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## ST. JOHN'S INTERESTS

When it was announced some time ago that the oriental mails would come to St. John in winter, St. John business men were not slow to note the advantage that must accrue to this port from the mere publication of the fact that it was to be a port of call on the great imperial highway to the orient.

Is the word now to go forth that having tried St. John it has become necessary for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to score out the name of this port and substitute that of Halifax as the oriental mail port? And do we say that this is a matter of no significance? St. John is or is not as good an all round mail port as Halifax. A fair test would settle the question. There has been no such test, and the C. P. R. is now seeking running rights over the I. C. R. to Halifax. St. John is in danger of a loss of prestige and business. The citizens should not permit themselves to become the victims of what Sam Slick would term "soft sawder."

## THE LIQUOR LAWS

The Temperance Federation has petitioned the provincial government to introduce a prohibitory law similar to that of Prince Edward Island. Such a law would beyond doubt be beneficial in country districts, villages, and possibly some of the smaller towns. It would be beneficial everywhere if there were a public sentiment sufficiently strong to ensure its enforcement. Is there such a sentiment, let us say, in St. John? How large a proportion of the merchants, professional men, mechanics and laborers of the city are total abstainers—and how large a proportion of these would trouble themselves at all about the enforcement of a prohibitory law after it had been enacted? What is the attitude of society leaders with regard to the use of liquor at public dinners and social functions? What proportion of the leading business and professional men of the city are actively supporting the Federation in its appeal for prohibition? It must be conceded by all that there has been a marked change in general public sentiment in recent years with regard to the liquor traffic, but the questions just asked must enter into any consideration of the subject of prohibition as applied to St. John.

If in the opinion of the government prohibition in St. John would not at present prohibit, what action should be taken to amend the license law, and make it more effective. Charges are made against the license commissioners and inspector, and these will of course be investigated. But is the present license law good enough as a license law? Is there not something in the criticism of Mr. Powell that in reaching after prohibition other methods of decreasing drunkenness are somewhat neglected?

## THE ROCKEFELLER GIFT

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has added $32,000,000 to the $11,000,000 formerly given, making a total of $43,000,000 presented to the General Education Board. The Board is an organization to promote education all over the United States, by distribution of gifts to institutions, and in such other ways as may be deemed advisable. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jr., is one of its members. The gift of $43,000,000 is a world's record of munificence in gifts for educational purposes; but it is not a large sum in comparison with the colossal fortune of the oil king, accumulated by bandit methods, which have lately been revealed by a special commission and condemned by the whole world. Mr. Rockefeller may continue to give away millions, but he cannot obliterate the record of the processes by which they were heaped up. The one thing which a man ought to value,—the respect and esteem of the people—cannot be fully secured by returning to them in any form the wealth taken from them by the stand-and-deliver methods of Standard Oil.

Nevertheless, the gift now announced will be of enormous benefit to the cause of education, and it is quite probable that the Rockefeller example will have a good effect upon other men of great wealth.

## MR. CORTELYOU

Mr. George B. Cortelyou will become secretary of the United States treasury within the next four weeks, and there is much speculation regarding the results of his administration, especially with reference to the great financial interests of Wall street. Secretary Shaw has been regarded in many quarters as rather favorably disposed toward these interests, and has certainly come to their assistance quite frequently during the past year. The new secretary has his record yet to make in regard to financial administration, but that he is a strong and exceptionally able man is the opinion of President Roosevelt, and his administrative capacity has been proved in other important offices. The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post says of him:

"Mr. Cortelyou, if what one hears in well-informed quarters is true, has been not wholly in sympathy with all the president has done. He does, however, strongly and cordially uphold the president in the latter's determination that no large financial or corporate interest shall intermeddle in or dictate any governmental policy. Undoubtedly efforts will be be made by Wall street people to establish 'connections' with the new secretary of the treasury. Any one of them who really gets 'next' to him will have done more than anyone else has been able to accomplish. Mr. Cortelyou believes in himself; he believes in working alone. Cabinet officers say that in all the time Mr. Cortelyou has been postmaster-general he has never discussed post-office matters at the cabinet table. He never brings any of the problems that come up before him to the cabinet meetings for discussion and consideration. He did not consult with President Roosevelt about any of the steps in the organization of the Department of Commerce and Labor. He has got as much poise as the Washington Monument. As a finance minister he is absolutely untried, but has his past achievements to recommend him. In times of prosperity and financial ease the Treasury Department may be said almost to conduct itself. With hard times and squalls in the money market, it is another story. Mr. Cortelyou has before him the biggest job he has ever had."

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The speech of the British attorney general, if made with the knowledge and approval of the government, foreshadows a radical political programme, in which the house of lords may undergo important changes. Such speeches have often been made by irresponsible members of parliament, without producing any result other than to advertise the speaker; but such a declaration by the attorney general is of much more serious import. We may expect an immediate and vigorous controversy in the British press, but no measure of reform of the house of lords is likely to prevail for some time to come. Possibly the threat is made in the hope that it will induce the lords to be more compliant in dealing with government bills.

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The curtain has been lifted in New York, and the degenerates occupy the centre of the stage, in the limelight. No artfully woven drapery of words can hide the gross sensuality of the picture. The attempt to make a stage heroine of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw may be better judged when Mr. Jerome has concluded his portion of the enquiry; in the meantime the court room itself, crowded with men and women fighting for opportunity to hear the details of this lecherous tragedy, gives food for sad reflection upon social conditions in a great city.

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The dangers which threaten the welfare of St. John are internal, not from the outside, and if those who are wasting time tilting with imaginary Ottawa and Halifax windmills would devote their energies to the accomplishment of civic reforms, their efforts would be more in the city's interests.

The above paragraph, from the St. John Sun, will be quoted with distinct approval —in Halifax.

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Regarding the conference between Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Hon. Mr. Emmerson about running rights over the I. C. R., an Ottawa despatch to the Halifax Herald says: "A. M. Bell, of Halifax, was in the city on Tuesday and had some interviews with Mr. Fielding and the minister of railways. It is understood that he has gone over the railway question with these ministers."

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The state commission appointed to revise the constitution of Holland, in its report just issued, recommends the proportional representation of women for election to the States-General.

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A Canadian Club has been organized in Halifax as well as in St. John. Doubtless other provincial towns will form similar clubs.

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The request for the appointment of a female inspector of factories is based upon the recognized need of such an officer in this city.

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In Colorado women are eligible as members of juries in the courts.

## THE RUSSIAN DOUMA

(New York Evening Post).

The course of the primary elections for the Russian Duma is being generally interpreted as indicating the final choice of a more conservative body than that which met on May 10, 1906. The government seemingly persists to the end in its policy of manipulating the franchise laws to its own advantage. The ban on Professor Milynkoff, who sought to qualify as a tradesman franchise-holder in St. Petersburg, is the latest instance. On the other hand it is characteristic of Russian politics during the last two years that, simultaneously with the electoral outlawing of the leader of the Constitutional Democrats, should come the removal, at least as far as Moscow is concerned, of the restrictions imposed on the right of assembly for political purposes other than revolutionary. The new Duma will be less radical than its predecessor, but that will be due more to a general drift towards the opportunistic policy of taking what one can get while fighting for more, than to the actual creation of a strong conservative party in the Duma. No amount of jugglery in political arithmetic will create a conservative Duma out of an electorate 95 per cent. radical; and that proportion, we believe, is not exaggerated.

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There are between 10,000 and 11,000 professional thieves in New York city, and several hundred thousand amateurs who only steal when opportunities are offered.

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He who would be a great soul in the future must be a great soul now.—Emerson.


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## AFTER ALL

(By Ford Maddox Hueffer in the February McClure's)

Yes what's the use of striving on
And what to show when all is done?
The bells will toll as now they toll;
Here's an old lilt will summarize the whole:
"This fell about in summertide,
About the midmost of the year:
Our master did to covert ride
To drive the fallow deer.
Chanced we upon the Douglas' men ere ever one of was ware.

"Then sped a shaft from covert side
And pierced in behind his ear;
This fell about in summertide
At midmost of the year."
So down he fell and rested there
Among the sedge hard by the brook;
About the midmost of the year
His last and lasting rest he took.

And so, "This fell in winter late,
Or ever Candlemas draw near:
His bride had found another mate
Before the ending of the year.
His goshawks decked another's wrists,
His hounds another's voice did fear."

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

GETTING HIM INTERESTED.

"Your son appears to be intensely interested in that historical work he is reading?"

"Yes, I told him it had been refused admission to the mails."

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HIS SUGGESTION.

"I wonder if the people will build me a monument when I die?"

"They might, if you were to offer them an inducement."

"What inducement would you suggest?"

"That you do not delay dying."

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HIS ONLY ARGUMENTS.

"But you ought to have this encyclopedia in your home."

"Why?"

"By reference to it you can settle any argument in a moment."

"I've already got a book that suffices for that."

"What is it?"

"Hoyle."

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HER FRIEND'S OPINION.

"He says he fell in love with me at first sight; what do you think of that?"

"I think he'd better see an oculist."

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HESITATING.

"You wish to break your engagement with him?"

"Yes, I do."

"That's easy enough; just send him back his diamond."

"Is that the only way?"

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A VISITATION.

There's always more joy in anticipation than in realization."

"I don't know."

"Have you never realized it?"

"I don't know; I am anticipating a visit from my mother-in-law."

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DAKOTA'S IMMENSITY.

Sir Thomas Lipton, at a dinner in Chicago, praised America's bigness.

"I once heard," he said, "a Dakotan talk about the big farms they have out there.

"'We have some sizable farms,' he said, thoughtfully. 'Yes, sir, pretty sizable; I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring and plow a straight furrow till fall. Then he turned around and harvested back.'

"'Wonderful,' said I.

"'On our Dakota farms,' he went on, 'it's the usual thing to send young married couples out to milk the cows. Their children bring home the milk.'

"'Wonderful!' I repeated.

"'Once,' he said, 'I saw a Dakota farmer's family prostrated with grief. The women were weeping, the dogs were barking, the children were squalling and the tears streamed down the man's face as he got into his twenty-mule team and drove off.'

"'Where was he going?' said I.

"'He was going half-way across the farm to feed the pigs,' said the Dakotan.

"'Did he ever get back?' said I.

"'It ain't time for him yet,' was the reply."

## NEW ATHLETIC FEDERATION

(Montreal Herald).

The officers of the newly-formed Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada are having a busy time completing the necessary details of business in connection with the launching of the new organization.

The president, Victor Buchanan, will call a special meeting of the executive tor some evening this week to arrange for the division of the different athletic organizations in Canada into districts in order to ensure a fair representation in the governing body.

This will probably be welcome news to those critics who have been afraid that the new federation was going to prove a "Montreal affair."

By dividing the Canadian athletic clubs and organizations into "districts" the federation will be made a truly national one, as all sections of the country can then enjoy an equal share in the administration of everything pertaining to athletics.

The secretary of the federation is busy putting the by-laws into form for sending to the different Canadian clubs and organizations.

The officers are well pleased with the progress that is being made, and it is expected that the growth of the federation will be rapid after things are once in running order.

## Letter Enigma

My 1st is in little, but not in big.
My 2nd is in hog, but not in pig.
My 3rd is in live, but not in die.
My 4th is in laughter, but not in cry.
My 5th is in oven, but not in bread.
My 6th is in brains, but not in head.
My 7th is in eat, but not in food.
My 8th is in anger, but not in mood.
My 9th is in narrow, but not in tall.
My 10th is in oxen, but not in stall.
My 11th is in time, but not in clock.
My 12th is in horse, but not in stock.
My 13th is in earth, but not in sun.
My 14th is in rifle, but not in gun.
My whole is a motto.
For all who do live.
And if practiced by all
'Twould much happiness give."

Better be self-denying every day
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—Lanbridge.


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