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THE DREDGING

In the discussion of the estimates yesterday, it was stated by the Hon. Mr. Fisher, that the $200,000 for dredging in St. John harbor was for the completion of the Mayes contract, and that provision for dredging the 600 foot berth had yet to be made. The most that he would say on this point was that when estimates were presented later he would say what was to be done this year. Presumably there will be an additional grant in the supplementary estimates for this and the channel dredging, as Mr. Fisher stated that he hoped to have the dredge Fielding at work in the channel before the end of the year.

It is important that such provision be made as early as possible, as an additional dredge will doubtless be required to complete the 600 foot berth, and make it possible to have the berth completed in time for next winter's business. In view of the recent visit of western members to this port, and the letter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Mr. Fisher, following the representations of the St. John delegation at Ottawa, it is probable that the house will regard with favor the proposition to have all this dredging done. The Toronto News, whose managing director, Mr. Willison, recently addressed the Canadian Club of this city, has a timely article declaring that Canada is indebted to St. John for the public spirit displayed in the extension of harbor facilities to handle western business. This generous tribute will have an influence upon the minds of western members.

THE SCHOOLS

At last the government of this province is in a position to redeem its pledge to the school teachers, and the bill providing for an increase in salaries will receive universal support. It is perhaps too much to hope that all school districts will follow this example and on their part increase the amount given to teachers, but that they should do so is obvious to all who give thoughtful attention to educational matters. Canada is making great progress in material things, and should see to it that an equal advance is made in provision for the education of the children.

The provision to be made for more and better work in the University of New Brunswick is another step in the right direction. There have been times when the future of the University seemed much in doubt—when the limited extent of its work, and the lack of interest displayed by the people seemed to point to its ultimate dissolution. In more recent years it has taken on a new lease of life, and with its engineering department, the department of agricultural chemistry and the proposed forestry course, it must appeal to a far wider constituency and retain its proper place at the head of the educational system of the province.

The educational policy of the government is a progressive one, and the people in the school districts throughout the province should feel it their duty to do their part in providing well-equipped school buildings, the best available teachers, and whatever accessories are necessary to make the common schools better than they have ever been in the past.

TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS

Effort to overcome the deadly work of tuberculosis is being put forth with increasing energy in all enlightened communities, and New Brunswick cannot too soon take up the work by an educational campaign and the erection of a sanitarium, as suggested by Premier Pugsley, and long advocated by the Medical Society.

Noting the fact that last year sixty people died of consumption in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Gazette of that city rightly observes::—

"If this number of people should die of smallpox or diphtheria or any kind of sickness, the people would rise in their wrath and demand that something be done and done immediately to check the ravages of that disease, but because it is tuberculosis there is very little agitation by the public at large on the question. Yet it is safe to say that fully two-thirds of these deaths could have been prevented had the proper precautions been taken."

There is a suggestion for St. John medical men in a further statement in the Gazette, which is as follows:—

"The doctors declare that tuberculosis is contagious, but with proper care it can be avoided. It is largely a matter of the education of the people. When a dangerous disease becomes prevalent the people are anxious to learn how to properly cope with it and for this reason the Academy of Medicine, which is composed of all the practicing physicians of the city, is planning to have a number of noted speakers come here on Tuesday, April 9th, and address the citizens on the danger of, and ways to prevent, tuberculosis. These lectures will not be dull or prosy or even extremely scientific. They will be so worded as to appeal to the intellect of anyone, but they will undoubtedly contain facts that will set the wisest a-thinking, and they will be interesting to everyone. One of the lectures or talks that is to be delivered at this meeting will be illustrated with lantern slides. Collum H. Johnson, of Grand Rapids, will deliver this talk and he has already done much in his own city to check the ravages of this disease."

Why not inaugurate such a campaign of education in New Brunswick?

The liberal executive has decided to hold the primaries on April 22nd, and the nominating convention on April 26th, to nominate a party candidate for the election to fill the commons vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Stockton, M. P.

This is, of course, a purely party affair, so far as the convention is concerned; but the whole city is deeply interested in having as the new representative at Ottawa a man of commanding ability and influence. It is not a case of providing a snug billet for a man who wants one, but of sending to Ottawa the strongest man at a time when strong advocacy of the claims of the winter port is needed as perhaps never before. The questions of personal feeling and party advantage do not count for much with thoughtful men when greater issues are at stake. If there is work to be done the thing to do at the outset is to get an effective workman. Therefore the rank and file of the liberal party will be glad to see a strong man nominated— a man so strong, if possible, that he will command conservative as well as liberal support, and go in unopposed.

The question of a site for the cold storage plant on the west side should be considered by the council with an eye to possible future needs of steamship traffic on the west side. So long as there is no probability of interference in that direction the promoters of the scheme should be given every reasonable facility.

In the series of Yukon views shown at the Every Day Club last evening Mr. Carman showed one of a school building at Dawson City, and remarked incidentally that there was a kindergarten department. Even in the Yukon they are ahead of St. John in this respect. Here private benevolence has to provide the kindergartens.

The retirement of Mr. James Lowell from the municipal council after a dozen years of honest and effective service is a matter of general regret. Mr. Lowell is a man of decided views, who does not hesitate to speak his thought, and he has given the municipality faithful and efficient service.

The opening up of 50,000 acres of land, secured by the government from the New Brunswick Railway and Land Co., at 75 cents an acre, may mean much for that section of the province. It is to be sold in 100 acre lots and only to actual settlers.

By the time Mr. Jerome has concluded his address in the Thaw case, the pathetic picture painted by Mr. Delmas will have lost some of its power to appeal to sober-minded men. The whole case reeks with infamy, but Thaw the murderer, as an instrument of Providence, is too absurd.

The provincial legislature favors the taking over of branch lines by the I. C. R. This was the policy favored by Mr. Emmerson, but what the federal government policy will be is not so clear.

The Canadian Club of this city will be addressed on Thursday by President Cockshutt of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, on Canadian Industrial Life. The topic is one of much interest, and the speaker knows his subject.

The church that decides to have free pews recognizes the true spirit of the Christian religion. The stranger in a rented pew has the unpleasant feeling that he may be an intruder.

The telephone bill before the legislature is one of great importance. Every section should be scrutinized with extreme care, that the interests of the public may be fully protected.

AN ECHO OF HON. MR. EMMERSON'S SPEECH

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News, writing April 4th, says:

"Mr. Emmerson's affairs, however, have undergone a new turn as a result of yesterday morning's sitting. On his emotional speech of Tuesday Mr. Emmerson allowed himself to threaten retaliation. "If," he said, "political warfare is to be carried on with weapons from the gutter of slander and personal gossip—if the political warfare of Canada is to be graded to that level—those on this side of your chair, Mr. Speaker, will not alone suffer in that warfare. And if the country would know the facts; if the public press—which has had detectives on my track and on the track of other ministers of the crown seeking out matters that are of private moment—would know the facts, the employment of detectives is necessary as against those on this side, but, without stooping to secure evidence in that way, there is evidence in existence against others, evidence that has not been purchased, evidence that will be strong, powerful, cogent. And if the great public press of Canada and the people of Canada want that evidence it is within their grasp; it is within the grasp of this house; it is within the grasp of the country."

"Mr. Borden has taken these words up, and gives notice that he will require Mr. Emmerson (who was not present) either to make these statements good or to retract them.

"Mr. Emmerson thus will be in the embarrassing position from which the speaker's decision yesterday rescued Mr. Fowler."

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(By Kathleen Weatherhead.)

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And ne'er a ray of sunshine fell
His little heart to cheer,
I listened to the gladness
That was mingled in his song,
And from my heart the shadows fell
Of weary years and long.

I heard a robin singing,
When the skies were dark above,
And from the song a lesson learned
Of hope, and trust and love.
It spoke to me of patience,
Of a spring our hearts shall know,
Where snow of winter falleth not
And cold winds never blow.

Westminster Gazette.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

NO, NOT EXACTLY.

"Did I understand you to say my appearance has improved?"

"No; I said you looked more like yourself."

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WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE.

The newspapers who know of the names of members of parliament who have been dabbling in wine, women and graft, should make them known.

"Ah!" exclaimed the irate father, "how is it I catch you kissing my daughter, sir? Answer me, sir! How is it?"

"Fine, sir; fine indeed," replied the young man.

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ON THE WAY TO A FRONT PLACE

A few days ago British Columbia put a conservative government solidly in power and on Monday in the house of commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier predicted that in ten years British Columbia would be "one of the first provinces in the Dominion."

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NOT AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

Her Husband—If a man steals—no matter what it is—he will live to regret it.

His Wife—During our courtship you used to steal many kisses.

Her Husband—Well, you heard what I said.

MORE MONEY FOR TEACHERS

Dr. J. R. Inch Explains the New Bill Which Provides for Larger Provincial Grants.

Dr. J. R. Inch superintendent of education, passed through the city last night on his way to Sackville to attend the funeral of his grandson, Harold Hunton.

Dr. Inch assisted yesterday, in drafting a bill providing for increase in the salaries of teachers, and enlarged work at the University of New Brunswick, and gave some details of the new provisions.

An increase of $25,000 would be made, he said in the educational grant, $20,000 for the teachers and $5,000 for the university.

It was at first intended to raise the grants to first and second class teachers only; but as practically all French teachers are third class, their representatives asked that they be favored also, and to this the government agreed.

Grammar school and superior teachers will also have their salaries increased.

Y. M. C. A. PROGRESS

D. A. Budge, in proposing "Our Association," at a dinner in Montreal last week, sketched the progress of the Y. M. C. A. from Atlantic to Pacific, and even further afield. "That night," he said, "there was being held at Tokio a great convention of the Y. M. C. A. He described the growth of the society in Corea and referred to the interest which the Corean emperor is taking in the movement Passing to the development of the society in Canada, he spoke of the recent raising of $200,000 in Ottawa for a Y. M. C. A. building. Eastwards, at St. John and Halifax, notably, progress was the keynote. Halifax is thinking of a new Y. M. C. A. building. "In Montreal" said Mr. Budge, in reference to the expired option, "we are sittiny on the fence. But we urgently need a newer and larger building. In regard to Winnipeg, $250,000 had been offered for the Y. M. C. A. building, which dates from only seven years ago, and westwards at Calgary, Moosejaw and Vancouver the society had its tale of advance to tell."

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One of the largest and most modern flour mills on the continent will soon be put in operation by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company at Keewatin, with a capacity of seven thousand barrels a day. This commodious building that has been under construction for over a year, will prove of great general benefit to Western Canadian growth and development as it will meet a long felt want in that section of the country.

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The management of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company will also improve their other mills throughout the West in order to meet the unprecedented demand that is expected to come from domestic and Oriental markets.

MR. CALLAGHAN RESIGNS

James J. Callaghan, superintendent of the St. John Street Railway, has resigned his position and it is understood that at a meeting yesterday afternoon the resignation was accepted. Mr. Callaghan has been superintendent some six months, and came here from Montreal, where he was chief instructor with the Montreal street railway. He is credited with making a number of improvements in the running of the local line during his time as superintendent here.

Mr. Callaghan will return to Montreal and on April 15th will re-enter the service of the Montreal Street Railway.

The members of St. Luke's church met last night, Rev. R. P. McKim, presiding, and it was unanimously decided to continue the free pew system. Rev. R. P. McKim, and Ald. A. M. Rowan and Henry Hilyard spoke in favor of the free pew system.

W. J. Shannon, of Annapolis, is at the Victoria Hotel.

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