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A RED TAPE GOVERNOR

The universal comment in this part of Canada when news came that Rear-Admiral Davis of the United States navy had landed marines and medical men to protect and aid the sufferers in Kingston, Jamaica, was that it was a generous act on the part of the representatives of a friendly nation.

Equally universal was the surprise and regret that the apparently ill-natured and stupid conduct of Governor Swettenham should have sent the Americans back to their ships and the ships to Guantanamo.

Even if in his zeal the American officer overstepped the bounds of official etiquette, and did not wait to learn the august pleasure of the governor, much might be overlooked when thieves were about, and corpses festering in the sun, and famine and pestilence threatening the people.

The recall of Governor Swettenham woud be in order—unless the Associated Press despatches very greatly misrepresent the case.

THE MONUMENT

Aside from the honor due to the discoverer of this region, it would be a graceful act in this city of English speaking people to erect a monument to Champlain, the great Frenchman. The broad Canadianism of the people in paying this tribute would be appreciated throughout Canada, and especially among the Acadian and French-Canadian people.

St. John has too few monuments to commemorate the lives of great men who have figured in its history. The St. John man who visits the New England states is impressed not merely by the memorials to be found in large cities, but in the smaller towns. There is an educative value in such monuments, of the greatest worth to the life of the nation. We in Canada are rather slow to appreciate the fact.

The past year has been a good year in St. John. The newspapers have told the tale in the story of busy mills and factories, profitable trade, and general activity among all classes of working people. The citizens have seldom been in a better position financially to consider what they shall contribute to worthy causes. This question of the Champlain monument has been dangling in the air for several years. There can be no better time than the present to decide that the fund shall be raised and the memorial erected.

The city council will be in line with public sentiment if it grants aid,and the provincial government will no doubt feel that the whole province is sufficiently interested to warrant a substantial grant from the provincial treasury to aid in erecting a statue of the great colonizer in the chief city of the province. The Times hopes to see this fund grow rapidly.

HERE'S WORK TO DO

Who is selling liquor to boys of tender years in the city of St. John?

On Saturday evening, as on the previous Saturday evening, a number of mere youths under the influence of liquor were present in the rooms of the Every Day Club. Presumably they were but a few of many minors in various parts of the city who on Saturday evening got liquor from some source and drank it.

Are the authorities powerless in such cases? If they are, it is time the law was so amended that a boy under the influence of liquor would have to tell where and how he got it. As was remarked by a speaker at the Club one evening last week, it is one thing for a man to drink, or to ask another man to drink, but quite another and infinitely more serious thing to encourage in a boy the development of an appetite that will rob him of his chance of a fair start in life.

There has been criticism of the Every Day Club. Things have been said about it, such as in fairness should not be said. It has at all events met a want and uncovered a sore in the body social that should be looked to by those who have a desire for the good of their fellows.

The Times desires, with whatever force words may convey, to challenge the people of St. John to put an end to conditions that are robbing some children of their chance to live a free life in a healthy atmosphere. If there is a law to protect them, see that it is enforced. If there is not, demand such a law, and in the name of childhood and manhood and motherhood call upon the men in the legislature to place it on the statute books. Let us get next to the work that needs to be done in a city where boys, under the very shadow of the churches, are not getting a square deal.

A GREAT NEWSPAPER

The making of a newspaper is no light task, and therefore the production of the Daily Telegraph of Saturday morning, with its mass of news from all quarters of the globe, its special features and society pages, its splendid illustrations and its complete local news service attracts attention to the completeness of its equipment.. No morning paper east of Montreal compares with the Daily Telegraph, either in appearance or in the universal value of its news service. All this means money, energy, and the employment of a great many persons. The Daily Telegraph and Evening Times, in point of the number of people employed, and the wage roll, take rank among the big industries of St. John.

THE CHILD PROBLEM

The sending of three more boys to the reformatory last week, and the evidences all around us of childish delinquency make of special interest the following article from the columns of the Toronto News:

"Its adoption would bring about a system of reforming children in their own homes by removing the causes that led to their wrongdoing. Those who have studied the problem do not approve of the indiscriminate sending of children to the reformatory. There is always the danger of mixing with a lot of bad boys and thus their becoming worse. Some of the most notorious criminals were graduates of reformatory schools. This is not a reflection on the management of the schools, but is unavoidable to some extent."

Mr. J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent of neglected children, in an interview with The News, spoke thus in vigorous commendation of the resolution presented by Ald. J. J. Graham to the city council at its inaugural meeting Monday, to the effect that the scope of the children's court should be enlarged; a system of probation officers established from among the mission and philanthropic workers of the city, and that the Ontario government be requested to consider the advisability of appointing a commission to deal with youthful delinquents.

"I feel assured the motion will commend itself to all who are giving the matter the thought and attention it deserves," continued Mr. Kelso. "The mere committing of a child to the reformatory or discharging him on suspended sentence is easily done, but that doesn't deal with the evil at all. When a child is charged with an offence it generally indicates something wrong with the home life. In order to properly deal with the case it is necessary to consider the home life, interview the parents, find out who the companions are and have the child under a system of probation. There should be a sufficient number of probation officers to protect and assist in the boy's future."

Mr. Kelso pointed out that to the proper working out of the juvenile court idea two auxiliaries are indispensable, probation agents and children's temporary shelters or detention homes. The judge cannot investigate personally the cases brought before him. This is the work of the probation agents and their patient and friendly interest in the child and his home surroundings can usually save further court proceedings. Many of these probation agents would be ladies who have special qualifications for work of that kind. It would not be done by police officers, who, however kind they may be, would be regarded with distrust by both the children and their parents. To prevent the children continuing in wrong-doing, there must be a continuous supervision, and if the causes of the trouble cannot be removed the probation agent would again bring the matter before the judge.

"If the necessary legislation is granted," said Mr. Kelso, "and the work is properly supported and carried out, thousands of children will undoubtly be saved from vagrant and criminal careers. What this will mean to the country in the reduction of prisons and refuges and the greater safety of its people can readily be understood by any thoughtful person. The children have the right to the fatherly protection of the state and when denied a fair and reasonable opportunity to grow up honestly and respectably, it cannot be wondered at if, in later years, they became the enemies of society and enter upon careers of crime."

The address delivered by Hon. R. J. Ritchie in the rooms of the Every Day Club, like that delivered a week before by Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., was of the class that appeals directly to the heart and reason of the hearer, without exciting passion or prejudice. It was for that reason the more convincing and effective. His honor knew whereof he spoke, for every day in the year except on Sundays and holidays, he has before him in his official capacity the grim evidence of the disaster wrought by over-indulgence, and the sin, shame and sorrow that go in its train.

That private citizens should feel called upon to subscribe funds to pay for Scott Act enforcement in Fredericton, or any other town, is distinctly discreditable, and shows a disregard for law on the part of the general public that does not commend itself to any thoughtful citizen. If a law is good, enforce it; if not it can be repealed. But respect the law.

The English press is fairly unanimous in condemning the course of Governor Swettenham of Jamaica.He will know better the next time—if there should be any next time for such a choleric and pompous gentleman in an important office during a great crisis.

Secretary Root is a diplomat. In an interview more than a column long, given out at Ottawa, he succeeded in saying nothing more than that nations should get to know each other better, and that his visit to Ottawa was purely a social affair.

The morning papers recorded another railway horror, this time in Indiana, with twenty-two victims dead and many injured. The year in railroad history has had a bad beginning.

Lewis E. Tapley, landing waiter at this port, who was sent to Ottawa to represent the local customs service employes at a conference which was convened for the purpose of asking for an increase of salaries, returned home Saturday. Mr. Tapley states that representatives were present at the meeting from Halifax to Victoria. They asked in their petition for an increase on two grounds. (1) The large increase in the amount of work rendered necessary by the greater volume of Canada's trade, and (2) the higher cost of living. Mr. Tapley stated that the deputation waited upon the minister of customs and from indications he feels that an increase will be granted.

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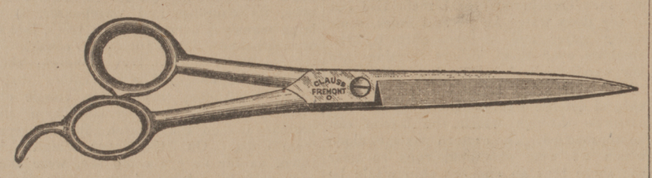
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If you have kept step down the long, weary lane,
Companion of toil and of sorrow and pain,
And have sung on the way;
With hand in God's hand though the years may be long—
Though the years be few, you can sing a glad song
At the close of the day.

No effort is lost though the end may not be
The cry of our soul, or our heart's ecstacy,
Over longings fulfilled;
But He who can hold through the vastness of space
The poise of a world, can our destiny place
As best to His will.

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SANDY'S OPINION.

Laird—"Well Sandy, you are getting very bent. Why don't you stand straight up like me, man?"

Sandy—"Eh, mon, do you see that field o' corn over there?"

"I do."

"Well, ye'll notice that the full heids hang down, and the empty ones stand up."

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE ACCOUNT.

Teacher (to little Max, who had done his sums all wrong for the third time that that week)—"If this happens again I shall have to tell your father."

Max—"Father helped me do them."

Teacher—"What is your father?"

Max—"Head-waiter."

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"THE WURST."

Elschen—"What has your doll got in its inside?"

Marichen—"Sawdust."

Elschen—"Sawdust? Then I suppose you feed her on American sausage."

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WHAT SCARES HIM.

"What makes old Boldbirn so uneasy when a motor-car comes along?"

"Why, his wife ran away in one and he is always afraid she is coming back."

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CONCEIT.

Captain X—"It is a well-known fact that married people eventually grow very like each other."

Lieutenant Y (recently engaged)—"Then my fiance is all right as regards looks."

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A SURE SIGN.

"I wonder if there's anything serious between that tall girl and the little captain."

"I think there is. She has had the heels of all her shoes lowered."

A SAILOR DROWNED

Gloucester Schooner Had a Rough Time Coming From Newfoundland.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 20.—(Special).—The Gloucester schooner J. J. Flaherty, Captain McLean, arrived at Louisburg Saturday, and reports the loss by drowning of Jesse Harding, aged 44, a native of Shelburne. The vessel left Bay of Islands Monday with a cargo of frozen herring and when off St. Paul's on Wednesday morning she was boarded by a heavy sea and thrown down on her beam ends. Harding was washed overboard, and never seen again. It was only with great difficulty that the vessel was righted, the cargo having shifted. The schooner had her sails torn in ribbons, and when she arrived the vessel was loaded down with ice. Captain McLean says he never experienced so much rough weather and intense cold.

THE PETEWAWA CAMP

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special).—Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, had a conference with Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Cochrane this morning in of King Ptolomey's palace, and the third tawawa military camp. Portions of the ground comprised in the camp are still under provincial timber license.

The Dominion government has already paid $40,000 to buy out squatters and timber leases on the property, and one lumber company refuses all terms. At Sir Frederick's request, Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of crown lands, promised to use his best offices with the company in question.

Sir Frederick gave the provincial ministers to understand that the Dominion government would hand over to the province the old Niagara camp grounds, which will thus be included in the Ontario park scheme for a park and driveway from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario along the Niagara river banks.

Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, occupied the pulpit of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church yesterday morning, and delivered an able discourse on the conflict betweeen the spirit and the flesh, taking as his text, "For the flesh warrets against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary, the one to the other, so that ye cannot do what ye would." Rev. Prof, Falconer preached to a large congregation in St. Andrew's church last evening on the future.

The ferry steamer was delayed more than an hour in the west side slip Saturday night, as a result of the schooner Harry Morris swinging across the entrance to the floats. Some trouble was experienced with the floats on the west side Friday and Saturday, as the plugs came out and allowed some of the floats to sink, The trouble was remedied Saturday night.

A special meeting of the students' of the St. John Law School will be held this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, to consider holding a debate with the U. N. B. The debate, if arranged, will be held about February 14. On Saturday evening the law students will hold a debate, the subject being Resolved that maritime union would be of mutual benefit to the Maritime Provinces. A. E. G. MacKenzie, M. A., will lead the affirmature, while W. G. Pugsley will uphold the negative.

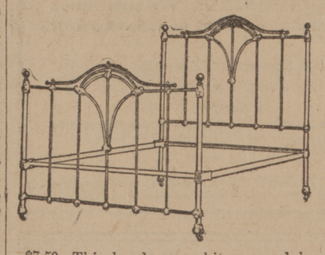
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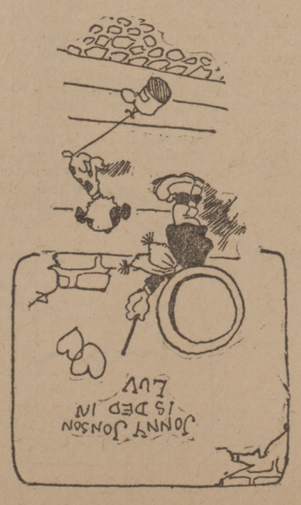
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