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PREMIER McBRIDE WINS

Premier McBride, of British Columbia, has been successful in his appeal to the province to support him in the stand he took at the conference of premiers in Ottawa, demanding exceptional treatment for the Pacific provinve. On each coast there is now a province asking more iberal treatment from the federal government, although Prince Edward Island electors have not yet been asked to pronounce upon the subject.

The McBride government in British Columbia appears to have won a substantial victory. A notable feature of the elections was the defeat of the Socialist and Labor candidates. Socialism made practically its first Canadian appearance in British Columbia, and appeared to be making gains, but this election has shown a marked reaction against Socialistic principles in the politics of the province.

There were several natives of New Brunswick among the candidates in Saturday's election. Messrs. J. F. Garden and J. W. Bowser, conservatives, and Dr. J. H. King, son of Senator King, liberal, were elected. Messrs. J. Fred Hume and J. W. deB. Farris were defeated. An unexpected result was the defeat of Mr. McInnes, ex-lieutenant governor of the Yukon, who resigned office to contest a seat in the liberal interest in Vancouver. Mr. McInnes was expected to bring great strength to the party, being an able and resourceful man, but the odds were too great. Premier McBride now takes much higher rank than before, as one of the successful political leaders in Canada.

INTOXICATED BOYS

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

The Times has asked this question before, and will continue to ask it as long as the present shameful conditions exist.

Among the men and boys who crowded the rooms of the Every Day Club on Saturday evening were at least half a dozen minors under the influence of liquor. They drifted in from the street in that condition ,and a more pitiful sight no father or mother would care to witness.

These were not the only boys who were under the influence of liquor in St. John on Saturday night. Where do they get the liquor? Who has authority to find out? Who cares? If a Chinaman is an object of pious solicitude, what about the sons of so-called Christian parents in this so-called Christian city of St. John?

In the course of his admirable address last evening Mr. H. A. Powell declared that he would favor so amending the law as to give a mother or other nearest relative power to proceed for substantial damages against the person who sold liquor to a boy, or treated him and made him drunk. Surely something can be done to reduce the existing evil. It is asserted that there is more drinking among mere boys in this city at the present time than ever before. Such a condition of society cannot be regarded in any other manner than with grave fears for the future of these boys, and for the welfare of the community in which they live.

HINT FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Here is a hint from New Hampshire, quoted from a Maine newspaper:—

"New Hampshire during the past year has done a land office business in disposing of her abandoned farms, the number which were purchased in 1906 for summer homes being greater than that of any previous year according to "New Hampshire Farms for Summer Homes,' the fifth annual edition of which has just been issued by the state board of agriculture. The summer business of 1906, says its secretary, showed an unexpectedly marked increase over that of 1905. But an increase may be anticipated from year to year when it is taken into account that an excellent system is in force for making known to the purchasing public the advantages offered by the properties on the list."

Making the comment of the Maine newspaper apply to New Brunswick, we may further quote, and apply the remarks to our own province:—

"Maine has unnumbered farms adapted to the making of delightful summer homes, although their value for agricultural purposes is not great, by reason of their being allowed to run out. Throughout a general system of advertising, such as is in operation in the Granite State, many of them might be disposed of, bringing to the out-of-the-way parts of the state a desirable class of residents during the vacation time. To this end a united effort should be made by all interested parties."

The Evangelical Alliance has made an important departure and one that should produce good results, in taking up the consideration of social problems that press for solution. It is a promising sign of the times. There is no danger that the ministers will be subjected to criticism for focussing public attention on matters which have a very direct and potent influence on practical religion in the world of today. If their example is generally followed and all citizens take up more seriously the consideration of social questions the work of reform will be greatly advanced, and mere doctrinal differences between adherents of different churches will loom less large in the public eye.

The lamented death of Rev. Father McAuley is a sad sequel to the recent Albert county tragedy. The shock of the murder, and the subsequent events, upon the mind of one who for so many years had gone about among his people, devoted to the ministrations of his sacred office, hastened his own death. We may well believe that his death, at the very moment when he was preparing to perform his priestly duties in the little church, has filled the hearts of his parishioners with sorrow.

The so-called French Apostolic church has been inaugurated in Paris, with a full-fledged archbishop. It is destined to meet with powerful opposition. A new element has been introduced into the religious strife of the country, and threatens a collision of serious propertions. But negotiations between the government and the vatican are not yet wholly broken off, and there may yet be a peaceful adjustment.

Making comparisons between a social habit and a recognized crime is not conclusive. Drinking liquor is a habit; theft and murder are recognized crimes. The man who legally sells liquor caters to a social habit, which, when the sale is made to adults, is not branded as a crime. Until it has been so declared, there is no comparison between a licensed liquor seller and a criminal, and attempts at comparison do not advance the cause of temperance.

The millions which the late Russell Sage spent his life in accumulatinig, and for which he sacrificed the better instincts of his nature, are to be distributed by his widow, who has just presented $1,000,000 to the Emma Willard Seminary, of Troy, N. Y., and $250,000 to the Y. M. C. A.. A million had previously been given to the Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy.

The continuance of blizzard weather in the west marks this as the worst winter for many years in that region. In isolated districts the suffering of the people and the loss of live stock must be a very serious matter. After all, the eastern provinces have their advantages, and the people should not overlook the climatic difference between east and west.

Henry Clews shows that fourteen leading stocks have declined from ten to over fifty, and in one case, Great Northern preferred, 182 points, from the top figures of 1906. This is a notable depreciation, and the market is still weak.

The death of Mr. J. Morris Robinson has removed a worthy citizen, who was largely interested in a number of industrial enterprises, and contributed in many ways to the advancement of the city's interests.

Logan, the St. John skater, won new laurels at Montreal on Saturday, and this city is now the home of the amateur skating champion of Canada. He deserves a splendid reception from his fellow citizens.

Another has been added to the list of St. John tragedies of the present winter. Scarcely a week passes but the community is shocked by news of a death under the most painful circumstances.

The new chairman of the Moncton police committee declares that the Scott Act must be enforced the same as any other law. Moncton is likely, therefore, to enjoy a sensation.

Profound sympathy goes out to Senator King, who must hasten from the grave of his wife to the bedside of his son, who lies critically ill at his home in British Columbia.

Commander Peary is ambitious. He wants the Americans to plant their flag at both the north and south poles. Our Capt. Bernier must get busy again.

The American as well as the Canadian west is in the grip of the blizzard. Railway earnings will reflect the general stagnation caused by snow blockades.

C. P. R. AND LABRADOR

(Montreal Herald)

The interesting but remarkable report comes from Quebec to the effect that the C. P. R. is acquiring the line and plant of the Quebec Railway and Power Company in order to extend the line to Murray Bay and thence through the Gulf territory and Labrador to the coast at Cape Charles, on the Straits of Belle Isle. The line would be 1,000 miles in length. the reason for this enterprise is said to be the development of the mineral resources lying north of the St. Lawrence and the establishment of a fast freight line.

Prominent officials of the company when asked today regarding the truth of the report, replied that the scheme was not within tne range of the practical policy of the company today.

It is stated at Ottawa that the department of trade and commerce has been advised that 1,460 East Indians had arrived in British Columbia from January 1 to October 15, and that 2,000 more have already booked passages. The Dominion government will introduce legislation next session to restrict the immigration of Indians.

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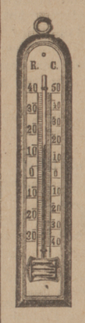
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And when the night steals forth, stay close to me.
Stay close, O Lord, for I shall be afraid.
Stretch forth thy hand and turn away all pain
And sorrow from my path; but, let me find
Full joy and rapture while this earth I tread
Then let me fall asleep some fair, bright even,
And waken to my heritage in heaven.
—Margaret Boulden Jan Delle, In Lippincott's.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE DATE FIXED.

Mike—So poor owld Timothy's dead, eh? Whin did he die?

Pat—Faith, if he'd lived till tomorrow, he'd ha' bin dead just a week—Pick-Me-Up.

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PLEASED HIM.

A maiden whose years were not tender,
Eloped with a fellow named Bender,
Her mother was mad,
But it tickled her dad,
And he laughed till he broke a suspender.
—Denver Post.

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OR BILLHEARST?

"I'm sick of all these Elmhursts and Lyndhursts and Swamphursts."

"So?"

"Yes, Why doesn't somebody get original and name a subdivision Parkhurst?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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NO DIFFERENCE

Clerk—You can't get a room here for that man; he's drunk."

Man (supporting a weary friend) That's all right; what of that?"

Clerk—This is a temperance hotel.

Man—Well, he's too drunk to know the difference.—Army and Navy Life.

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INAPROPOS.

Wise—Why on earth did you speak of Skinner as "a bad egg" before Barnes? Don't you realize how sensitive Barnes might be?

Dubley—Why so? Is Barnes related to Skinner?

Wise—Oh, it isn't that; but Barnes is an actor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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POOR RICHARD'S JOKE.

Ben Franklin was experimenting with his kite and key.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the curious throng, when they saw the electric spark on the key. "But could you perform the same experiment at night?"

"Oh, yes," replied Franklin, "but I suppose I would have to use a night key."

For even in those days Poor Richard was known as the man who wrote jokes for his almanac.—Chicago News.

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DOWN ON THE FARM.

Silas Crawfoot.—What has become of your husband, Mrs. Hardapple?

Mrs. Hardapple—Why, Hiram has locked himself in the garret and won't be disturbed. He is reading something of the greatest importance.

Silas Crawfoot—Do tell! President's messages or war rumors?

Mrs. Hardapple—Somethin' more important than that. He's reading his new farmer's almanac from the signs of the zodiac on the first page to the sass'prilla ad on the last page.—Chicago News.

SEND CONSUMPTIVES INTO THE FOREST

A Plan to Set Them at Work in Forest Reserves to Care for Trees.

(New York Tribune)

The brain of a thinker in the Keystont State has evolved a plan for the utilization of natural advantages in the cure of consumption and the safe-guarding of the community from tuberculosis infection.

Pennsylvania combines among its public utilities large state forestry reservations a state school of forestry devoted exclusively to training young men for its forest service, liberal forest laws which allow of improvement cuttings as well as of improvement plantings, and a camp for consumptives ,to which ailing persons may go if they cannot, for want of funds, go to more expensive health resorts. Thinking over this combination of state institutions, it occurred to Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of Mount Alto, that it would be a good plan to unite them in the interest of the great body of consumptives and of the community at large as well. His argument in favor of the plan is thus set forth succinctly by himself:

"The unguarded consumptives are probably more dangerous to the community than the insane persons who are now under state care would be if liberated. The latter would be restrained to a certain extent by their friends, whereas the public is seldom so guarded against consumptives, who are scattering the germs of disease in all directions.

"I believe a wide reaching, economical system is possible, by which most, if not all, of such persons may be provided for. Pennsylvania has nearly a million acres of forest reservation land. Most of it must be replanted in young trees. To do this work not less than a billion seedlings must be raised and transplanted into the ground where they are to grow. It would require a large force of men to raise and transplant annually a million trees. Even if this were done the task of re-foresting the state would require 1,000 years. A work so slowly done would fail utterly to meet the ecenomic exigencies which demand for the prosperity of the commonwealth that all of our rocky watersheds should be devoted to the growth of timber. It would be only a drop in the bucket if the state transplanted annually 4,000,000 forest seedlings. That would simply cover 4,000 acres, or 6¼ square miles.

"Little of the labor required in raising and transplanting seedlings is of a hard or exhausting character. Most of it is very light. It is all out of doors, and it would be in our health belt where the air is pure. Life under such conditions would be for the convalescent consumptives more desirable in every way than life on a farm, and I believe it would also be safe for the community. In addition to this, willow culture and the manufacture of baskets and other wicker work could be extensively conducted. Small articles of rustic work would furnish an endless opportunity for those who had a constructive turn."

As a practical beginning, Dr. Rothrock points to the work of the Mountain Camp Sanatorium, in Franklin County, Pa. There the consumptive unable to pay for treatment is received and treated free. The proposition is to send all the convalescent patients from this sanitorium to the state school of forestry, and from there to the open reservations, where the life of the forest ranger, a pure, healthy, outdoor occupation, would not only serve to keep the convalescent from falling back into the old condition of ill health, but would prevent danger to the public from spreading of germs that might still be dormant in the system of the consumptive. Dr. Rothrock ends his plea for the consumptive with this significant argument:

"It will cost something less than any other plan proposed, and bear in mind, if you will, that, whether you cure these persons whose poverty appeals to your generosity or whether you support them in hospitals or country homes and finally lay them to rest in a plain coffin, you must and do ultimately bear the expense. It is cheaper to cure them and restore them to the ranks of productive citizenship than to board and bury them."

It will be an interesting sight when the nation will witness the forests of the country being built up by an army of sufferers from the great white plague, who themselves, in restoring the wasted ranges to their natural state, are being restored by the bountiful nature whose work they are assisting. Dr. Rothrock estimates that 10,000 citizens of Pennsylvania are now in the early stages of tuberculosis, and could be restored to reasonable health under proper conditions. "Turn them loose in our forests," he urges, "and let them restore themselves while restoring the wooded ranges. A plan so economical, safe and beneficial to all is not likely to find a single opponent."

The American Shipbuilding Company has granted a general increase in wages from 5 to 10 per cent. to all its employes at all points on the lakes. This will affect all yards and will mean an increase of at least $750,000 in the annual pay-rolls of the company.

The Wellington (New Zeland) trade-unionists recently tendered a public reception to English labor member Ramsy Macdonald, and presented him with an illuminated address.

The Washington State Federation of Labor, in convention at Bellingham recently adopted resolutions protesting against President Roosevelt's attitude on the Japanese question.

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