

IMPROVING SAINT JOHN

A NEW body, the Civic Improvement League, has come into being in Saint John. It is reported that as its first move, the League decided that changes are necessary in methods of civic administration. Throughout the years Saint John has had many organizations whose object has been to improve conditions in civic government. There have been changes but, if the opinion of citizens is taken, little improvement has been made.

Practically all citizens are agreed that improvement is desirable but when it comes down to cases this word improvement is generally indefinite. The Civic Improvement League would do well to first of all declare its objectives in clear-cut terms and then study ways and means of reaching these objectives.

For instance, it might be an improvement to have a balanced budget, a more equitable system of taxation, and better men in City Hall. Changing the civic form of government would not necessarily bring about these improvements. There have been changes in the government, there have been changes in the personnel at City Hall and there have been changes in the assessment system, still Saint John is not going ahead as it should.

We should have more people in gainful employment and the Civic Improvement League might give this some serious consideration as one of its objectives, for if we had sufficient people in gainful employment most of the problems of Saint John would be solved. However, any group of citizens, that will unselfishly give of their ability to improve conditions, should have the whole-hearted support of every person in this community.

New Organization For Civic Reform Is Duly Launched

R. L. Grannan, Chairman of Body To Improve Conditions.

A group of citizens met in the Admiral Beatty Hotel on Tuesday evening and formed an organization to be known as the Civic Improvement League. Its first move was to decide that changes are necessary in the methods of civic administration. A committee was appointed to study the present Commission Act and the Britain Report of 1928 and to report back its findings at a League meeting on February 19.

R. L. Grannan, chairman of the Taxpayers' Association, was selected as chairman of the new organization. Representatives at the meeting Tuesday came from the Real Estate Owners, Trades and Labor Council, Kiwanis Club, Retail Merchants' Association, Canadian Legion and the New Brunswick Council of Labor.

A DRIVE ON GAMBLING

A drive to clean up gambling machines in New Brunswick is scheduled to start next Monday. Mayor Brittain told members of the Common Council that there were rumors that operators of pin boards were being given protection. He warned against such rumors and said that all members of the City Council were desirous of eliminating all gambling devices. Commissioner Walsh said that he was to have an interview with Hon. J. B. McNair in regard to the gambling machines. Meanwhile the police still have orders from the Attorney-General to clean up the gambling situation and the drive is to start on Monday.

HUNGER'S CALL

An Englishman had invited an American friend to visit his big shooting-box in the highlands. On the first day they did not have much sport as the birds were shy, but that did not worry the host, who admired the glorious scenery.

As they stood at the top of a fine mountain from which they obtained a magnificent view of frowning crags and placid locks, the sporting host said ecstatically, "Isn't this magnificent? Why, just to stand here makes a man feel like a little grub!"

"It does," agreed his guest. "I tell you, I've had nothing but a ham sandwich since ten o'clock."

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APPEAL DENIED

Clifford Grimoldby, described as a deaf-mute, failed in his appeal from a sentence of three years in Kingston Penitentiary on charges of stealing \$2,500. Grimoldby was arrested in Saint John last summer and his case created some interest in this part of the country. The young man will likely spend the next year or two in Kingston.

MARITIME DEATHS

Death Notices—Minimum rate for one insertion, 25 words for 15 cents. Copy must be received not later than Wednesday.

- CHISHOLM—Frank M. Chisholm, at Great Village, N.S.
- HIGGINS—Mrs. W. H. Higgins, at Saint John, N.B.
- MCLEOD—Mrs. Peter McLeod, at Mabou Ridge, N.S.
- McKNIGHT—Mrs. Theodore McKnight at Apohaqui, N.B.
- MCDONALD—Angus McDonald, at McDonald's Glen, C.B., N.S.
- MULLIN—Daniel Mullin, at Saint John, N.B.
- ROBINSON—Alex. Robinson, at Halifax, N.S.
- ANDERSON—Robert M. Anderson, at Halifax, N.S.
- ELDER—Mrs. Eliza H. Elder, at Marysville, N.B.
- PENDLETON—Percy Pendleton at Lambertville, N.B.
- KEMP—Agatha M. Kemp, at Halifax.

MASONIC CALENDAR

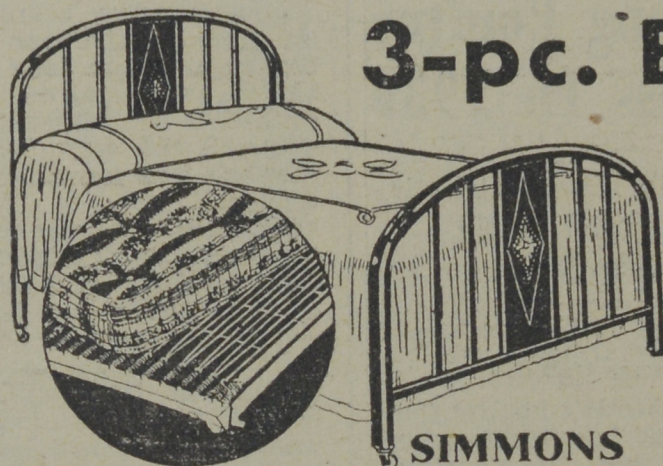
- ALBION, No. 1—First Friday. Next meeting, Mar. 6 N. J. Cabeldu, W.M.
- NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 22—Second Thursday. Next meeting, February 13. A. C. W. Parlee, W.M.
- HIBERNIA, No. 3—Second Tuesday. Next meeting, March 10. G. K. Kelly, W.M.
- ST. JOHN'S, No. 2—First Tuesday. Meets March 3. C. H. Dearborn, W.M.
- CARLETON UNION, No. 8—First Thursday. Next meeting, March 5. Dr. R. M. Pendrigh, W.M.
- UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10—Third Tuesday. Next meeting on Feb. 20. Paul Walsh, W.M.
- CARLETON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Third Thursday. The next meeting, Feb. 20. G. M. Leggett, 1st P.Z.
- SAINTE JOHN COUNCIL R. AND S. M.—Third Monday. Next meeting, Feb. 17. F. B. Brennan, T.I.M.
- ST. JOHN DE MOLAY PRECEPTORY—Fourth Tuesday. Next meeting on Feb. 25. C. T. Cromwell, P.P.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

- Meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays
- NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 1—Pythian Castle. Next meeting, February 26.
- UNION, No. 2—Pythian Castle. Next meeting, February 19.
- ST. JOHN, No. 30—Temple Building, North End. Next meeting, Feb. 24.
- CARLETON TOWER, No. 37—Prentice Boys' Hall. Next meeting, Feb. 17.
- ADILA, No. 157, D. O. K. K.—Meets second Thursday, in Pythian Castle, Victoria Co., Uniform Rank—Meets in Pythian Castle, third Thursday.

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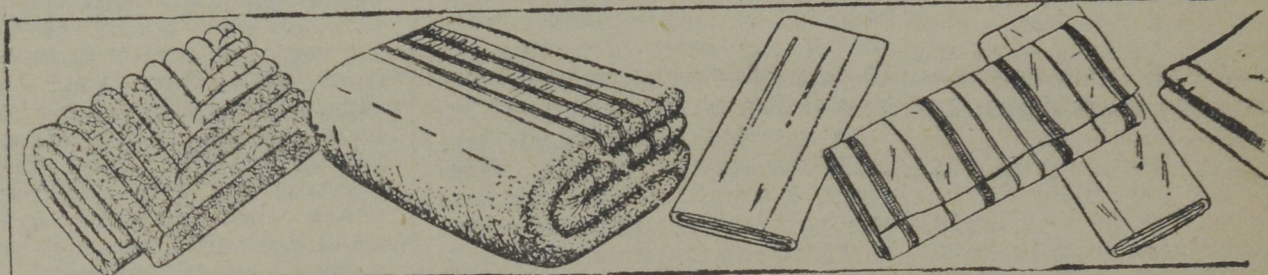


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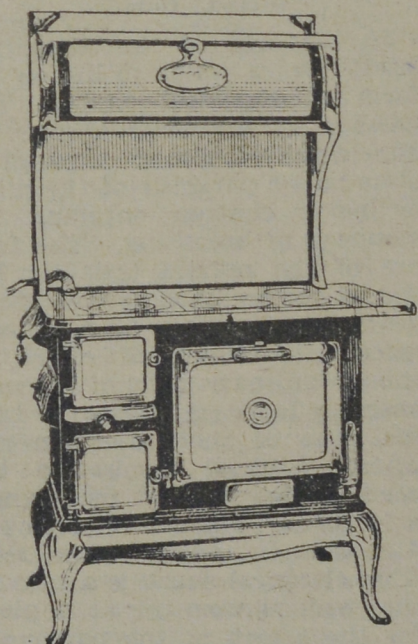
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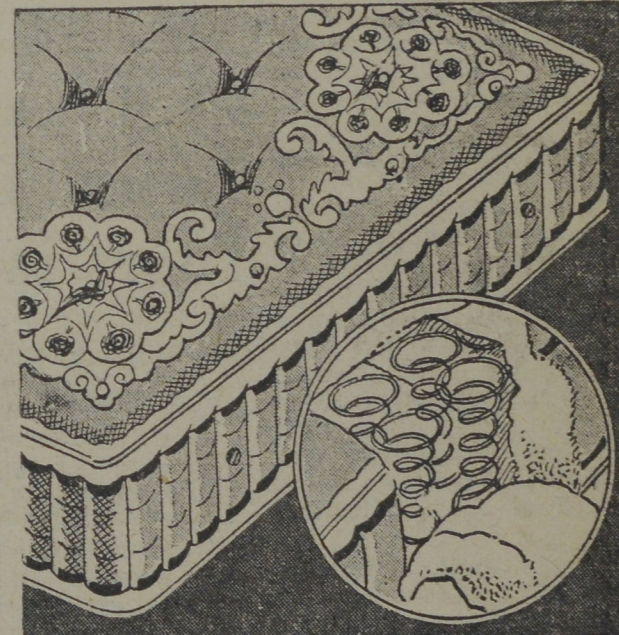
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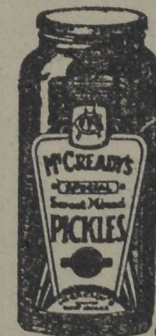
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