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WILL HAVE EXHIBITION

The Times and other papers were premature in stating that because the government grant could not be secured there would be no exhibition in St. John this year. They had not counted on the energy of at least one St. John merchant. For there is to be an exhibition, to open about the twentieth of September. The merchant in question set out this morning to raise by subscription the amount of the grant ($3,000) or more, to be presented to the directors of the association. He went first to Premier Pugsley, who promptly subscribed $200. Other large contributions were quickly added, and there can now be no doubt that the exhibition will be held. It will be opened later this year than usual, which will ensure a better agricultural display. Every effort will be made to make it the best exhibition ever held in St. John. The news will be heard with great satisfaction throughout the city and province, since a fall fair in St. John is always an attractive feature, looked forward to with the liveliest anticipations of pleasure. From the business standpoint it will prove, as usual, of great benefit to the merchants.

THE IMPERIAL ISSUE

"Thinking imperially" is not so difficult after one has heard Prof. Leacock speak on "imperial movement." After having heard him, one can also appreciate the wisdom of the Rhodes trustees in selecting this eloquent young Canadian to tour the empire as a harbinger of that closer union which is but the logical sequence of those centuries of imperial development. Prof. Leacock frankly states that personally he would if possible accelerate the movement toward a closer organic union between the mother land and the Greater Britain overseas, but he is not dogmatic nor disposed to controversy on the point. He gathers up the threads of British and colonial history, shows the trend of development, points out that conditions and relations must inevitably undergo further change, and that it is simply a question of closer union or the disruption of the empire. All who favor the permanence of the empire are imperialists, no matter how much they may differ as to the system or methods by which that permanence is to be assured.

As he himself pointed out, and as Premier Pugsley and Mr. J. D. Hazen also remarked, Prof. Leacock could not have selected a more appropriate place than St. John, in which to deliver the first speech in his tour of the empire. The strength of the imperial bond was proven on these rugged shores by the devotion and suffering of the Loyalists, and by the enthusiasm that a few years ago carried men of St. John and other portions of this province to fight for the flag in South Africa.

In acknowledging the splendid enthusiasm with which he and his message were greeted by the members of the Canadian Club of St. John last evening, Prof. Leacock laughingly observed that it almost tempted him to abandon his contemplated tour and settle down in this city. Certainly it must have been a source of intense gratification to him thus to be cheered and stimulated on the eve of his departure on a great mission from the shores of his own land. That he will be received with hearty welcome everywhere cannot be doubted, and wherever he goes a new inspiration will come to those who listen to the imperial message he bears from Canada to British peoples throughout the world.

Perhaps the most significant and illuminating portion of his address was that which dealt with the change in the imperial status resulting from the remarkable development of Canada during the last quarter of a century, and especially during the past ten years. It is not merely what Canada is today, but what she must be in the near future, that alters the whole imperial outlook and makes inevitable a change in imperial relations. If it is to be such as will still retain the imperial bond, that bond must be strengthened. This does not involve sudden and radical change; but in order to proceed along the right way it is necessary that we learn to "think imperially," and refuse to be turned aside from the larger patriotism by the sneers or the fears of the Little Canadians or the Little Englanders. It is fitting, therefore, that a Canadian should bear the imperial message around the globe, and no more earnest or eloquent messenger could have been selected than he who last evening aroused to so high a pitch the patriotic enthusiasm of the members of the Canadian Club of St. John.

THE GREAT DISRUPTION

An audience in the United States would doubtless have treated with derision the statement made last evening by Prof. Leacock that he doubted if American civilization had profited by the revolution which severed the bond with the mother country. His Canadian audience, however, having in mind the treatment accorded the Loyalists at the close of the revolution, and also conscious of the freedom and development of this country as a portion of the empire, gaining that freedom and that development without severing the imperial tie; and knowing that they today enjoy responsible government in a larger measure than the people of the republic, could sympathize with the speaker's point of view. Their knowledge of the history of the United States for a century past might also prompt the feeling that had the colonies remained British some serious problems would not have arisen, while the growth of freedom there would not have been impeded any more than in Canada. It is the American habit to assert that the declaration of independence led to the development of freedom on this continent, but that may still be regarded as an open question, since such development has been characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race, and did not begin nor end in British countries in the year 1776. At all events it is good to hear a Canadian orator challenge the accepted American theory and assert the genius and the tendency of British institutions under the British flag.

A Boston spiritualistic medium professes to have got into communication with the immortal essence of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, and to have learned from him that he is studying chemistry and is still an agnostic. Mr. Ingersoll is reported to have spoken for an hour to an audience of spiritualists, through the medium referred to. An exchange quotes a portion of the address verbatim. The obvious remark prompted by a perusal of the report is that if these are the words of Ingersoll he has lost entirely his gifts of wit and eloquence since he passed to the asphodel meadows.

Of the political situation in St. John the Chatham World says:—"The campaign cry, 'Pugsley is the Man of the Hour,' has not been manufactured by the organizers, but has arisen spontaneously from the people. St. John feels that her interests are endangered, that her strongest man is needed at Ottawa to watch the government and fight for the city, and recognizes William Pugsley as that man."

The western members of parliament who visited this city have kept their word. They waited upon Hon. Mr. Fisher yesterday and urged upon him the importance of properly equipping the port of St. John. In reply the minister gave the delegation renewed assurance that all possible effort would be put forth to have the necessary dredging done.

The announcement that if the United Kingdom will not grant a preference Canada may negotiate for better trade relations with other countries has aroused much interest in the old country. The result may be generally beneficial.

Canadian trade for the nine months ending March 31st, shows an aggregate increase of over $65,000,000 over that of the like period of the previous year. The outlook indicates a continued and rapid growth.

The Canadian senate has decided to close the bar in its restaurant. This is another tribute to the growing public sentiment against over-indulgence in liquor by the law-makers of the country.

The increase of salary for rural postmasters does not come any too soon. They have been notoriously underpaid for their services to the public.

Seeding in the west has begun later than usual and under somewhat unfavorable conditions. The late spring is universal on this continent.

MORNING LOCALS

Albert Kierstead, who is employed in Cushing's Fairville mill, took a weak turn yesterday, fell and was caught in a moving belt, which held him close to some smoking iron. When released he was found to be badly burned, as well as shaken up considerably. He was taken to the office of Dr. W. F. Roberts, who found Kierstead suffering from burns and bruises on the shoulders, side and one side of the head. He was taken to his home at 66 Metcalf street, where he lives with his widowed mother. A year ago Kierstead had a narrow escape from death in Miller's mill.

The portion of Metcalf street just below the old Main street Baptist church is in a filthy condition on account of being used as a dump during the winter. The great drifts of snow are melted and decayed vegetable, hundreds of cans and rubbish of all kinds is not at all pleasing to the residents in that locality. People living on the street are complaining bitterly and many allege that they will move from the vicinity as the condition of the street is a menace to the public health. The drainage in that locality is also imperfect, as several buildings on the higher grounds on Victoria, Durham and Metcalf street are equipped with sewers and a drain from these ends in a swamp.

The concert given in St. David's church last night by Prof. Titus, was one of the most enjoyable musical treats of the season. The male quartette numbers were wel rendered. S. J. McGowan sang very acceptably and Mrs. Miller, the advertised attraction, was a revelation. She was heard in several difficult numbers, and in all won warm applause. D. Arnold Fox was accompanist.

The annual at home of the Portland Y. M. A. was held in their hall last evening, and was very enjoyable. T. A. Armour, the president, occupied the seat at the head of the table, and the following programme was well carried out:—The toast to the King was drunk to the strains of the national anthem; Canada, proposed by M. E. Grass, was replied to by Rev. Neil McLaughlin; solo, E. Holder; reading, Roy Harding; Our Association, proposed by A. Lingley, responded to by T. A. Armour; solo, James Armour; piano solo, Lewis Gallagher; The Ladies, proposed by George Crosby, replied to by Harold Rising; reading, Miss Pearl Spragg; solo, Harry McQuade; violin solo, E. Lunney; The Absent Members, proposed by Fred McCaw, replied to by J. N. Harvey.

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I should like to go back to the tree-shaded lane
Where we strolled in the hush of the eve,
With my heart throbbing swiftly a drumming refrain
While her hand rested light on my sleeve.

I should like to go back to the banks of the brook
Where she told me it never could be—
To go back to the shade of the vine-bowered nook
Where I pleaded my suit on my knee.

I should like to go back just to see her once more—
It would give me great joy to do that;
Since she married my rival who worked in the store
She has waxed most excessively fat.

I should like to go back, for they say he is bald
And in manner is wondrously meek,
And they whisper at times he is viciously mauled
If he pricks up his courage to speak.

I should like to go back, just to stroll to their gate
In the beautiful hush of the night,
And to thank him for thus interrupting my fate,
And to tell him it served him just right!

—Wilbur D. Nesbit, in Munsey's.

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CAREFUL CALCULATION.

"Aren't you afraid your persistent refusal of a nomination will hurt your prospects?"

"Certainly not," answered the eminent politician. "If I hadn't friends enough to overcome a little obstacle like that I would not stand a show of being elected, anyhow.'—Washington Star.

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HE COULD NOT TELL.

Dyer—What did your wife say when you told her you wouldn't be home till late?

Rownder—I don't know. I hung up the received as soon a sI was through talking.—Brooklyn Life.

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NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED.

Amateur (his first attempt)—And you—er—saw the picture safely unpacked?

Carrier (with an eye to larger tip)—Yussir, and they weren't 'alf glad to get it, neither; not as 'ow they said nothin'. but the way they laughed when they'd 'ad a look at it was a fair knock aht!—The Bystander.

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HUBBY'S TALES FROM HOME.

The fond husband was seeing his wife off with the children for their Easter in the country. As she got into the train, he said: "But, my dear, won't you take some fiction to read?"

"Oh, no," she responded sweetly, "I shall depend on your letters from home."—London Tatler.

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THE MOTOR FACE.

A few days ago, a well-known personage was motoring in Derbyshire, when a policeman stopped him.

"You'll have to take off that mask," said the officer, "it's frightening everyone who sees it."

"But I'm not wearing one!" explained the unfortunate offender.—London Tatler.

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ALLOWANCES NECESSARY.

"Why does marriage seem to dispel so much of the glamour of affection!" asked the sentimental young woman.

"Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "perhaps a woman doesn't make sufficient allowance. It must be very hard for a man to seem as graceful and heroice when advocating household economies as when he is offering to lay the world at your feet."—Washington Star.

SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, April 25—The marriage of George L. Rogers, Middle Sackville, and Miss Flossie Estabrook, daughter of Wesley Estabrook, Midgic, was solemnized last evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. L. Dawson performed the ceremony.

Alfred Bourque, of Portage, Botsford, and Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atkinson of the same place were united in marriage at the R. C. church, Cape Bauld, on the 15th. inst.

Frank Maxwell met with a serious accident on Wednesday evening. While working near a rotary saw mill he received an ugly cut. Dr. Knapp was called to dress the wound and found it necessary to take twenty-one stitches.

Miss Mabel G. Dixon entertained her class mates of the senior university and about thirty other students to a tea last evening.

Obadiah Snowdon continues critically ill. His daughters, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Snowdon, and Mrs. Cathers, have been summoned from Boston.

Wild fowl are very plentiful this season. Major Allen, Cape Spear in one day bagged tighteen brant, three geese and thirteen ducks.

MORE ESTIMATES

OTTAWA, April 26 — (Special)—Mr. Fielding presented to the house at two o'clock this morning supplementary estimates totalling $477.050.

Nova Scotia—Breton Cove, extension of breakwater, $3.000.

Lower Selmah wharf, $5,000.

Pugwash wharf. To balance due contractors on final estimate, revote of lapsed amount $4,400. Rabbit Island, breakwater, $4,000.

Prince Edward Island—St. Peter's Bay, extension of breakwater, on east side of entrance to harbor, $4,000.

All the public works estimates were put through after which the Mounted Police estimates were adopted.

Mr. Fielding who has charge of the Mounted Police in the premier's absence, said that there were about 25 vacancies in the two new provinces but no reduction in the forces. The minister did not know that ten of the force had been to the Fernie mines. Col. Hughes said that he heard that the arrangements for a settlement of the trouble had been declard off. Mr. Lemieux did not hear of this.

While working with hose in No. 5 engine house W. Valentine Fanjoy fell from the tower last night about 8.30 o'clock to the ground floor and beyond receiving injuries to his knees and feet and being somewhat shaken up, he was unhurt seriously. The distance Mr. Fanjoy fell is 30 feet. While working with the hose he lost his balance and fell so that he alighted on his feet. Dr. McInerney attended him.

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