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NATIONAL PORTS

It is fortunate for St. John that the minister of public works realizes the importance of having provision made to meet the increasing demands of winter steamship business upon the facilities of this port. In a year when there must be some curtailment of expenditure on public works, this port might suffer were it not that it is represented by a member who is also a minister, and who understands and realizes the importance to all Canada of having this national winter port properly equipped to meet the demands of an expanding trade from year to year. Hon. Dr. Pugsley tells us frankly that he must get along without the armory and the Partridge Island wharf, but he is ready to recommend that the government begin the dredging necessary to provide for the extension of the system of docks below Sand Point, which in a very few years will be accommodating steamships engaged in Canada's ocean-borne trade.

No doubt the city council will promptly arrange for the transfer to the government of the required property adjoining that to be transferred by the C. P. R., so that there may be no stumbling block in the way of the prosecution of the dredging work.

Since his first election as the city's representative at Ottawa Dr. Pugsley has steadily and consistently labored for that transportation policy which recognizes St. John as a national winter port, which should be equipped as the need arises at national expense. He has been chiefly instrumental in lifting a great and unfair burden from the city, and has given the citizens an entirely new outlook with regard to harbor development. This has been done without discrimination against any other port, or neglect of any needed service elsewhere. It has simply been a fair and reasonable recognition of the national claims of St. John, which had been too long overlooked or neglected.

CIVIC REFORM

If the civic committee on reorganization will make good use of the time from now until the first of February there will be no adverse criticism on account of the delay. The committee has evidently been impressed, as it proceeded with its enquiry, with the importance of doing thoroughly whatever is to be done in this matter of reorganization. The Telegraph this morning suggests a general enquiry into the affairs of each department to show exactly how they are and have been conducted. Such an investigation would clear the way for needed changes, and enlighten the citizens as well as the aldermen upon the whole subject. It has been and is charged that the business of the civic departments is not conducted in the manner in which a private citizen would conduct his own business affairs. Yet there is no sound reason why the same principles and rules should not apply. To be satisfactory the reorganization must be thorough. The committee would therefore do well to break away from local precedent and go in for a radical overhauling of the departments. It will find that such a course will be approved by the citizens at large. If, after a month's delay, it brings in an inconsequent and ineffective report, its members will bring upon themselves the force of public censure. There is no reason, however, to doubt their good faith in the matter, and the only fear is that they will, through motives of leniency, fail to go to the extreme that may be necessary to ensure genuine reform. Since their report must be dealt with by the whole council, they should at least assume the responsibility of submitting a comprehensive one.

FEVER AT CHATHAM

Chatham, Dec. 28.—Invitations have been issued for the annual ball of the Chatham Lawn Tennis Club to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 30.

The outbreak of three new cases of scarlet fever today was a disappointment to those who thought the disease was dying out.

WOODSTOCK ELECTIONS

Woodstock, Dec. 28.—The town election will be held on Monday, Jan. 18th. Mayor Ballman, much to the regret of the citizens, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Of the present council Messrs. Hagerman, Dugan, Favest and Fisher will probably again offer their services. At the request of a great many electors Aid. Thorne has decided to run for mayor.

BOUNDARY DISPUTES

Prof. Leacock, who addressed the Canadian Club of St. John on the eve of his tour of the empire, over a year ago, is to address the club again in February. The Toronto Mail and Empire notes that Prof. Leacock has lately "declared that neither in the Ashburton Treaty nor in the Oregon Treaty did Great Britain sacrifice the interests of Canada."

The Mail and Empire is disposed to agree with this view, although admitting that it will "be a shock to Canadians who love to represent their country as a sort of martyr to British indifference, and, as some of them add, to British stupidity; and will also disturb those of our politicians whose superior intelligence is made the more apparent when in their public addresses they deplore the inferiority of British statesmen and the blunders of British diplomacy."

It will be of interest to read the full statement made by the Toronto journal in support of Prof. Leacock's contention. We quote:—

"At the same time, Professor Leacock's statement has much to support it. It is true that we did not, in these international disputes get all that we claimed. But it is also true that the United States suffered a like disappointment. In the Ashburton Treaty we, or, rather, the British, for we were not a national force in those days, demanded what is now the northern half of Maine. Had the British contention held good the part of Maine which runs into Canada would have been ours. At the same time the United States claimed, in virtue of old boundary descriptions, a clear path to the St. Lawrence. Had the United States contention been allowed we should have been cut in two, for the territory from the present Maine boundary to the Gulf would have been lost to us. The diplomats dealt upon a line following the height of land. The territory drained by the rivers running south was to belong to the United States. That covered by the rivers running north was to be ours. The international line was marked out on this basis, and for that reason neither country has exactly what it wanted. The Oregon arrangement was in some respects a compromise. The British demanded that the line be run pretty far south; the United States sought a line that would have cut us off entirely from the Pacific coast, and would have deprived us of the prairie up to as far north as Edmonton. This dispute almost resulted in war; but a compromise was reached, and the 49th parallel was accepted. We have under this arrangement a pretty good country.

"There are other issues in respect of which we have been sacrificed as thoroughly as in these earlier difficulties. The Alaska boundary issue is one. It is often said that Great Britain forced us to the tribunal which decided this question, and that the British representative on the court, Lord Alverstone, threw us down. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our government elected to refer the question to the tribunal in question, and Lord Alverstone was named by the Ottawa government, and not by Great Britain."

The Island of Sicily, which has suffered much in past centuries, was yesterday the scene of devastation, such as thrills the world with horror. Earthquake and tidal wave in quick succession wrought destruction of life and property. Frantic with fear, the people became as frantically eager in their supplication for mercy. It is an old story retold—but one that never loses its tragic and terrible fascination—the story of man's helplessness, in the fact of the elemental forces of the universe.

The west side of the harbor is achieving an unenviable notoriety because of attacks upon young women on some of the streets at night. A vigilance committee may become necessary if enough policemen cannot be provided.

A North Sydney young man while eating an oyster stew in a restaurant recently discovered two pearls. Now if this youth had found two oysters in the stew the discovery would have been worth recording.

Money may not be any too plentiful in Canada, but there is plenty of Canadian money in New York banks. Some of it might be put to a good use on this side of the border.

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A LOSING GAME

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You may dally with the ponies, buck the wheel, or take a round Out of fluctuating finance, and still "escape safe and sound." You may margin May it help the price go up or down, Or get a little hatchet, carpenterize the town—Cut up an angry crier a fickle fancy choose, But don't attempt to get the best of Old Man Boose.

IN LIGHTER VEIN NO OBSTACLE THERE.

"Mr. Spoonamore, I-I hardly know what to say. Have you spoken to papa yet?" "I have, Don. What evening the father did, as 'What did he say?" "He said: 'What? Her? Gosh, yes!'" —Chicago Tribune.

A MISTAKE
Husband—Only thing, my colleague Cohen, whom we had to dinner last Sunday, has died suddenly.

Wife—How I wish we had invited him for next Sunday! —Meggendorfer Blaetter.

TROUBLE COMING.
"Look here," said the official, "there'll be trouble, the other day, I've been on your head when I have finished, madam!" "Madam—"I'm sure, I don't know." "I was in hopes you would leave enough hair to pin my hat to." —Judge.

WOE IS ME.
My head is bent in silent grief, Like rain the sad tears fall, Such earthly woe is past belief— My last year's coat's too small. —Don Cameron Shafter in New York Sun.

HAD HER DOUBTS.
Hair Dresser (while giving lady a vigorous shampoo)—"Will you have anything on your head when I have finished, madam?" "Madam—"I'm sure, I don't know." "I was in hopes you would leave enough hair to pin my hat to." —Judge.

BUNYAN'S NAMESAKE.
(London Chronicle). Wanted, a copyright in great names! John Bunyan, the other day, was charged before the Highgate Bench with stealing cake from a coffee stall. "I remember that name," said the magistrate, "in remanding the 13-year-old pilgrim. Really, parents should refrain from such baptismal jokes!"

A FRENCH LESSON.
(School Journal). Mr. Lowry is a man with a moderate income and one child, a boy of eleven or twelve years, whom he is already sending to a French master, who is accustomed to be paid every Monday. Recently Mr. Lowry sent Henry to his lesson without the usual bank note. The evening the father did, as he always does—look over the boy's exercise, and this is what he found Henry doing his money. What is the day of the week? The day of the week is Monday. Does your father know the day of the week?

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Nova Scotia
A North Sydney young man, while eating an oyster stew in a restaurant recently, discovered two small pearls valued at \$8.50 and \$2.00 respectively.

The steamer Liem, arrived at North Sydney yesterday from Phorn, Spain with a cargo of yellow ore. The S.S. Kristiana, which left North Sydney on Wednesday for Seven Islands, returned on Friday, being prevented by thick ice in the gulf from reaching her destination.

At the winning pit, North Sydney, last Thursday, Thomas Young, a minor, was struck by a runaway trip of cars on the endless haulage was severely hurt. License Inspector Musgrave, of North Sydney, has been receiving amounts of money frequently of late through the mails from liquor dealers. Recently the inspector gave the entire sum to the town council, who distributed it among the poor of the town.

The grain transferred from the Halifax elevator to the side-dumper train at Sokoto yesterday afternoon was the first to be handled in the elevator for two years; 15,000 bushels of barley in bulk, and 12,000 bushels in bags were loaded on the steamer bound for Mexico. She is due to sail tomorrow, and will take a full passenger list of Chinamen besides 18 others.

The Allan liner, Laurentine, from Boston to Glasgow, took 2,648 barrels of apples at Halifax on Sunday. The government steamer Lady Laurier could land only mails and passengers at Sable Island on her recent visit. The ship's company were guests in Halifax for Christmas.

The Dominion liner, Haverford, arrived at Halifax on Sunday night, and left for Portland on Monday morning. She left Liverpool on the 18th inst. A Russian newsboy, whose husband is awaiting her arrival at New York, will be deported for trachoma.

The barquentine Gaspé has been loaded with fish at Halifax for Santos. It was intended to load her at Paspébiac, P.Q., but the lateness of the season did not allow of this course. In consequence of this, the fish were brought to Halifax by rail to be loaded here.

The barquentine John S. Bennett, was taken off the slip at Halifax on Monday, and will take a cargo of fish. The Birchdale Hotel management on Northwest Arm, Halifax county, will issue a small daily edition next summer, entitled The Birchdale Bugle. From Oct. until June the paper will be issued weekly.

P. E. Island
Thieves have made several breaks at Kensington into grocery and drug stores. The steamer Inverness, which went ashore this autumn at Annandale, has been hauled off by the tug James Reid and towed to Souda.

John H. Matheson, who is visiting his father at Dundashaving, journeyed from the Yukon in 33 days. A gentleman called the other day at a house on business, and began talking agreeably with the children. Turning to a bright little boy, he said:—"And what are you going to be, my man, when you grow up?" "Oh, I'm going to be a trustee, for ever since father has been a trustee we have had ever so much better things for dinner."

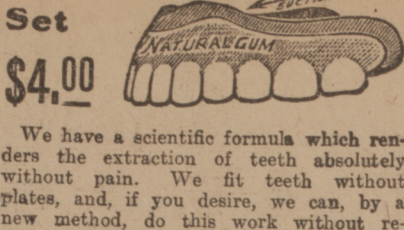
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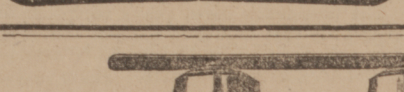
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OBITUARY

Mrs. Eben Gaskill
Mrs. Eben Gaskill (nee Scribner) died suddenly on the morning of Dec. 23 at her home North Head, Grand Manan. She deceased has been in good health except being a sufferer from rheumatism for a number of years. Last week she seemed better than ever, and on Sunday ate her meals with the family and was in the best of spirits and looking forward to Christmas.

Early Monday morning she was taken ill and lingered only till Wednesday morning, when her death came as a shock to her family and many friends. She was in the sixty-eighth year of her age, and is survived by her husband, Eben Gaskill, and three daughters—Mrs. Charles Robinson, Miss Arvilla and Mrs. Frank Ingersoll, jr., and five sons—Joseph, David, Eben, Benjamin and Frank. Sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Barrows, of Newton (Mass.), and Mrs. Joseph Keefe, of Brookline (Mass.), and one brother, Stephen, of Revere (Mass.), also survive.

Deceased was a daughter of David and Mary A. Scribner, and was born in St. John (N. B.). Two of her brothers, Samuel and Alexander, were among the twelve carpenters who were drowned some twenty years ago on the Murr Ledges at Grand Manan while trying to repair the steamer Humano. Deceased was a member of the Episcopal church at North Head, from which church the funeral was held on Sunday and largely attended. Much sympathy is extended to the family in their sudden and bereavement.

Mrs. John Sivewright
Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The death of Mrs. John Sivewright took place at the residence of her niece, Miss Murray, yesterday. Deceased was eighty-eight years old. She was Miss Elizabeth Murray, daughter of the late William Murray, of Chatham Head, architect of St. James' church, Newcastle. Mrs. Sivewright died of hemorrhage of the brain. She had been a widow more than forty years. Her husband was at one time principal of Newcastle Grammar school. Mrs. Sivewright was the mother of eight children, all of whom occupied prominent positions, one being John, M. P. P. for Gloucester county. Only two children survive, Mrs. Drummer, of Buffalo (N. Y.), and Miss Jennina Sivewright, telegraph operator at Chatham. Deceased was one of a family of eight, the last of whom Mrs. Francis Bockler, predeceased her about a year and a half. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at Bathurst.

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BRITISH REGULATIONS ON MEATS FROM CANADA

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Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Municipal nominations to place here today. Controller Chas. Hopewell was elected mayor by acclamation. For the four controllerships there are six candidates in the field.

Dr. J. G. Rutherford, chief veterinary officer of the Dominion, has returned from Rome, where, with Hon. Sydney Fisher, he attended the international congress of agriculture, a gathering from which important results are expected. Asked about the probable effect of the new British regulations upon the trade in meat from this country, against which regulations the Canadian packers some time ago entered a protest, Dr. Rutherford said that Hon. Mr. Fisher and he had had an interview in London on the subject with the president of the Board of Agriculture. As a result of the interview Dr. Rutherford was satisfied that in view of the existing system of meat inspection in this country there would be no difficulty in meeting the requirements of the regulations which go into effect on January 1.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Municipal elections were held throughout Ontario yesterday, the following mayors being elected by acclamation: St. Thomas, George Geddes, re-elected. Listowel, Andrew Foerscht. Peterboro, H. Rush, re-elected. Oakville, W. S. Davis. North Bay, Robert Rankin. Ridgeway, P. J. Henry. Port Arthur, I. L. Matthews.

Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner of agriculture, arrived in the city yesterday on his way to Fredericton to attend a meeting of the provincial government, to be held there on Wednesday. He is at the Victoria. Hon. Dr. Landry announces that the meetings of the agricultural commission will be resumed on Jan. 4, in Albert county, and meetings will be held thereafter in Westmorland, St. John, Kings, York and Northumberland counties. It is hoped to have a report ready for the next session of the legislature. Members of the commission were recently in Ontario studying conditions there.

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