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OUR SHORTEST DAYS.

This is the season of our shortest days and longest nights, the sun having gone to the extreme limit of his southern journey. Six months ago in the rare days of June we enjoyed daily almost sixteen hours of sunshine, which with the two hours each of morning and evening twilight added practically gave us twenty hours out of twenty-four, or four fifths of the time, in which artificial light could be dispensed with. Our June days are two hours longer than those of the latitude of Charleston, S. C. The duration of sunlight at our latitude is now but a fraction over eight hours and a half, or seven and a half hours less than for the corresponding day in June. Charleston has still ten hours of sunlight daily. In the more northern sections of our prairie country, as in the Peace River valley, or in the still more arctic regions of the Yukon, the extremes between the longest and the shortest day are very much

greater. These are common place facts, known to many bright schoolboys.

But there is something in connection with these long and short days which possibly the school boy and some of his elders have not thought of and yet which has a great deal to do with the productiveness of Canada and the Canadian northland especially. We all know that heat and light are necessary to growth. The long days of abundant light and heat are furnished to Canada during the season when crops are growing. The fact that during the growing season we have here in Prince Edward Island two hours more of sunshine than they have in the Southern States, while in our far Northwest there are three hours more of sunlight, enables our crops to reach maturity within a shorter number of days and so escape the spring frosts on the one hand and the frosts of autumn on the other. The summer season is also with us the season of man's greatest activity, and during our long days nature furnishes him abundant light to work to the full limit of his capacity.

It will be seen, without enlarging upon the subject, that it is much better for the productiveness of our soil that we have long summer days, even at the expense of short days in winter and a colder winter season. For were the sun constantly at the equator and with days and nights of equal length, our constant temperature would be about a medium halfway between that we now experience at 21st March and 21st September respectively. One year like that would be sufficient to show us how much we owe to the alternatives of "summer and winter, cold and heat, seed time and harvest."

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ASKED TO NAME A SITE.

Referring again to the matter of the station site we must point out that our citizens were asked by the Government through the late Hon. Donald Farquharson to say where they wanted the new station to be placed. This was coupled with the assurance that if at all practicable, their wishes would be respected. For the purpose of ascertaining the minds of the people the meeting of the Board of Trade and citizens was called in November a year ago, and that meeting by unanimous resolution named the George Street site.

Having been asked to settle the question, and believing that they had done so, our people are now naturally impatient that there should be any hesitation or cavilling on the subject. They find it especially irritating that secret efforts have been made to influence the Ministers and railway authorities to thwart the public will in this matter. They naturally say, if our clearly expressed wishes are not to be respected why were we asked to choose a site?

It is well worth while for the Government to keep faith with the people and please them in this matter. Government according to the well-understood wishes of the people is a sound constitutional principle. It accords with right and justice. It means the greatest good to the greatest number. Such a course in regard to the station site will prove satisfying. It will show that the public interests are duly considered, and that the will of the majority governs. In other words the location at George Street will best serve the public and will be popular. We were invited to name a site and we have named it. Let the Government make the location accordingly.

It appears that the new Quebec electoral lists like those of New Brunswick cannot be ready for use sooner than 1st March. Probably this means that the elections are yet something more than two months distant, and much may happen within two months.

The Patriot says we should give Hon. W. S. Fielding credit for having noticed the steamers' movements posted on the mainland. The Guardian was the first Island newspaper to mention that they were so posted. We did not give Mr. Fielding the credit because when here he said he had no doubt that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine would attend to it. But it seems from a published statement that Island visitors to the Winter Fair at Amherst found it quite impossible to get information about the steamers and were subjected to great inconvenience on that account. We presume that Mr. Fielding is entitled to credit for the special trains now connecting with the Stanley. We have not noticed that The Patriot has yet credited him with that action. Credit to whom credit is due The Guardian is always pleased to give.

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The double, Christmas number of the Prince Edward Island Magazine, containing 76 pages, is an attractive one. There are a number of articles of genuine merit. The value of mirth and laughter is discussed by Hon. J. H. Fletcher formerly of the Argus. A fanciful sketch, telling how Lieut. Trevelyan saved Newfoundland is from pen the of F. France's Lovegrove. Rev. A. McLean Sinclair is sketched as one of our prominent men, well deserving the title. His portrait accompanies the sketch. The introduction to Great Epochs in English Literature by Judge Warburton will whet the appetite of literary readers for what is to follow. Ranching in the Northwest, by Frank R. Heartz, details something of his own experiences in that line and is full of practical interest. It is illustrated, as is the following article by the editor descriptive of pretty places along our Island Railway. The first part of Percy Pope's admirable lecture on Mr. Orthodox, Madame Fashion and Mrs. Grundy is reproduced. Articles, specially for the Christmas season are contributed by George J. McCormac, James D. Lawson and L. W. Watson and a Christmas poem by A. J. McAdam. Other articles in prose and verse make up an excellent number of this valuable magazine, which we trust may continue to grow in popular favor, as it has done in the past.

Mr. Foster's great speech in Montreal has done much to make Canadians look more favorably upon the Chamberlain proposals, and was also informing as to the progress and development of the great fiscal movement in the Mother Country. He was plain spoken as to our duty to contribute something toward our sea defences, and thinks we need to have some treaty-enforcing power before claiming the right of treaty-making. We hope to see Mr. Foster again in Parliament after the coming elections, not merely because his party so greatly needs him, but because of the service he is undoubtedly able to render to the Dominion at large.

An Ottawa despatch tells that the Dominion Government is negotiating for the admission of Newfoundland to the Dominion and for the purchase of Greenland. Newfoundland has 42,200 square miles and 210,000 inhabitants. Greenland has 512,000 square miles and 10,516 inhabitants. It belongs to Denmark. Canada, exclusive of our far northern territory of Franklin is set down as containing 3,653,946 square miles. Franklin contains no less than 150,000 square miles. When we get Greenland and Newfoundland the Dominion area will be something over 4,200,000 square miles, or one ninth part of the land surface of the globe.

DIED.

At Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 11th, William Hugh Fraser formerly of this city but late of Vancouver, B. C.



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Dec. 21, 1903.

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