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NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN HOPKINS is decidedly favorable to the idea of a fast line of steamers to ply between Canada and Great Britain. In the course of a recent interview with the Montreal Gazette, he pointed out that the British-Canadian route to the East is already two-thirds completed. "The connection with China and Japan is, in fact, accomplished, and at that end they have very good steamers, which the Americans are making for, rushing up from the States to get them. I think it is a very great pity if the same thing cannot be provided at this end, so as to complete the connection with Great Britain." The obstacles to navigation in the St. Lawrence are, Sir John says, "practically nothing." The channel of the St. Lawrence is "very well buoyed indeed."

"The whole of the buoying and lighting of the coast is a great credit to Canada. There is no question about it. It is not only well done, but I am sure if any point was not well buoyed or well lighted, it would be done at once, if it were represented to the hydrographical department. They are thorough in the way they view and arrange to do all that is required. The charts of the river, too, are excellent. The work has been very well done. Once inside the Gulf, knowing your position, you could run up that river for a couple of hundred miles in the thickest fogs without seeing anything."

The one critical point is at the Straits of Belle Isle. "But it must be remembered," said Sir John, "that the detention at the Straits of Belle Isle applies equally to a fast vessel and to a slow one. At any rate, you have the gain made by the fast steamer on the ocean voyage. If this is done in four days instead of seven days as at present, you have a clear gain of three days before you get to the Straits of Belle Isle, and the detention at that point on an east of fog affects a slow vessel as much as a fast one." The average detention at the Straits of Belle Isle would be, the Admiral thinks, not more than twelve hours per trip. Against this handicap, however, there is to be placed the fact that the distance between Liverpool and Montreal is four hundred miles less than it is between Liverpool and New York—that is almost a day's run. To lessen the danger and avoid the necessity of waiting in case of fog at the Straits of Belle Isle, Sir John advocates the placing of a buoy about ten miles out into the Atlantic. He says:

"I don't know whether they could put a buoy down there. It may not be practicable, but if it is, that is the thing to have. There is a good deal of shoal water off the coast of Newfoundland, but whether there is any further north of the Straits of Belle Isle I could not say without looking at the chart. Still, they manage to buy the Atlantic cable in 150 or 150 fathoms of water, and very likely more. If they could get a hundred fathoms line to hold a buoy say 10 or 20 miles out from the Straits of Belle Isle, that would enable the steamer to go on in a fog. The buoy should be at least 10 miles out, because a steamer might overrun her reckoning. When a vessel has been running say three days without any observations, so that she can't fix her latitude and longitude, when she begins to get close to land she slows down or stops altogether, because she is not sufficiently certain of her position to push on in a fog. But if they could pick up one of these buoys, they could go through without any difficulty. The Marine Department would, no doubt, arrange for that, if it is possible, for there is no doubt that the undertaking is very important for this country."

In confirmation of this opinion, Sir John refers to the fact that on two occasions the Blake has entered Halifax harbor without seeing land on either side, simply by getting hold of an outer buoy, then picking up an inner buoy and steering by the compass. Directly you get hold of the buoy you are perfectly safe. If they could have a similar buoy in the deep water outside the Straits of Belle Isle, Sir John thinks that, practically, half the navigation difficulties would vanish.

Sir John Hopkins looks at this question from the point of view of Canada, which he declares is going to be "a very great country." What the people have to consider is "that this fast line would be a great advantage to Canada. That is the point of view your Government has taken in offering this subsidy of \$750,000 and I think it was a right step for them to take. It is the only way to get what they wanted, and if it does not succeed now, at any rate they have given it a chance."

HITTING BELOW THE BELT.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON is being roundly attacked by the Grits in Quebec. At St. Lin, a short time ago, at one of Mr. Laurier's meetings, Tarte spoke as follows: "I used to think that as Sir John Thompson had left Protestantism to become a Catholic, he must be a conscientious man, but now I know that a greater political hypocrite does not exist in all Canada. He is the instrument of fanatical Protestants, and consequently our worst enemy."

Mr. Broder, M.P., had the following to say at the same meeting: "Sir John Thompson called himself a Catholic, but the Catholics never had a more dangerous enemy than the present Premier of the Dominion." In this Province, on the other hand, Sir John Thompson is denounced, not as a renegade Protestant transformed into a fanatical Roman Catholic. Out upon such tactics! They are disgusting. The men who use them openly in Quebec and secretly here are not men to be trusted. Sir John Thompson has shown that he is a fair and square man, not to be influenced in respect to politics by this or that religious party. His desire is to do the right thing, and he will not be led or dictated to by either Roman Catholics or Protestants.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Nor'Wester: "We have been given few lumber, and the duty on agricultural implements, binder, twine and coal oil has been reduced. The tariff has been taken off the list of issues, so far as this portion of the country is concerned."

The law of the land and the will of the Lieutenant-Governor is that next Monday—Labor Day—shall be observed as a holiday. It is hoped that all our merchants, manufacturers and men of business will show their respect for the law of the land and the will of the Lieutenant-Governor by observing the day as a holiday. The Montreal Gazette says that it does not want Mr. Laurier to find out if the public schools of Manitoba are or are not Protestant schools, for fear that if he was correctly informed he might say something without an "if" that would annoy that other Liberal Leader, Mr. Joseph Martin, author of the Manitoba School Act.

Turf, Field and Farm says: "It is good news that we hear from many sources that the farms and country houses that were abandoned by the laids and laisses are being looked upon with favor once more, and the glitter of life at the manufacturing centres is not near as dazzling of yore. The time was that the youth of our rural towns could see nothing but a life of ease working in a mill, while to remain on the farm meant a life of drudgery and privation. These were the times when the manufacturing centres were alive with the busy hum of hard-driven machinery, wages were good and all went merry, except the old folks at home who found themselves deserted when most they needed the aid and comfort of their children."

Montreal Gazette: Apparently the leader of the Opposition regards British free trade and American reciprocity as interchangeable terms of similar significance. He has yet to learn even the alphabet of political economy, and when he has acquired its rudimentary principles he will know that free trade and reciprocity are not synonyms, but antonyms. The very argument employed by Mr. Laurier proves it, since a trade treaty with the United States must rest upon a mutuality of interest and concession, of favor and privilege, limited to the contracting parties; whereas British free trade scouts such commercial arrangements.

Speaking before the convention of the Catholic Relief Association at Syracuse a few days ago, Bishop Ludden said: "I do not regard your society as strictly Catholic because you take the word Catholic in your name. That is not necessary. In fact a society of this kind need not be a religious society, though it may be made up of very religious persons. There are many things that are legitimate among Catholics as individuals which it would be improper to do as Catholics. There is the reason business. Though Catholics are legitimately in the business, it would be highly improper for one to set up the cross over his place and call it a Catholic saloon or a Catholic restaurant. It is just so with other kinds of business which may be conducted legitimately by Catholics as individuals but not by the church."

It takes 3200 mail cars to distribute Uncle Sam's mail, and the New York department alone requires 819 railway post-clerks to handle it. Last year these clerks handled 1,207,220,577 pieces of mail bound past their division, of which 133,863 were letters. To get a clear idea of the immense amount of mail matter in this number of letters, suppose they averaged four inches in length and one inch in width, they would stretch over a line 2925 miles long. All railway post-clerks must be quick and intelligent and have a thorough knowledge of the geography of the whole country. In the second division there are 18,000 post-offices, and the clerks know every one. This system of railway post-offices has proved so valuable (says the writer from whom we borrow the figures in Harper's Young People for August 21st these facts are drawn) that it is now being operated on the transatlantic steamships.

Montreal Gazette: "Everybody knows what free trade as practiced by Great Britain is—high revenue tariff on tea, coffee, tobacco and liquors, and an income tax, free admission to the products of all other countries, and exclusion of those products from the markets of those countries. That is the goal which we are assured, Canadian Liberals aim, the goal to reach which their efforts will not be relaxed until it is attained. So that the question which follows the tariff and the free trade votes for Liberal candidates may rest happy in the thought that they are hastening the day when tea and coffee will be taxed, when incomes will be taxed, and when they will enjoy the peculiar freedom of trade which will enable them to import as much of foreign manufactures as they please free of duty and sell so much of Canadian products as they can in markets highly protected by hostile tariffs."

The Victoria, B. C. Colonist refers to Prince Edward Island in connection with the Governor-General's visit, and says: "The soil, for the most part, is a light sandy loam, easily tilled and yielding a generous return to the skillful agriculturist, but it is very far indeed from being irrigated to the lazy or ignorant farmer. The light fact is easily run out, but not very difficult to put 'in good heart' again. Much of it had been over-cropped, and the thriving farmers finding little demand for low prices for their grain and roots have lately, we see, turned their attention to dairying with most cheering results. Dairy farming has this advantage: The products, if of good quality, find a ready sale and fair prices in the British market and it is easy on the soil. Pasture, so far from exhausting the soil renovates it. We are therefore not surprised to find that the Islanders are pleased with the result of their experiment and see good times ahead of them."

The Modern Beauty: Thrives on good food as he/she, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant liquid laxative Syrup of Figs.

Another school has been added to the city. The new house has just been completed. The painting was done by D. Howlett. The attention of the parents, children and teachers of this city is directed to the display of school books and school requisites in the window of Carter's new book store. The senior partner of this firm has been a school teacher himself, and will be in his element next week, dealing out school books and school supplies to hun-dreds of pupils and their teachers. Will he give good bargains? Yes. The best bargains in the city. Try and see.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The Legality of the Meeting Questioned—Qualifications of Members. When Mayor Dawson took his seat in the City Council Chamber at eight o'clock last evening and called the meeting to order, every member of the Board was present. His Worship explained that as it was his intention to be absent from the Province for two or three weeks he had deemed it advisable to call a meeting of the Board before his departure to have the work finished up. He saw four members and obtained their consent to call the meeting. The meeting was for the transaction of general business, and was now open.

Councillor Haszard did not consider the meeting legally called. The act of incorporation says that when a special meeting is called the business for which the Board is summoned to meet must be specified. This had not been done in this case, and he therefore protested against any business being transacted at the meeting. Mayor Dawson said Councillor Haszard was astray, and held that he (the Mayor) was acting within his rights when he called the meeting. The words "general business" in the notice calling the meeting covered everything. He ruled that the meeting was legally called.

Councillor Haszard rose to reply, but the Mayor ruled discussion on the point out of order. He held that the meeting was legal, and if Councillor Haszard was not satisfied with his ruling he could move that it be not accepted. Councillor Haszard said he would do that, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Hughes: Resolved, That this Council do not accept the Mayor's ruling as to the legality of the meeting called for this evening.

Councillor Haszard was surprised at the action of Councillor Haszard. Under the circumstances, he should be courteous enough to allow the meeting to go ahead. Mayor Dawson put the question as to whether or not his ruling regarding the legality of the meeting was acceptable, calling upon those in favor of sustaining his decision to say "aye," and of those of an opposite opinion to say "nay." Following is the result: Ayes—Taylor, Tanton, Hooper, Douse, Robertson, Fennell. Nays—Haszard, Hughes.

Councillor Haszard said the question was purely regarding the legality of the meeting—the circumstances under which the meeting was called did not enter into the transaction. He was extremely obliged to the gentlemen for their courtesy. This closed the "brush," and Mayor Dawson called for the presentation of accounts by the Finance Committee. Councillor Haszard, chairman of this committee, declined to present the accounts, as he did not consider the meeting legal, and Mayor Dawson called on Councillor Fennell, another member of the committee, to present them. This Councillor Fennell agreed to do, and the accounts were thereupon handed to him. While Councillor Fennell was looking over the accounts, Councillor Taylor asked if it would be in order to ask a question. Permission having been granted, he asked why work on the drain from the market house to the post office sewer was not going on.

Some one said he thought the market committee, which Councillor Taylor was chairman, had all to do with this work. Councillor Taylor said he understood Councillor Fennell was looking after it. Councillor Fennell said the work would be on as soon as possible, and a delay in beginning work was on account of some damage to the crusher. Mayor Dawson then interviewed the City Engineer, and he reported he was able to inform the Board that work would be commenced on Monday morning. Then consideration of the bills was resumed.

Councillor Fennell said there were some bills that had not been certified "correct," and he, as a member of the Finance Committee, could not, therefore, certify them. Mayor Dawson explained that some of the bills had been paid—mostly small amounts incurred by the committee during the Governor-General's visit. These bills were in connection with the arch and minor matters and it was well-known that they were all correct. Councillor Hughes spoke against doing business in an unbusiness-like way, and intimated that there were some bills that should have been submitted to certain members of the committee before they were disposed of.

Mayor Dawson expressed his regret at the turn affairs had taken. This was the first unpleasantness that had taken place at the Board, and he hoped it would be the last. He had always held the balance of power evenly and justly, and was desirous of doing what was fair and just by each member of the Board. He had no desire or intention of slighting any member or any committee. Councillor Haszard said that on Monday he called on Mayor Dawson and asked him what was the object of the meeting, but was given no satisfaction. Other members of the Board were called on a similar mission and were similarly treated. The work of the Finance Committee was not ready in consequence.

Councillor Haszard asked permission to be read out of him on Tuesday night on Monday, as he said, and he (the Mayor) told him the meeting was called for general business, and that covered everything. The Finance Committee had ample time to get the bills ready. In the meantime Councillors Fennell and Robertson, members of the Finance Committee, were attaching their signatures to the bills that had not been previously certified by the committee. After these bills had been certified "correct," then all the bills were disposed of. Councillor Haszard asked permission to be read out of him on Tuesday night on Monday, as he said, and he (the Mayor) told him the meeting was called for general business, and that covered everything. The Finance Committee had ample time to get the bills ready.

On motion of Councillor Douse, the name of Church Street, commonly known as "Palmer's Lane," was changed to Granville Street. Councillor Tanton then presented documents regarding the qualifications of Councillors Fennell and Haszard, which he wished to have read. Mayor Dawson said he was not aware this matter was to come up tonight. After the last meeting he had concluded not to allow the matter to come up again except on a motion. Councillor Fennell thought it would be well to allow the matter to stand over for a full Board. Mayor Dawson was of a similar opinion. Councillor Tanton thought it was con-p-

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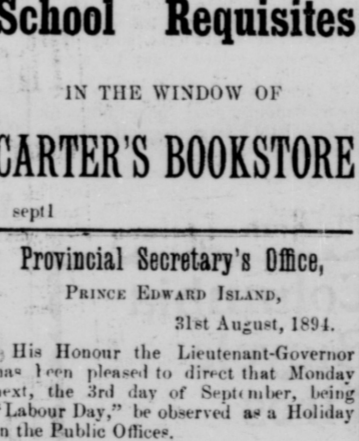
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