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SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Times a few days ago directed attention to the lack of proper legal machinery in St. John for the protection of the children of brutal or debased parents. This is a matter worthy of the most serious attention of the citizens. When boys are arrested for stealing, or for drunkenness, and little girls are discovered to be starting early on the downward path, it is the custom to remark that it is the fault of the parents, and so dismiss the subject.

They do things differently in Ontario cities. In order if possible to arouse some interest in the matter among the citizens of St. John articles are here quoted from Ontario papers. A recent issue of the Toronto News says:—

"Has a parent the right to bring up a child in a state of deformity when reputable physicians report that the case can be cured entirely by hospital treatment? This question was submitted to J. J. Kelso, of the Children's Department by one of the Children's Aid Societies. The father earns fairly good wages, and has a small child greatly deformed in appearance. Although assured that a cure can be brought about in a short time at a small expense he has steadily refused to allow anything to be done. The authorities are sending a reply advising that the father be prosecuted for cruelty to the child."

The following is from the Ottawa Citizen:—

"The regular weekly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon. The case of a boy reported to be in bad home surroundings was discussed and an effort to place him with his grandparents will be made. The secretary informed the meeting that several keepers of pool rooms had agreed to strictly observe the law regarding the admission to their places of boys under sixteen years of age. Owing to ill treatment two children will be removed from their present home and placed elsewhere. In another instance the parents of a girl reported to the society that they wished her to be looked after on account of persistent wayward conduct. The authorities will place her in an institution temporarily. A good home has been secured for another girl at present a ward of the society, and a boy, who has also been in care of the organization, has been likewise placed in a good moral atmosphere. Several cases were discussed wherein children were reported as being in bad surroundings and these will be investigated to determine if justification exists for the society taking action. The probation officers stated that the children under the society's observation were in most cases doing well."

This Ottawa society is composed of ladies and gentlemen who meet weekly, and keep a constant watch over the interests of neglected or homeless children, besides co-operating with the parents of apparently incorrigible children to place the latter for a time under more favorable conditions and if possible overcome their wayward tendencies.

Surely the time has come when the epople of St. John should give this subject more serious attention. It is notorious that mere boys are getting liquor and drinking it; are getting cigarettes and smoking them; are gradually drifting into a career of vice and crime. Moreover, it is a matter of common knowledge—or should be—that there are very small children suffering because of the drunkenness of parents. It is easy to discuss these matters at an afternoon tea, and even bewail the existing conditions; but the real need is a crusade by men and women fired with a determination to protect the children, and not afraid to put forth personal effort for the cause.

THE JAPANESE

A despatch from Vancouver states that there is fear of further trouble between white and Japanese laborers and that the whites are arming themselves. There is also a rumor that more Japs are coming from Honolulu and regular bookings are being made for months ahead.

These alarmist reports may safely be discounted. There is, no doubt, considerable friction in the western city between the two races, and there are white agitators who would be glad to incite another riot. The Canadian government had to pay damages for the last one, and there should be no hesitation on the part of the authorities to put down with a strong hand any attempt to stir up further strife. The Japanese government has undertaken to restrict emigration from that country to Canada, and if somewhat independent in its attitude there is no reason at present to doubt its good faith or its ability to enforce its policy upon its own people. In the meantime the few Japs who may land on Canadian shores will do no serious damage, and those already in the country will be civil enough if let alone.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

An interesting contribution to the question of woman suffrage and what it has accomplished in Australia is given in an interview in London with Rev. W. A. Hobson, who has just returned from Australia. He says:—

"The women who vote are not partisans, but always make for a clear moral issue, and refuse to support any party which refuses to make pre-eminent, not financial considerations, but national and civic morality."

"During the five years I resided in Queensland," the writer continues, "the women's vote decided the question as to shop closing and eight hours per day labor, with the result that the people do just as much shopping before 6 p. m. as they do in England before 9 or 10 p. m., and the people, young and old, are free for healthy amusement and recreation. A further result is a minimum of crime and immorality.

"Again, the Australian women recently supported a bill, which was carried, forbidding betting on the race course and everywhere else, also excluding betting tips from all newspapers.

"Before this last measure Sydney and Melbourne were inundated with tipsters and bookmakers, children received a holiday from school on race days, and the government encouraged betting through a government totalizator. The shops of bookmakers are now closed, the newspapers cleansed, and war to the knife is being pursued by the women against this evil, intemperance, and all social evils.

"I am a radical," the writer says in closing, "but I am astounded at the short-sightedness and folly which checks a true democratic movement. I say emphatically, give the women the vote."

Aldermanic junkets are not unknown in Toronto. The News says:—"The travelling expenses of the mayor and members of the board of control and city council for 1907 on deputations assigned them by the council and board amounted to $2,557.36." Doubtless the mayor and aldermen enjoyed the little excursions to Ottawa, Cleveland, Fort William and elsewhere, and perhaps the money was well spent. But the total seems fairly large, even for Toronto.

Quebec province editors have been learning something during the past few months about the law of libel, and the extent to which they may go with safety in assailing public men. The courts have been making it clear that behind charges made there should be ample proof, when the charges are so serious as to involve the reputation of public men for personal honesty. Otherwise the writer must accept the consequences, which are such as to discourage a bad habit.

On Monday there will be a great fight for local option in Ontario. The brewers, distillers and dealers in liquor have been waging a more than usually vigorous campaign, but a growing change in public sentiment against the saloon is shown by the generally neutral or hostile attitude of the press of the province. As an illustration we quote on another page an editorial from the Toronto Globe, which vigorously denounces the saloon.

The death of Edward Hanlan recalls many famous aquatic events of bygone years. Hanlan was one of the greatest oarsmen of his time, and brought fame to Canada. Old-timers in St. John, as well as on the St. Lawrence and the lakes, remember him as he was in his prime, when the world was more interested in aquatic sports than it is at the present time.

The proceedings of the Forestry Convention at Fredericton in February last have been issued in book form by the provincial government. Even if long delayed the publication should be of considerable value. Tht subject is certainly one that deserves careful study.

Bradstreet's weekly report states that the financial situation in the United States shows improvement, although trade is generally quieter than usual. The outlook is considered favorable.

Students of the University of New Brunswick of a quarter of a century ago have kindly recollections of Prof. Rivet, whose death occurred in Lowell, Mass., this week.

The county of Westmorland is today the centre of interest in provincial politics. Both parties have meetings and the opposition will select candidates.

The most wonderful feature of the weather hereabouts is the absence of snow and even of severe frost or storms of any kind.

In Kings county politics Mr. Thos. Gilliland intimates that he is willing. So, doubtless, is Dr. McVey. It the party willing?

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Toronto, Jan. 3—An echo of the suicide of Archimede Gianetti, the young Italian banker, last August, was heard at Osgoode Hall this morning. Domenico Vetromille, one of the young man's friends, sues the Imperial Trust Company for wrongfully depriving him of a diamond pin and to compel the company to turn it over to him. The Imperial Trusts Company, as administrator of the dead man's estate, refuses to give up the pin.

Vetromille alleges the pin was one of his own, which he lent the banker to enable him to put on a good front. One of Vetromille's rings found on the body has already been returned, and he now sues for the rest of his jewelry.

Miss Smith, of Bermuda, and Miss Teed, of St. John, are visiting Miss Lenore Allen, Fredericton.

I WILL BE WORTHY

I may not reach the heights I seek,
My untried strength may fail me;
Or, halfway up the mountain peak,
Fierce tempests may assail me.
But though that place I never gain,
Herein lies life's comfort for my pain—
I will be worthy of it.

I may not triumph in success,
Despite my earnest labor,
I may not grasp results that bless
The efforts of my neighbor.
But though that goal I never see,
This thought shall always dwell with me—
I will be worthy of it.

The golden glory of love's light
May never fall upon my way,
My path may lead through shadowed night,
Like some deserted byway.
But though life's dearest joy I miss,
There lies a nameless strength in this—
I will be worthy of it.

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HOW MONEY TALKS.
(Chicago Record-Herald.)

"Pa, did you ever hear money talk?"
"Yes."
"What did it say?"
"Good-by."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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DISLIKED HIM A LITTLE.
(Life.)

His Wife—Are you going to ask that young Jenkins and his fiancee to our house party?

Husband—Not much.

"You dislike him, don't you?"

"Yes, but not enough for that."

SOME THOUGHTS FOR ST. JOHN PEOPLE

No. 7.

The mere contemplation, however brief, of the possibility suggested in the last preceding article, is, assuredly, enough to at least somewhat alarm the average citizen and lover of Saint John, whether he be "to the manner born" or, at any period of life, among the importations to this city. The interests of the latter, so far as the welfare of this city and its people are concerned, at all events, are as deeply involved in this situation as those of any native can be. We all want to see the City of Saint John grow and develop and enjoy the distinction and importance which it is justly entitled to as Canada's best Atlantic port, supplied with all the facilities and conveniences the commerce of the age, the shipping, the travelling public and other features which the demands of industry require.

We have waited long and so patiently. We are still waiting the verification of the predictions of the "Fathers of Confederation," who, so frequently and so forcibly in their pre-election speeches, prophesied and asserted that Saint John would be the "Liverpool of America." There are few in Saint John today who will not fervently add the expression "A consummation devoutly to be wished." These utterances and predictions are matters of record.

How many among our people reflect on the local situation as a matter of habit? How many are there who have ever given a thought to the effect it would have on our business affairs, if some "specialist," adjudicating the question of the continuance of the term of the existing mail carrying contract, advised that it would be in the intesest of Canada and its people that such contract undergo no alteration?

Of course, in such event, the whole community would be unanimous in protest, just so soon as the importance of such recommendation and its adverse effect on our port and trade, was realized. They would say the "specialist" in the case, was "a fraud"—not to say a fool—and entirely and densely ignorant of the true situation. They would feel that this "specialist" was not impartial, that he favored Halifax as against St. John. Many among us would pronounce such an individual a first-class "grafter" and would, in support of the remark, point to the facts already well established, that St. John harbor is always safe, always free from ice, its approaches well protected and being daily improved; its warehouses and wharves and shipping facilities generally of such excellent quality, that any judgment preferring Halifax must be simply the product of a mind badly "warped" and "twisted" in some way, or else, influenced by considerations other than make for "fair play and no favor."

Besides, there is the substantial evidence furnished last year, that via St. John per C. P. R. ships is the most direct and expeditious route for both mails and passengers to any part of Canada or to the Pacific coast and the Orient. On the occasion referred to, as every one knows, and as even hostiles must admit, the Overseas mail and passengers landed at St. John had arrived at Vancouver and the passengers to cross the Pacific had actually sailed on their voyage two days before the mails via Halifax had arrived at the coast. To the fair minded, the unprejudiced individual, is any other argument necessary to establish the superiority of St. John? The C. P. R. in this connection was the factor of the first importance and to their enterprise was directly due the cheerful result.

Now the people of St. John as a people and in their natural relations cannot reasonably be accused of ingratitude, or of being oblivious of afvors done them This is not the trouble—although there are doubtless some exceptions. They have permitted themselves to forget the conditions as they were before the advent of the ocean steamers; they have accepted things as they came after the first wharves were built at Sand Point; they have become apathetic and complacent, and they seem to have developed a sort of belief that the powers that be will protect them and therefore no effort on their part is now required. This is a dangerous doctrine and is opposed to the spirit that should dominate the action of the inhabitants of this "City of the Loyalists"—a designation of which all are reasonably proud. The fact that the original Loyalists are all dead, is no reason why the city for which they gave their lives, should be neglected. Other cities and other ports are aspiring claimants to prominence, it should be specially remembered.

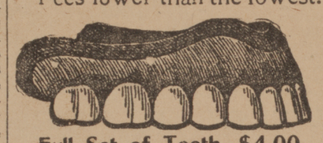
Let then the leaders of public opinion in the city of Saint John arouse to the call of their charge. If they are in peril, be alert and onward rush to the rescue, and by unrestricted exertion and effort prevent such a "possibility" (as suggested) from ever obtaining recognition.

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