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ST. JOHN'S POSITION

It is quite proper to remark that good feeling should exist between St. John and Halifax, and also to insist, for example, that Halifax newspapers should not seek to create a false impression with regard to the tides at St. John. In years past we were met with objections to St. John as a freight port, quite as strenuous and as ill-founded as those now used in an attempt to weaken the position of this port with regard to passengers and mails. The citizens must not be lulled into indifference or a feeling of over-confidence by the nice things said of St. John in the interests of another port. The Halifax Chronicle and one St. John paper have developed a fine spirit of harmony in this regard, and nobody is at all surprised that such is the case. But St. John people must regard the interests of St. John just as keenly and intelligently as Halifax folk do the interests of Halifax. Whether it be the Canadian Pacific Railway or any other influence that may seem to threaten this port with the loss of any part of the business which rightly belongs to it, the duty of the citizens is to be on the alert, as they have been in the past, and without anger or malice, but in a spirit of reasonable determination stand up for the rights of the port. It now appears that there is no immediate danger, such as seemed to exist when it was stated that the C. P. R. wanted to cut out St. John as the terminus of its mail steamers, but as between rival influences and political exigencies the situation will continue to be such as to call for continued vigilance. We may frankly accept the assurances of Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and feel assured of the very kindly disposition of the government toward this national seaport; but it is nevertheless obvious from the tenor of yesterday's Ottawa despatches to this paper that there are views held in Ottawa which a clear statement of the city's case by a fully informed delegation should to some extent modify. There has never been a time when the interests of the port demanded greater wisdom on the part of its representatives, and there could be no more fatal attitude than that of self-complacency and indifference to what is being said and done elsewhere.

TORONTO SENSATION

The fight against the Toronto Street Railway Company is being waged even from the pulpit. The World quotes two scathing denunciations uttered by ministers last Sunday. Rev. J. W. Pedley, speaking in the Congregational church, said:—

"The old method of robbery was, 'Come, let us form a gang.' The modern is, 'Come, let us form a corporation. Let us get an act of parliament to give us certain powers. Let us get the cleverest lawyers to construct it for our advantage. Let us get hold of the legislators and persuade them in our favor. Let us take full advantage of that spirit of honesty, reverence for law, which will abide by a contract once it is made. Then let us interpret that act of parliament and that contract to suit ourselves. And so armed and equipped, let us fall upon the people. Let us give as little as may be and get everything that is possible.'"

Everybody knew that the speaker, while speaking generally, was aiming directly at the railway company, but the Rev. J. E. Starr, in the Berkeley street Methodist church, deliberately named the company in connection with the following statement:

"Putting one's fellow-citizens in the pillory is no pleasant business, but modern business methods sometimes make it an imperative public duty," he began. "Having organized themselves into companies or corporations, unfortunately, men, under the guise of 'Co.,' do, or allow to be done, things that as individuals out in the open they would scarcely contemplate. By using their corporate wealth to evade or override the law, to take advantage of ignorance or weakness, or to utilize legal loopholes to escape from self-assumed obligations, they gratify a lawless lust for gain, doing things so pernicious and so inimical to public righteousness that the only way in which to rebuke, if not to rectify, their wrongdoing is to stand them in the pillory of public scorn."

"The conduct of the directorate of the Toronto Railway Company brings it within that category," declared Rev. Mr. Starr. "By deliberately breaking its contract with the city, by taking advantage of the loopholes of its agreement that leave the city engineer without power to enforce its provisions, by utilizing the slow processes of the law to make further encroachments upon the convenience and rights of the public, and by resorting to a policy of misstatement and bluff, the Toronto Railway Company has for years been warring upon a long-suffering community. Its attitude has been that of the three-pea flim-flammer, who, knowing his obligations to society, seeks to fill his pockets at the expense of right-doing and in defiance of the rights of the public, and, besides having an utter contempt for public opinion, its conduct has a tendency to lower the tone of commercial honor and to put a premium upon lawlessness in the community."

After naming the directors of the company as follows: William Mackenzie, Frederic Nicholls, Hon. George A. Cox, W. D. Matthews, Sir Henry M. Pellatt, James Gunn and J. C. Grace, he went on:—

"These men are the men who, well knowing their obligations, seek to evade them. These are the men who, by their refusal to put on a sufficient number of cars, are causing inconvenience and suffering to thousands of our citizens. These are the men, who, less considerate than cattle shippers, subject our working women to an overcrowding that is as indecent as it is degrading to womanhood. Into the pillory with them! We do no service to them, much less do the city by taking off our hats to them. Meantime let the citizens loyally support the board of control. They are in the right track, and their action so far is justified. Only let them persist in their aggressive work, until, having applied to the legislature, they have secured the power to expropriate. With that whip in the hands of the city the directors would sit up and be good."

From all of which it may be assumed that things are warming up in "Toronto the Good."

Even if the province granted $1,500 and the city $1,000 there would still be required over $800 to complete the Champlain monument fund. And there is as yet no guarantee that the grants will be as large as is suggested. Therefore contributions are decidedly welcome. A splendid beginning has been made.

Ald. McGoldrick has offered to give Ald. Sproul the time of his life if the latter will go with him to Fredericton when the legislature is considering St. John bills. Ald. McGoldrick generally delivers the goods.

Universal sympathy will be felt for Senator King, to whom, at Otawa, has been flashed the terrible news of the sudden death of Mrs. King at their residence in Chimpan.

There is still a possibility of preserving the old Chipman House. As a historic souvenir the structure is worth saving, and the aldermen may discover a way.

The friends of Scott Act enforcement have won a victory in Moncton. Six out of seven of their candidates were elected. The officials will no doubt sit up and take notice.

The number of lives lost by accident on the harbor front during the last two months has been a heavy toll to pay for the work provided in connection with winter port trade.

When the most important measures of the year are up for decision, a bare quorum of the city council can be got together. There could be no greater evidence of the need of a change.

There is actually a prospect that St. John may have several sections of smooth street. Of course the property owners will be taxed for it, but it will be such a novelty that they will surely want it.

Governor Swettenham of Jamaica has seen the error of his ways. This is the most creditable statement concerning him that has been made since the earthquake occurred.

It must be nice to live in a Russian town where a man has to turn his back and throw up his hands every time he meets the governor.

Let us give thanks that we live in the east. The story told today of hardship and suffering in the frozen west is not pleasant reading.

WEDDINGS

MORTON-McAFEE.

The following account of the wedding of Miss Minnie McAfee, which took place in Chelsea, Mass., will be of interest to her many friends in this city:

A pretty home wedding took place recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McAfee, 858 Broadway, Chelsea, when their sister, Miss Minnie McAfee, was married to George E. Morton, of Chestnut street, Chelsea. Miss Gertrude Cregin was bridesmaid and Albert E. Morton, of Worcester, acted as best man. At 7.30, the bridal party entered the parlors to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Anna B. Murtha, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Perry Bush. The bride was given away by her brother, William H. McAfee. The bridal party stood under a bell of white and pink carnations and smilax. The bride was handsomely gowned in champagne eolienne silk over taffeta, trimmed with Irish point lace. She carried bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore white Swiss muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and ribbons and she carried pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held from 8 to 10 o'clock and refreshments were served. The couple were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. William H. McAfee also Miss Cregin and A. E. Morton.

The house was handsomely decorated with cut flowers, smilax and potted plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton left amid a shower of rice and confetti, to take the midnight train for a three weeks' tour of New York state. They will reside at 100 Chestnut street, Chelsea, Mass., and will be at home to their friends after Feb. 1. Her mother, Mrs. John R. Greer, resides at 197 Waterloo street. Mr. and Mrs. Morton received many valuable and useful presents.

Mrs. J. Fred Fraser, of Halifax, is visiting her brother, A. W. Sulis, 230 Duke street.

Stores close at 6 p. m. St. John, Jan. 30, 1907.

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.50 Fleece Lined, S. and D.	39 cts.	1.25 Gloves for -	98 cts.

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A NOTABLE POEM

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Miss Pickthall's poem, which is reprinted from the February number of the Century Magazine, is worth clipping out and filing away. It is one of those "poems you ought to know," and is an illustration of the fulfilment of the writer's early promise. Miss Pickthall is one of the most brilliant poets Canada has produced, and as she is yet on the very threshold of her career, it is only to be expected that she will yet produce something that will send her name down to a far posterity.

THE LITTLE SISTER OF THE PROPHET

If there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer."—Deut. xiii., I.

I have left a basket of dates
In the cool, dark room that is under the vine,
Some curds set out in two little crimson plates,
And a flask of the amber wine,
And cakes most cunningly beaten
Of savory herbs and spice and the delicate wheaten
Flour that is best,
And all to lighten his spirit and sweeten his rest.

This morning he cried, "Awake,
And see what the wonderful grace of the Lord hath revealed!"
And we ran for his sake,
But 'twas only the dawn outspread o'er our father's field,
And the house of the potter white in the valley below.
But his hands were upraised to the east and he cried to us, "So
Ye may ponder and read
The strength and the beauty of God outrolled in a fiery screed."

Then the little brown mother smiled,
As one does on the words of a well-loved child,
And "Son," she replied, "have the oxen been watered and fed?
For work is to do, though the skies be never so red,
And already the first sweet hours of the day are spent."
And he sighed, and went.

Will he come from the byre,
With his head all misty with dreams and his eyes on fire,
Shaking as with the weight of the words of his passion?
I will give him raisins instead of dates,
And wreathe young leaves on the little red plates,
I will put on my new head-tyre,
And braid my hair in a comelier fashion.
Will he note? Will he mind?
Will he touch my cheek as he used to, and laugh and be kind?

—Marjorie L. C. Pickthall, in February Century.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MAYBE SHE WAS RIGHT.

"If she considers him such a paragon why won't she let him dance with any other girl?"

"She probably thinks he is too good to be true."—Judge.

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THEY MIGHT BE USEFUL.

"Yes," said the sentimental youth, "there is no doubt of her devotion. She treasures all my letters."

"That," said Miss Cayenne, "may be devotion. And then again it may be foresight."—Washington Star.

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ONE EXCEPTION.

'Everybody seems to be here for his health," remarked the new arrival at Hot Springs.

"Yes, everybody but the hotel proprietor," replied the guest who had been there three days.—Philadelphia Record.

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THE CRUEL EDITOR.

"I would have you understand, sir," said the slender young man with the shiny coat collar, "that the true poet is born."

"Well, what of it?" asked the heartless editor. "Do you want to run a birth notice?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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TWO OF THEM NOW.

"Tell us what it is that crawls on its stomach?" said the teacher, as she pointed to the serpent on the blackboard.

"Snakes and motorists," replied the little boy whose father owns an automobile which often breaks down.—Chicago Daily News.

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HARDSHIPS OF A DEACON.

The Osborne Farmer's "Village Deacon" is greatly worried. He says if he stops moralizing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union starts the report that he has backslid, and if he goes it a trifle strong the Elks talk of expelling him.—Kansas City Star.

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JUST LIKE PAPA.

"I never saw any one so stuck up as Markley," began Popley. "Last night he—"

"Why," interrupted Goodart, "that's not like Markley at all. He's the best natured fellow—"

"Of course," continued Popley, "but last night he came to my house with molasses candy for the children and let them sit on his lap while they ate it."—Philadelphia Press.

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SHORT DIVISION.

The schoolmaster of a small village asked his pupils the following question:

"In a family there are five children, and mother has only four potatoes between them. She wants to give every child an equal share. What is she going to do?"

Silence reigned, while everybody thought hard, till a little boy stood up and gave, to the great surprise of the master, the following answer.

"Mash the potatoes, sir."—Judge's Library.

THE BACHELOR TAX

(Boston Journal).

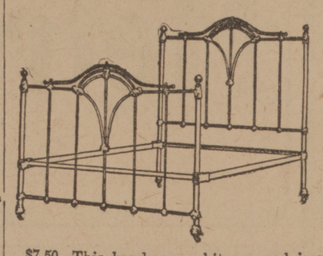
Instead of declaring that "this is so sudden," the young women will doubtless say: "I would consent to be your wife if I were sure you do not wish to marry me to avoid paying a bachelor tax!" That is, they will say this just as soon as the tax on bachelors is established. Already a bill has been introduced in the Indiana legislature providing a tax on bachelors at $5 annually between the ages of 25 and 30, $7.50 between 30 and 40, and $10 annually thereafter. And then the irony of it all: they propose to use the money for the education of children.

"No, Matilda," the bashful young man can say, "I do not care to marry you, but I will pay a bachelor tax which will help educate your children when you finally do marry and raise a family." And there are so many other phases to this bachelor tax problem that it is worthy of consideration. If Indiana will tax bachelors, why not be fair and square about it? Give the bachelors a rebate each time they are jilted.

"Excuse me," the abandoned lover of the future will say, "but as you insist upon throwing me over for that pie-faced Smithers fellow, will you supply me with an affidavit to the effect that you have jilted me? I want to get my rebate on the bachelor tax." On the other hand, the bright young women can easily lead up to the point of proposal by saying artfully to their lovers: "Why should you squander bachelor tax money every year when there are so many nice girls anxious to help you economize?" And if the young men who get that handed out to them haven't gumption enough to merely say: "Will you help me economize?" or "Will you get me off the bachelor tax list?" why, they are not worth bothering about, anyway.

Mrs. Daniel McGowan, of Memramcook, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Bradley, Paddock street.

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MAIN ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Meeting Held Last Evening---Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Main street Baptist church was held last night in the vestry of the church, Rev. David Hutchinson presiding. The pastor's and the church clerk's reports were read. The report of the treasurer, W. H. White, showed that the total receipts, exclusive of pew rents, were $4,509,61, the expenditures, $4,492.12 with the bills for current expenses up to the end of the year paid.

The trustees' report showed that the church's property was in a good state of repair.

W. J. McAlary presented a very satisfactory report of the membership and conduct of the Sunday school.

Allan McIntyre and Miss Ethel Parker presented the report from the Young People's Society.

Mrs. F. E. Marven and Mrs. M. E. Scott, reported for the Ladies' Missionary Aid Society. They raised for missions, $188.60.

Mrs. H. H. Roach, leader of the mission band, reported that she had raised $46, by means of the band, and it had agreed to support and educate 4 children on the Baptist mission field in India.

The following officers were elected for the current year: A. W. Gay, church clerk; W. H. White, treasurer; Wm. Heathfield, financial secretary; W. G. Estabrooks, convener of ushers.

H. H. Dunham was re-elected a deacon for 3 years and John R. Cowan in place of Deacon A. L. Dykeman, resigned.

Several committees were appointed.

HAMPTON NEWS

HAMPTON, Jan. 30—The funeral of the late Henry C. Frost took place yesterday and was largely attended, a number attending from St. John. The floral tributes were very beautiful, especially the wreath sent by the Hon. Judge Wedderburn; also one from his children with Father on it, and one from his sisters, also a number of cut flowers from friends. Rev. Mr. Ross conducted the service at the house and grave. The choir of the church rendered very sweetly the hymns, "Thy Will Be Done," and "Asleep in Jesus." Interment was made in the Hampton Cemetery.

Mr. Frost was the eldest son of the late R. C. Frost, of St. John, who at one time was a prominent surveyor and latterly in the government employ, in which service he remained till his death.

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