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UP TO PREMIER HAZEN

Premier Hazen and his colleagues should state their position with regard to the bridge across the harbor. The federal government will do its share. Why should Mr. Hazen hesitate? That a bridge is needed goes without saying. The Intercolonial railway cannot now share in trade originating in West St. John because of the heavy toll required. A bridge would increase traffic for the government railway. The street railway company would of course use the bridge and pay for the privilege. West St. John would grow rapidly and the street car traffic would assume large proportions if the journey could be made without the present break at the suspension bridge. The team traffic across the harbor is increasing every year, and under the best conditions the ferry will not be able to handle it. Premier Hazen's supporters on both sides of the harbor are asking why he should delay the bridge project. They will now ask the question more pointedly, since the telegram of Hon. Dr. Pugsley has been made public. It is another case of Dr. Pugsley's willingness to forward a great public work, and Mr. Hazen's reluctance to follow suit.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Three weeks from today will be Christmas Day. The intervening time will pass quickly, and there is much to do. The spirit of the time prompts us all to make some preparation for the festival, and to make some effort to lighten the burdens of others—but for a day. The work of preparation should not be left until the last moment. Not only should home pleasures be carefully planned and provided for without hurry or confusion; but, if charity is to be bestowed, it should be done with care, and if not personally extended should go through the proper channels to the most needy and the most deserving. The custom of giving gifts at Christmas is more or less abused, because people have fallen into the habit of giving gifts for form's sake, in addition to what is prompted by the real Christmas spirit. One result of this is that many who can ill afford it spend money for gifts that are not needed by the recipients, nor attended by the blessing which should go with them. There are so many who really need a helping hand or the touch of kindly sympathy that if all gifts were well-directed there would still be a surplus of real benevolence. The citizen who desires to give, but is in doubt as to the direction in which the charity should go, will find in the Associated Charities, the King's Daughters, the Salvation Army and other organized agencies a sure means of reaching deserving families and bringing real happiness into darkened lives. For the next three weeks something more than mere personal gratification should govern the spending of our pocket money. There is a higher pleasure, which is perhaps coupled with a little self-denial, but a pleasure that is of more lasting quality than any derived from mere personal indulgence. Nor should the army of clerks in the stores be forgotten. Early buying for Christmas lessens the rush of the last few days, and lightens the labor of so many who are compelled to work very long hours under trying conditions. Let us think, then, of Christmas as we go about our daily tasks, and plan to make some burdens lighter and some homes brighter by our thinking and doing.

WHO MR. PATTERSON IS

Mr. Thomas W. Patterson has been appointed lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, where the Standard says his wife is a daughter of British Columbia's senator, and that there is "more son-in-law business in B. C." Editorially the Standard says: "Mr. Patterson has been appointed lieutenant-governor of British Columbia. This raises the question: Who is Mr. Patterson?"

The appointment is a great surprise to the Standard. It had expected another man to be named, and had its vials of wrath to be poured out. Unable to do so under the circumstances, it sneers at him.

At the new lieutenant-governor's official figure, and that he will probably make a good lieutenant-governor. He has had experience. After a short attempt to secure the Columbia legis-

lature, he was returned at a by-election in 1902 and re-elected in the general elections of 1903. Mr. Patterson has been a railroad contractor, and lives in Victoria, of which he is a leading citizen. He is fifty-seven years of age, was born in Agri-shire, Scotland; educated in Oxford County, Ontario, and went to British Columbia in 1885. In 1886 he married a daughter of George Riley, M. P. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Despite the Standard's sneering allusions, Mr. Patterson should be able to perform his duties to the complete satisfaction of the people of his province.

THE NEW CHINA.

An exchange gives this interesting information about the awakening of China, a subject of much interest to Canada, in view of future trade on the Pacific ocean: "In his annual report, recently issued, Mr. Playfair, British consul at Pouchow, makes some remarkable statements regarding the awakening of China. He fixes 1900 as the turning point of China's national existence. Since that year she has abandoned the curriculum of study which so closely identified the country with its past. No longer, says Mr. Playfair, can candidates at competitive examinations, that admit to the hierarchy of officialdom 'satisfactory examiners by a parrot-like knowledge of a dozen canons and classics. The science of the west has now to be included in their purview and their horizon has now been considerably widened.' As one of the consequences, the schoolmaster is pervading the land. Schools have sprung up everywhere on the fringe of land bordering on the sea and the great river which has been leavened by Europeans, and to these schools that inculcate the new knowledge the youth of China is flocking. This reliable testimony to the quickening spirit of the west that is now passing over China is of deep interest to nations with Pacific seaboard, especially when associated with the epoch-making industrial development in Asia, due chiefly to the fall in silver exchange. J. J. Hill drew attention last June to the fact that Asia has ceased to import wheat, lumber or flour. The Asiatic is now obtaining the silver he wants by the export of manufactured articles. With this formidable competition coming nearer, protection for white labor in its home markets is not likely to be withdrawn."

The range of prices in the country market suggests that the farmer's lot is a happy one—if he knows his business.

Word comes from London that General Borthwick contemplates a visit to Canada in March or April. The wonderful vitality of this wonderful man defies age and fatigue. He is of those who live strenuous lives and die in the harness.

The Ottawa Free Press says: "The tail is wagging the dog on the Conservative side of the House these days; Mr. Borden intimated that he did not desire a division upon the French treaty, yet 33 of his followers took the bit in their teeth and voted nay."

The Ottawa Citizen offers these reasonable observations concerning paupers: "An English pauper who died the other day was found to have stocks and shares to the amount of \$27,000, and much comment has arisen regarding the case. This is nothing, however. Lots of people, who have much more are also paupers. There is a bigger crime than starving the body for money's sake. And unfortunately for everybody, these included, these people are never visited by the ghosts that Ebenezer Scrooge saw on the eve of a memorable Christmas Day."

The beginning of winter finds St. John with no more provision than usual to protect the citizens from the importunities of penniless men stranded here in the worst season of the year. The Times has urged each year that something be done to provide work of some kind at which stranded men could at least earn enough to pay for cheap board and lodging while they were in the city. The worthless ones would quickly move on if compelled to work, and to the deserving the opportunity to earn their keep would be welcomed. But no such provision has been made.

The Toronto World pays this tribute to the public spirit of an Ontario town: "Oshawa has just resolved to build a hospital. The suggestion came from a woman, and a strong committee took hold of the idea, and \$18,750 was raised in two days of this week. The local magnates and manufacturers contributed generously and the project is well under way. Oshawa is a thrifty and thriving town, and has evidently been touched with the new spirit. The Y. M. C. A. was undertaken in a similar energetic and large-hearted sense of responsibility, so characteristic of a genuinely business-like community."

It would of course be a mistake to assume that the struggle in the United Kingdom is merely between the Lords and the people. The Lords are backed by the Unionist party. The struggle is between the two great political parties, and even if the government were defeated the chief result would be a change of fiscal policy, for nobody believes that the Lords would seriously attempt to usurp the rights of the Commons persistently, after the manner of autocrats. The country is far too democratic. But there is very little likelihood of a defeat of the government. The budget is satisfactory to a majority of the electors, if the vote of the Commons is any indication of public sentiment, and the return of the government to power seems to be a foregone conclusion.

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A SONG OF COURAGE.

Oh, sing for the wind that blows
From the salt and storm of the sea!
And sing for the gull that goes
Wide-winged and fearlessly—
Bold, bold to the life he knows;
A guest of the gale is he.

Oh, sing for the vale of Peace
Where zephyrs are down and soft,
Where ragings and strivings cease
And the skylark soars aloft!

Oh, sing for the hearts that leap
And raise to the stress of life,
And sing for the eyes too brave to weep
And the souls too great for strife!

—Clarissa Dixon in Success Magazine.

THE OLD ROAD.

Hail and fire and wind and snow,
And the black storms have their will.
Hot on high and hot below,
But we travel the old road still.

Oh, the black storms have their will,
And the lightning comes to kill,
But fire or snow,
It's on we go—
We travel the old road still.

No time to stay with the thunder-day
In the heat, or the winter's chill;
The wild world reels on her rock way,
But we travel the old road still.

Oh, the black storms have their will,
And the earthquakes come to kill,
But fire or snow,
It's on we go—
We travel the old road still.

—Atlanta Constitution.

A LOVE NOTE.

Do not forget me, dearest; all day long
I think of you and wish the time were
longer.

My heart is always singing some sweet
song
And thinking of you makes my labor
sweet;

And if the day seems any less bright—
More vexed with care than I had deemed
it would be.

I think with joy of the approaching
night
When the kind stars will lead my steps
to thee.

One thought supreme still whispers ever
more:
"Thou shalt behold her when the day
is o'er."

II.

And so I shall; for you will watch and
wait
Where on the flowers the tears of
twilight fall.

Sweet are the roses round your garden
gate,
But you are still the sweetest rose of
all.

And you are my rose—all in all my own,
And to my life your beauty you impart.
Bloom sweetly still, and bloom for me
alone,

And twine your tendrils close around
my heart.
But I shall soon within your presence be,
And you are waiting with a kiss for
me.

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlantic Consti-
tution.

IN LIGHTER VEIN WONDERFUL.

Wiggins—We had a christening at Prof. Getem's laboratory last night.
Biggins—Last night?
Wiggins—Yes; the professor named a new microbe.

SAID UNCLE SILAS.

"Worth makes the man, but not money's worth."—Los Angeles Express.

FORGETFUL.

In the presence of my love
I was dwelling in the stars;
As I hugged her to my breast,
I forgot that, in my vest,
I had five ten-cent cigars.

PROGRESSING.

"How's your son getting along in his art studies?"
"Fine! fine! His pictures are hanging in some of the best saloons in Paris."

THE PHILOSOPHER OF FOLLY.

"The only time I was ever called a 'fart' was the philosopher of folly." "Was when I stated that my two younger sisters went to Europe for the first time this summer, and never sent me a single picture post-card."—Cleveland Leader.

THEN AND NOW.

A prince espoused a beggar-maid
In days when princes were supreme,
For which his fame will never fade,
His love is every poet's theme.

Yet we should cease the deed to praise,
For things have strangely altered since.
This is the union nowadays—
"A maiden veiled a beggar prince."

—Chicago Record Herald.

A GREAT HELP.

"Your daughter must be a great help to you."

"Indeed she is. She often gets the hot water for me to wash the dishes."

TWO OF A KIND.

The dean of a western university was told by the students that the cook was turning out food not "fit to eat."

The dean summoned the delinquent, lectured him on his shortcomings, and threatened him with dismissal unless conditions were bettered.

"Why, sir," exclaimed the cook, "you oughtn't to place so much importance on what the young men tell you about my meals! They come to me in just the same way about your lectures."—The Argonaut.

WHAT THEN?

"After the aeroplane—what then?"
"The question uttered by many men. Shall we fly still onward, with genius proud?"

As we spurn the earth, shall we spurn the cloud
And finally through some mystic change
Wrought by the chemist's art so strange
Shall we mount the ether and leave be-
hind

Even the haunts of the buoyant wind?
Shall we range through space where the comets race
And visit the Martians face to face?

After the aeroplane—what's that?
Oh, skeptic profitless, stale and flat!
You think we have reached the limit now
And we'll have to get back to earth, somehow?

After the aeroplane you foresee
Lament, lilt and despondency?
You think e'en genius must have a slump!
After the aeroplane comes the bump!

—Washington Star.

TREASURY BOARD

Aid. Baxter Announces Likelihood of a Surplus at End of the Year

At the meeting of the treasury board last evening Aid. Baxter made the pleasing announcement that at the end of the year it was quite likely the city would have a surplus. Some of the accounts might have a slight unpaid balance but this would be more than offset by departments which have unexpended funds. On the whole, the year has been a good one.

The appointment of the board of assessors caused some discussion but it was finally decided that a special meeting of the board should be called to consider it. Aid. Baxter presided and among those present were Aldermen McGoldrick, Frink, Potts, Kelley and Sprout, Chamberlain Lingier, Comptroller Macintyre, Engineer Murdoch and the common clerk.

Recorder Skinner submitted his bills for services in connection with litigation in the Murray matter amounting to \$349.00. The account was made up of a number of small items and was recommended for payment upon the understanding that abstracts and full information as to the cases be filed with the common clerk. The recorder's bill for services in connection with John Jackson's suit against the city amounted to \$211.90. This account was also recommended for payment.

A bill for \$245.49 from D. McLaughlin for retubing a boiler for the water department was settled after some discussion by Mr. McLaughlin accepting \$200.00. A recommendation was adopted to have an overdraft of \$20.00 for sewer maintenance, making \$14,000 in all.

It was recommended that all bills should be in the hands of the comptroller by Dec. 21.

The comptroller was authorized to pay the monthly salaries on Dec. 20.

Ald. Frink and Ald. Potts were appointed a committee to consider the question of uncollectable rentals so they could be wiped out by January.

OBITUARY

Joseph Davidson

Joseph Davidson, who has been ill with pleuro-pneumonia for some time, died at the hospital early this morning. The deceased is survived by his wife, three small children, three brothers in St. John, two sisters and his parents. His body will be taken to his home on Brussels street today and the funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2.30. Mr. Davidson had been in the employ of the city fire department for the last seven years. During that time he acted as driver for Chief Kerr for three years, when he was changed to No. 3 station as driver of the engine, which position he held up to the time of his death. The deceased was a great favorite with the men around the fire stations. He was a member of Court Rockwood, I. O. O. F., and also belonged to the Orange order.

Cornelius Regan

The death of Cornelius Regan, an aged and respected resident of Newcastle and North Esk, occurred yesterday morning at the age of seventy-eight years and eleven months. Up to two and a half months ago, deceased was actively employed at D. & J. Ritchie's lumber mill. Then he took paralysis of the left side and had been helpless ever since. He was the father of his son Patrick, with whom he boarded during the summer months. In the winter he resided at Mrs. Thomas Young's since the death of his wife, nine years ago. Deceased was a faithful member of the Roman Catholic church and his funeral took place in St. Mary's church this afternoon. Deceased and his wife, Miss Nora Donavan, were natives of Ireland. Six children survive—Dennis and John, in Wisconsin; James and Patrick, of Newcastle; Mrs. Michael Young and Mrs. Thomas Young, of North Esk. The funeral was largely attended.

John F. Mullin

The death of John F. Mullin of Cody's took place November 28 at the age of forty-seven, leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss. His mother-in-law lives him, as also several brothers and sisters. His sisters are Mrs. D. T. Bickford, of Tufts College; Mrs. J. H. McLeod, of St. John, and Mrs. Mary Leitz, of Seattle. The brothers are William of Westfield, David of Portland, Me., and James of Concord, N. H. The burial took place in the family lot in Johnston, Queens Co.

"CHINESE" GORDON

(From Lady St. Helier's Memoirs.)
It was there that I saw Gen. Gordon for the only time. He was a curiously listless-looking, nervous little man, with a sort of furtive look and expression as if he always anticipated something unpleasant. He was not agreeable or encouraging and he gave very little outward evidence of the power and influence he possessed. He spoke little and seemed bored when he was addressed or asked any question.

Maud—Isn't it queer that lobsters are always green until they get into hot water?
Fred—Nothing queer about that. If they weren't green they wouldn't get into hot water.

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