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A CANADIAN CLUB

The Canadian Club of St. John has over two hundred charter members. No special canvass was made more than the mere asking of the question by one man of another whether he intended to join, and in most cases voluntary application was made for a membership ticket. The Canadian Club begins with a larger membership than the board of trade at present numbers. Of course the fee in the case of the board of trade is larger than a member of the club will be called on to spend during the year, and the club appeals to many who are not specially interested in the work of the board of trade. The latter, indeed, should have a much larger membership that at present, and its forward movement should produce that result.

The Canadian Club opens under most favoring auspices, and should become a helpful organization in the work of cultivating a deeper interest in the resources, the literature, the art, and the future general development of Canada. Its members are representative of all classes and their feeling that there is room for such a club is a hopeful augury.

THE C. P. R. AND TRAFFIC

In an interview printed in the Telegraph this morning, Supt. Downie, of the C. P. R., states that there is no trouble on the Atlantic division of the railway, no congestion, and no necessity for a double track. He states that the trouble is farther west. Mr. Downie surely takes too rosy a view of the situation. A carload of paper for the Telegraph and Times was between twenty and twenty-one days coming from Grand Mere, Quebec, to St. John; and another is now twelve days out. It may be, as has been contended, that the present conditions are abnormal, but the company should have been in a position to cope with them more satisfactorily than it has done during the present winter. It is a serious state of affairs when steamships cannot get freight and are compelled to cancel some of their sailings.

The Times a day or two since showed how serious are the conditions in the far west, where because so much produce is still in farmers' hands the money stringency is acute and business temporarily affected by the inability of merchants to meet maturing paper. They must be carried along until the blockade is broken and the crops come out. One can understand that with the enormous increase in business there might easily arise a congestion of traffic in the west, but that should not affect what may be termed local traffic in the east, unless the latter is sacrificed to relieve the west. This appears to be what has happened.

ANNUITY OR PENSION

Sir Richard Cartwright proposes an annuity scheme instead of old age pensions for adoption in Canada. The chief difference between his proposal and the putting away of a certain sum weekly in a savings bank would be greater security of the savings. But the great majority of those who would need a fund in old age would not be likely to lay by a weekly portion of their wages. The Ottawa Journal tells the reason. Thus: "Unhappily the man who has to support himself and family on \$286 a year, the average wage of the Canadian laborer, has not much money to place in savings banks or building societies. The landlord and the baker, and the clothier get most of it, and the rest, if there is any rest, may go to the education of the children. The final remainder might be employed in the reckless indulgence of luxury to which the man on \$286 a year is so frequently impelled by opportunity."

The thrifty, and those who earn enough to be able to save a portion do not stand in great need of a pension scheme, but those whose condition of life is such that they can barely keep out of debt when strong enough to labor for a living, and who when age and infirmity come are literally helpless. And yet, even these should contribute something in their years of strength, for their is something in the argument that the assurance of a pension, however small, would tend to encourage laziness and improvidence among the naturally indolent and improvident.

The subject is one that requires very careful study, but since the principle of old-age pensions has been adopted in New Zealand, Australia, Denmark and Germany, and has been approved by the British house of commons, it should be possible for Canada to evolve a practical working scheme by which the state would do more to encourage thrift than is proposed in the annuity proposals of Sir Richard Cartwright. This would appear to be the view of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as the Ottawa Journal, in the article from which an extract has already been quoted, says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier expresses the personal view that any measure to be approved by the Canadian parliament should involve the principle of contribution by the prospective beneficiary. The fund to be established by such contribution should be, in the prime minister's opinion, supplemented by a contribution by the state, so that the system should not be simply a system of state insurance."

Another shocking railway accident occurred yesterday, this time on the C. P. R., in Ontario. It is not surprising that Mr. W. F. MacLean brought up the subject in parliament yesterday and urged action to ensure greater safety for railway passengers and employees.

CHEER UP, SAD HEART

In his self-imposed and more or less thankless task of setting the world right—a task that has taxed the energy of many great and zealous reformers—Onlooker, in the New Freeman, this week, cudgels the daily papers of this city, "Indictment" is the word used in the headlines. He indicts them. They lack independence, and they fail to lead public opinion. They are in his opinion less serviceable than a demagogic, factional sheet. They are not swift and resolute to lead the public conscience.

All of which means that the soul of the Onlooker yearns for the noise of battle and the clash of weapons. He has been a voice crying in the wilderness for many moons, and the people will not sit up and take notice. They go about their daily tasks, or are sunk in hopeless abstraction, neither making nor unmaking cabinets, nor policies, nor parties. Little wonder, then, that in utter dejection, and even bitterness of spirit, he lays about him with the lash of scorn, and even falls upon the luckless editors, whom ordinarily he regards with sympathy rather than with indignation.

But the mood will pass. Apples will grow again. The editors will awaken from their slumbers, and the people will hearken. The public conscience will be startled into fierce protest. Then will arise men—even writers for the press—who will gladden the heart of Onlooker by denouncing everything and everybody—but themselves.

A SOUTHERN INSTANCE

The state of Georgia has adopted a very progressive immigration policy. It is felt that the solution of the industrial and race problems of the south lies partly in the introduction of large bodies of immigrants. An association has been formed in Georgia with this end in view, and has developed much enthusiasm. We quote from a recent letter from Macon, to a New York journal:—

"Now that definite plans have been agreed upon, Chairman Betjeman stated that the work of securing regular passenger service for the transportation of immigrants from European countries through a German port direct to Savannah, with regular sailings once in every three weeks, would be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The present outlook promised the regular installation of such a service within the next three months or so. At the same time the providing for the transportation of immigrants from ports in Italy and the United Kingdom to Savannah will also be hurried to completion. These sailings at first will be irregular, and will have to depend upon the amount of freight consigned from foreign ports to Savannah."

"In this way it is expected that in a very short time the tide of immigration will set in to Georgia from all parts of Europe in such numbers as will make a real and practical showing in the solving of the present scarcity of labor and the development of thousands of acres of land which now lie idle and uncultivated. Plants for the reception and distribution of these newcomers have been assigned to members of special committees and members of the state executive committee as well as the establishment of an immigration station at Savannah."

"Chairman Betjeman will very shortly start upon a tour of the state from his home in Albany, Ga., in the furthering of this work, which has received such a big boom from representatives from every section. Mr. Betjeman will visit practically all of the cities in the state, and in this way both secure absolutely reliable information regarding conditions in every part and also explain the aim and mission of the Georgia Immigration Association and the work in hand."

As the first fruits of the new Sunday law, the American Sunday papers (the yellow press) will not be sold in Toronto tomorrow. A despatch states that even in Toronto the Good over three thousand of these sheets were sold every Sunday. There is therefore an opening for Canadian yellow journals, which will doubtless be taken advantage of without delay.

The clause in the labor dispute bill declaring illegal the dismissal of an employee because of membership in a union, or a strike declared because of the employment of non-union persons, has been dropped by Hon. Mr. Lemieux. This is a blow at the open shop, and the sacrifice of a principle to the demands of expediency.

The town of Woodstock has more than its share of serious fires. That of last night swept a whole block and destroyed valuable property in a business section. The history of Woodstock emphasises the great need of the most effective fire protection service that the conditions will permit.

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WHEN THE HEART IS RIGHT

It doesn't so very much matter what path our feet may tread.
Or whether the cheering hopes we knew in youth are vanished—dead.
We shall find a gleam in the darkness to guide in the dreary night.
And a joyful song, as we journey along, if we go with a heart that's right.

We sip from the cup the sweetness, and then of the bitter gall;
Blossoms and friends are swept away, dreams are forgotten—all.
And you who have known the tugging that comes to the heartstrings tight.
Known of the balm, the peace and calm, that comes from a heart that's right.

The thorns that beset the causeway may fester and wound the feet.
The cup you drink may end with gall, drowning the cherished sweet.
But the nectar for which you hunger, the roses that suffer blight,
Will be yours to taste and to smell again if you go with a heart that's right.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

PAYING THE FREIGHT.

Willie (aged 7)—Say, pa, when a man expresses an opinion, can he collect charges on it?
His Pa—He can, if he's a lawyer.

HOW SHE LOST IT.

He—Where's all the money I gave you last week?
She—Oh, I lost it.
He—Lost it? Well, you shouldn't be so careless.
She—'I wasn't careless, dear, I'm never careless, when I play bridge. I play for all I'm worth.'

PROOF OF QUALITY.

Lady (to new milkman)—'Now, Mr. Jones, I hope I can rely on the purity of your milk. I had to give up Mr. Smith because his milk became two-thirds water.'
Mr. Jones—'You can rely on this, mum. It's been paralyzed by the public anarchist.'—Punch.

TICKS AND TICKETS.

Hyker—"My hearing is unusually keen."
Pyker—"Is that so?"
Hyker—"Yes. For instance, at the distance I am from you now I can hear your watch ticking."
Pyker—"Well, my watch is six blocks away, but I have the tickets for it in my vest pocket."—Chicago Daily News.

PRELIMINARY FLIGHT.

The lady in black pointed toward the sky.
"My husband," she sighed, "is up there. But he is looking down. Perhaps he sees all that is to befall me."
"How long has he been dead, ma'am?" we inquired gently.
With a frown she answered:
"Dead? He isn't dead. He's an aeronaut."

SANDY'S PLEASURE.

An old farmer who lived by himself sent for the parish gravedigger and explained to him where he wished to be buried.
"And here, Sandy," said he, "are ten shillings for digging my grave. Ye see, ye wadna maybe be sure o' the pey after I'm awa'."
"Deed, sir," replied Sandy, overcome at such unwonted liberality, "it wad be a great pleasure tae me tae dig yer grave for naething any time."

FROM OSKALOOSA.

J. R. Woods, who was run over by a wagon, is some better. It came near putting the old man out of business.

Mr. Dumire will be in the neighborhood this week saving wood.

The Perkins Bros. purchased a phonograph last week and are now ready to entertain people with some splendid music.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ridpath attended the George Thompson sale Monday. Mag seems to attend several sales, but doesn't buy anything.

A. C. Goddard, our local butcher, killed a beef last week. Alva is a hustler.

Mrs. Emma Pilgrim was helping Miss Sara Barrow pick ducks last Monday.

Glen McCombs is husking corn for Henry Deboof, and a young Mr. Padgett is helping Mr. Deboof also. As Mr. Padgett went to his work Monday morning he did Tom McDonough a great favor. He saw a skunk below their barn and helped to capture the pesky thing. They have been troubled quite a good deal lately.—Oskaloosa (Ia.) Globe.

The museum of the Natural History Association will, it is said, soon be enriched by Captain Fred Jones' fine collection of South African curios, weapons, etc.

A. McN. Shaw returned from Montreal yesterday.

WHITEWEAR SALE

Corset Covers 12c., 15c., 25c., to \$1.50 each.
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