tobacco, largely used in cigarette making.

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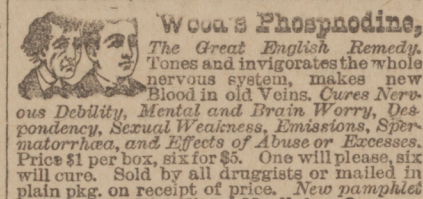
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