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COMMERCE AND PORTS.

No observer of the larger movements in connection with the trade development of Canada can fail to notice the eager rivalry between our leading Atlantic ports in the endeavor to secure an enlarged share of the world's commerce. Nor is this surprising in view of the extent to which, in proportion to our population Canadians have become a trading people. Some statistics respecting the foreign trade of various countries read a few night's ago by Mayor Prefontaine of Montreal, at a banquet given him, tend to bring this fact into bold relief:

Country	Foreign trade	Trade per head
Great Britain	\$3,690,940,000	\$92.00
United States	1,847,335,900	26.40
Germany	2,077,950,000	40.00
France	1,439,900,000	37.50
Canada	304,091,720	55.30

The above table includes the great commercial nations of the world. It shows that with the exception of Great Britain alone, the foreign trade of Canada, in proportion to population, far exceeds that of any other country and is more than twice that of the United States. This proud position is partly the result of an advantageous position, with harbors, opening upon the Atlantic, the Pacific and the great lakes. But these are advantages shared in equal measure by the United States.

The trade of the great lakes has assumed vast proportions by rapid growth. There is now nearly twice as much traffic passing through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie in the 230 days of open navigation as passes through the great Suez Canal in 365 days. The traffic passing up and down the Detroit river exceeds the foreign and coastwise traffic of both the great ports of London and Liverpool. And this is scarcely to be wondered at when the fact is recalled that the states and provinces bordering on the great lakes now contain a population equal to that of England, Scotland and Wales.

To secure a fair share of the vast seaward traffic of the inland country Canada has spent many millions to connect the lakes by navigable water ways, and to obviate the impediments of the St. Lawrence channel. At the beginning of these improvements the available depth of water between Montreal and the Gulf of St. Lawrence was only 12½ feet. This has been increased by a succession of large expenditures to 27 feet, and in another year we will have 28 feet from Montreal to the sea. Next year also the canals between Montreal and the upper lakes will have a minimum depth of 14 feet, which must result in securing to Canada a larger share than she has hitherto enjoyed of the outpour of trade from the vast inland waters.

Our ports, notably Montreal, St. John and Halifax are in the nature of things forced to compete with those of the United States, not only for

the general trade of the interior country, but actually for the Canadian trade itself. In improving our ocean ports the government has spent some money, but, with the exception of that expended at Montreal and Quebec, which are closed to commerce during five months of the year, the money has been spent grudgingly. We might learn a lesson from what other countries had done to make their larger ports ready for an enlarging commerce. Little Belgium, with a population less than that of Canada, has spent \$16,000,000 in improving the single port of Antwerp and is now spending \$25,000,000 in making and improving the port of Bruges. To make and equip the port of Hamburg cost over \$65,000,000. London has ten miles of docks. Liverpool's eight miles of docks cost \$200,000,000. Glasgow has spent \$65,000,000 in making her port.

The lesson of this all is that if we are to profit by the experience of the commercial centres of the old world the government must be prepared to spend any money that is needed to place our ports in first class order for the business that legitimately belongs to them. This applies especially to our great winter ports of St. John and Halifax, on which it devolves to conduct our entire Atlantic trade for five months of the year. But there is in it a lesson for Charlottetown also, where our wharf and warehouse accommodation are inadequate, and the one great want of railway extension along the harbor front remains to be supplied. It is to be remembered that just in proportion as the season of shipment is short the necessity is increased for the easy and prompt transfer of freight between the railway and the vessels in port.

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St. John's Lodge in Masonic Temple, second Tuesday in month
D. R. McLENNAN, Sec'y.
Victoria Lodge in Masonic Temple, first Monday in month.
J. R. Davison, Sec'y.
Alexandra Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Masonic Temple, first Thursday in month except June, July and August. J. J. Weldon, Sec'y.
Prince Edward Preceptory, K. T. in Masonic Temple, third Wednesday in month. H. W. Anderson, Registrar.

ODDFELLOWS
Port La Jolie Encampment no 4 second Wednesday in each month.—D. R. McLennan R. S.
St. Lawrence Lodge every Monday evening. W. A. Martin, Sec'y.
Wilkey Lodge every Friday evening; both in their hall in Victoria Row. W. R. Borsbam, Sec'y.
Alpha Rebekah Lodge, No 10, meets first and third Tuesday of every month.—Ida Riggs Secretary.

SONS OF ENGLAND.
Every Thursday evening in their hall in Victoria Row. Andrew Newson Sec'y.
FORESTERS.
Court Avondale I. O. F. second and fourth Tuesdays. J. D. Taylor, Sec'y.
Court Mount Stephen I. O. F. third Tuesday, both in Foresters' hall, Queen Street J. F. Macmillan, Sec'y.
Court Charlottetown C. O. F. second and last Friday, Wright's Hall. W. G. Gillespie, Sec'y.
Court Gladstone, A. O. F. meets in Wright's Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month. W. D. Gough, Secretary.

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