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CHARLOTTETOWN AS A WINTER PORT.

A valued correspondent directs attention to a matter which has already called forth much favorable comment. We refer to the manner in which Captain Brown of the good ship Earl Grey is keeping up direct communication between this port and Pictou down to a much later date than has been usual heretofore. It is true that the winter has been so far a mild one with comparatively little heavy ice in the Straits, but in winters quite as favorable heretofore both boats have been spitted away to Georgetown at a much earlier date than this. We have no desire to recall unpleasant episodes in the past, but there was just ground of complaint for a number of years because of the early desertion of this port by the Government steamers at the beginning of winter and their late return in the spring.

With the new and powerful steamer Earl Grey at work and with Captain Brown in command we seem to have entered upon a new and more promising era. The Guardian desires to congratulate Capt Brown on the good work he has already performed this winter in keeping this port open so long as he has done. All are aware that the Department entrusts its commanders with full powers, and that Capt Brown could have taken the Earl Grey away to Georgetown had he chosen. But it is here that the outward and inward trade centers, it is at this port that the passenger and mail traffic can best be served. To our shippers the saving in freights as compared with the circuitous easterly route is an important item, while to the travelling public the saving in railway fares and in time and overnight expenses is also a thing to be considered. With our correspondent, we say "All honor to Captain Brown." It is proper that he should know his good work is appreciated. We sincerely hope the good work done this winter may lead on to the time when Charlottetown will be recognised as a winter port.

FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE COURT.

Secretary of State Knox of the United States has taken a noble step forward in a circular sent to all the powers which together were signatories to the last Hague convention. He makes the proposal that an international tribunal of arbitration shall be created for the adjudication of questions upon which the nations cannot agree and which may prove dangerous.

It will be remembered that Great Britain, the United States, Germany and France among other powers represented at the last Hague convention agreed to the creation of an International Prize Court, having power to protect the rights of neutrals during war. Secretary Knox proposes that this tribunal shall be given wider powers, that it shall be made permanent and be authorized to settle vexed questions in time of peace. The Prize Court as agreed upon was to be composed of fifteen judges, eight of whom were to sit during the life of the convention, namely six years, and to be chosen by the larger maritime countries, Germany, Austria, France, Great Britain, the United States, Russia, Italy and Japan.

The other seven judges were to be chosen by the remaining states for a longer or shorter period as determined by the maritime standing of their respective countries. Mr Knox argues that it would be easier to invest this Prize Court with the functions of a Court of Arbitral Justice than to create a new court. The judges are necessarily versed in international law, and a permanent court for the settlement of such questions as may endanger the peace of the world is on all hands admitted to be most desirable.

It is learned that at Washington strong hopes are entertained that Great Britain, Germany and France will adopt Secretary Knox's suggestion, and that should they do so most other countries will follow their example. In such weighty matters

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international concern there are many obstacles to overcome and progress is necessarily slow. But how much of good it might mean for the world could such a Peace Court be established? It would seem that gradual disarmament might be brought about, the awful burdens of militarism lightened, and war with its horrors might gradually become a thing of the past. It is a noble proposal, coming from an influential quarter, and the friends of peace and humanity everywhere should acclaim it and urge its adoption.

It is said that Montreal has forty resident millionaires. Among them is at least one of Island birth whose princely benefactions to the cause of education have made him famous throughout the Empire—Sir William Macdonald. There are others of the Canadian millionaires who have given millions for the public good, among them is the Grand Old Man, Lord Strathcona, who the other day sailed from London, where he resides, \$25,000 for the relief of the sufferers in the typhoid epidemic in Montreal, with an intimation of his readiness to contribute \$100,000 more toward a permanent fever hospital. Men who are greatly rich have the opportunity to be greatly useful to their fellowmen, and the list of Canadian millionaires includes a goodly number of those who earnestly embrace the opportunities for such service.

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The Census and Statistics Monthly, issued from Ottawa takes note of a very serious potato disease lately discovered in Newfoundland. It is said to be identical with what is known in England as black scab or potato canker. The seriousness of the malady may be gathered from the statement that not a single sound tuber can be saved from a crop that is attacked, and the field remains infected for years.

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