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THE WINTER PORT

It is a rosy picture Mr. Castle of Winnipeg paints of the future of St. John as a grain shipping port. He says that the exports next winter should total twelve or fourteen millions of bushels, which would be a great increase over the shipments in any previous season. He is convinced that the west will harvest in good condition a great crop this year, and that within a few years the increase will be enormous. If St. John is to handle its share of this grain in the winter season it must rapidly increase its elevator facilities.

Mr. Castle, in his interviews published in the press, reveals the splendid optimism that is typical of the west. He sees no difficulty and admits no possibility of failure. The future is full of promise and the people have but to meet the conditions and enjoy prosperity. St. John, in his estimation, is the chief Canadian winter port for freight traffic, and he counsels the citizens to see to it that the facilities are provided.

Mr. Castle is not the first to talk in this vein. Leading citizens expressed similar views long before the winter port traffic began. Since then Canadian Pacific Railway officials have spoken in what almost seemed extravagant terms of the future of the trade of St. John. Much has been done to provide facilities, but much remains to be done, and it is satisfactory to know that the claims of the port in this respect are generally recognized throughout the country.

IRISH HOME RULE

A recent cable from London says "the recently founded Irish Imperial Home Rule Association, whose motto is 'Federation, not Separation,' has issued a statement setting forth its aims, the chief of which is the establishment of a parliament in Ireland, and of an executive responsible to it for the internal administrative government of Ireland, definitely subject and contributory to the imperial parliament in matters of imperial importance."

In this connection Lindsay Crawford, grand master of the Independent Orange men of Ireland, contributes an interesting paper to the Daily Chronicle. Mr. Crawford says:

"Ireland has entered on the last and most interesting phase of her century-old struggle for self-government, and forces hitherto antagonistic are converging on the national highway that leads to Home Rule within the empire. The main causes of internecine strife and division—the Church, the landlords, education—have, one by one been removed from the sphere of controversy, and many of those who fought on opposite sides in the church and land wars are now to be found on the same side preparing for the final assault on the remnant of the ascendancy that is entrenched behind Dublin Castle."

"For the first time since the union the political struggle in Ireland has assumed a distinctly national aspect, untrammelled by considerations that, in the past, tended so much to divide the Irish people into hostile religious camps. There are now only Dublin castle and the parasites who there fatten on the decay of the Irish nation. This is the last line of defense of unionism in Ireland, and it is manned almost exclusively by the professional classes and permanent officials. Dublin castle will appeal in vain to the forces that in the past propped up the ascendancy. It is cut off from the main currents of national life, and has few friends even on the unionist side."

Mr. Crawford goes on to say that the agitation for national freedom within the empire, and for Irish government according to Irish ideas, "It is," he says, "at this interesting juncture in the affairs of Ireland that two new movements have originated—one in Belfast, the other in Dublin. The former, composed mainly of independent Orangemen, is the northern union, and is an association of Ulstermen

for the promotion of unity and co-operation among all Irishmen working for the better government of Ireland. The Irish Imperial Home Rule Association is the outcome of the devolution campaign and the Liberal revival in Dublin. It promises to be a powerful body. The commercial and professional community in Dublin is largely represented on its roll of members. 'Imperial Home Rule' is the first plank in its programme. The objects of the association have been defined and limited as follows:

(a) To advance the internal development and consolidation of Ireland, and establish her position as a part of the British Empire.

(b) To promote the establishment of a Parliament in Ireland, and of an executive responsible to it for the internal and administrative government of Ireland, definitely subject and contributory to the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland in matters of importance.

(c) To obtain such concessions and measures of economic readjustment from Great Britain as may be consistent with Imperial self-government.

(d) To develop Irish economic and commercial resources and to encourage the growth of such characteristics and qualities as are necessary to advantageous self-government and national economic independence.

The association, in its prospectus, thus describes the effect of the present system of government on Ireland:

"Commerce is choked. Capital is repelled. Disaster must be the ultimate result of a system which in ten years (1891-1901) has reduced the number engaged in non-agricultural industries by almost 14 per cent. The existing system, by which Ireland is taxed for combined Imperial and domestic purposes insures extravagance as well as unsuitable government. The total tax revenue of Ireland (over £9,000,000 in 1906) only contributes to Imperial funds the surplus available after domestic government has been paid for. This is the new message from Ireland—new, and yet old—Federation, not Separation. The new movement differs from every other political movement in Ireland during the past fifty years, as it represents the crystallized thought of the matured experience of a body of men who have been driven, by the sheer economic necessities of their country, to attach greater value to the ideal of nationality than they have hitherto done."

Referring to the rapid depletion of the American forest the Bangor Commercial says "The big figures show that the cuttings on Udele Sam's wood lots for the year 1907 were the largest and most severe thus far put on record. They were seven per cent. more than the cut reported in 1906, and amounted to considerably over 40 billions of board feet. Texas, possibly because of this year's more accurate reports, rose from eighth to third place among lumber-producing states. The supply in the north is giving out; in the south the forests are being ruthlessly destroyed. Prices for lumber have climbed for half a century, while the average consumption per capita has risen from 250 feet in 1850 to 400 feet in 1900 and 480 in 1907. It has been a stupid waste of sylvan capital, without thought of interest. But a change has taken place and the cuttings are to be now planned on a more economical basis."

Referring recently to Lord Aberdeen's sixty-first birthday, the London Daily Chronicle said:—The Earl of Aberdeen is serving a second term as Liberal Viceroy of Ireland. He has also achieved success and popularity as Governor-General of Canada. He is still a citizen of the Dominion as the owner of an extensive ranch in Western Canada. That qualifies him for election to the parliament of the Dominion, and there was a proposal to return Lord Aberdeen some time ago. It is understood there is no legal obstacle in the way of a peer sitting in a colonial parliament, but the question has never been put to the test. An earl and a Roman Catholic bishop have stood as parliamentary candidates in New Zealand, but neither was successful.

PILOT W. SPEARS HAD CLOSE CALL

Pilot William Spears had a very narrow escape from being drowned last night off the beacon light. The steamer Pontiac, while going to sea, in charge of Pilot Wm. Murray, upset the motor boat belonging to the steamer. Young Spears, who was in the motor, seeing his danger, jumped into harbor with a life buoy.

In leaping over Spears' leg was severely bruised between the launch and the steamer, and he was not in time to prevent a collision which, resulted disastrously for the little craft. The seams were opened and it began to fill. Facing the double danger of drowning or being killed by a blow from the blades of the propeller, he cut the line and while the launch was dropping astern, put on a life belt and jumped overboard. Almost immediately afterward the launch sank.

Unaware of the accident, the steamer proceeded on her way to sea. The accident, however, had been seen by Mr. Gregg on the Beacon light, and jumping into his boat, he picked up Spears and rowed him safely back to the wharf; except for a bruised leg, little the worse for his adventure.

On the Pontiac arriving below the Island the coasting schooner Reporter, inward bound was hailed. A boat was sent across to take off Pilot Murray and in the schooner he returned to the city. The Pontiac was bound for Brown Head with a cargo of deals, for orders.

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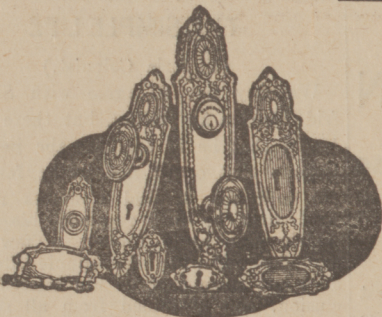
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Appropos the St. John exhibition, the following from the Toronto News is a timely outburst. It relates to the Toronto Fair.

We are coming, Father Harry Good,
Six hundred thousand strong,
To see your dinky little fair
And help the thing along.
To listen to the festive bands,
To see Sebastopol.
What'll they call us rubber-necks?
We want to see it all.

Away with sorrow, pain and care,
We're off to visit Harry's Fair!

We long to see the elephants
And hear the lions roar,
And note the airy acrobat
Go tumbling through the air.
No wonder that we're anxious to
Embrace this splendid chance
To see an Educated Horse
And watch the beggar dance.

Away with sorrow, pain and care,
We're off to visit Harry's Fair!

What yearnings all our inmost souls
To wander through the Park,
To see the fairies dance,
To hear the Barker bark,
To throw at dolls and cocoanuts,
To ring the slender cane,
And get those wonderful cigars
That give us all a pain.

Away with sorrow, pain and care,
We're off to visit Harry's Fair!

We'll see pianos by the mille
And pyramids of pop,
And furs and furniture and tea,
Just taste a little drop of time,
We're looking for a happy time,
And no one could be keener
To grab a bun and wrap it round
The smiling little winner.

Away with sorrow, pain and care,
We're off to visit Harry's Fair!

We are coming, Father Harry Good,
Six hundred thousand strong,
From every part of Canada,
To help your show along.
And some of us from Yankelands,
Some from across the brine,
We don't know where we're going to sleep,
But gee, we're feeling fine!

Away with sorrow, pain and care,
We're off to visit Harry's Fair!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A SURE SIGN.

Our contemporary says that the maritime interests of the Dominion will trail disconsolate in the rueful Bingley gets a wharf at the swimming hole. The general elections are upon us!—Bingley Clarion.

ASKING FOR MORE.

"This gas bill is only for 10 cents."

"Well, sir?"

"Can't you add 5? I've been writing my wife that I'm spending my evenings at home."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NOT A LOVER OF THE GAME.

"I suppose," said the fan on the home-ward-bound car, "that you are a lover of the national game?"

"Not me," replied the stranger occupying the adjoining seat, "in one of the umpires."—Chicago News.

NOT HIS WIFE'S VOICE.

"I've here a record of your wife's voice," said the man with the phonograph, winding up the machine. "There! isn't that like your wife?"

"Not a bit! My wife can talk for hours without any winding up!" was the feeling reply of the husband.—Yonkers Statesman.

PROVOKING.

"One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives," observed his moralizer.

"How provoking!" exclaimed Mrs. Gossip. —Lippincott.

A COOL PLACE.

Crags—"You look warm. Why don't you go where it's cooler? I know a place only six miles from here where the thermometer drops way below zero."

Snags—"What are you giving me? Where is this place?"

Crags—"Straight up. Take a balloon."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

IN THE INDEX.

"I ain't such a big man with you these days," remarked the constituent. "You don't drop around to pat me on the back like you used to."

"Oh, see here, now," responded the candidate, "yours is one of the most important cards in our index system."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER OF KENNEBACCAIS BAY

"Howdy, old man."

Aaron swaggered up to the roadside bench on which I was sitting, and with a heavy thud planted himself at my elbow.

"I thank you, Aaron," I replied, "for one of my years I am quite comfortable, mentally and physically. I hope the stress of the haying season has not been over-burdensome to you, my young friend."

Aaron looked uncomfortable.

"The young as well as the old," I continued, "have their burdens to bear, and you have my hearty sympathy if you feel that yours are too heavy to be borne."

Aaron turned red and looked very sheepish.

After a little, he seized my hand and pressing it between both of his own, "Forgive and forget my brutality," he said.

"I have been demoralized by the literature I have been reading of late in spite of the advice of Mrs. Pollard; I mean the accounts in the newspapers of recent fistic encounters in St. John and elsewhere."

"Evil communications," I answered, "corrupt the manners and morals of young and old. My old schoolmasters made their pupils write and rewrite that, or something to that effect, in their copy books until it became ineffaceably impressed on their memories. I remember the horror with which I used to read of the amphitheatres of barbarous Rome, of the bull fights which are still in vogue in Spain and Mexico, but I regarded those by whom they were patronized as savages, and said to myself! By and bye this will become a civilized world; men will become gentlemen, women will become ladies and, peace and good will will reign throughout the earth. But civilization does not civilize. Curious, isn't it? Most of the animal creation is improved by civilization except man; his feet are shackled; he cannot rise, and in most instances, he would not if he could. I have more respect for a frog or for a toad than for a man who, notwithstanding his opportunities, will not be a man. He is manly who is honest, courteous and charitable; he is a gentleman, no matter how uncouth his ways or shabby his attire."

"But," said Aaron, "the fight in St. John came off under the auspices of gentlemen—at least, they were spoken of as gentlemen by the newspapers, and it was sanctioned and authorized by his worship, the mayor."

"Ah, innocent Aaron," said I, "you have not yet learned that neither title, degree, office, wealth, good clothes nor position in society constitute the gentleman. The corner loafer who edged his way in to witness that fight without paying his admission fee is just as much a gentleman as the man to whom we take off our hats, who stood by his elbow."

"But the public," said Aaron.

"Ah, the public," I answered; "as Father Elbertus playfully remarks, the public is an ass."

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