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THE POLICE FORCE.

Chief Clark, in his annual report, makes a number of recommendations that should be carefully considered by the council. Those who read in the Times a few days ago the statement of the long hours of the men, and the very long beats they are expected to cover, will agree with the chief that an increase in the force and a readjustment of the hours of duty are not unreasonable requests. It does not reflect credit on the council that the chief of police of the city is refused the inexpensive convenience of a desk telephone. There has been a disposition to meet reasonable demands on behalf of the force in a cheese-paring spirit, while money has been wasted in other directions. The blunders in connection with civic contracts has cost the city a good deal of money. That sort of thing could be avoided if as much zeal were displayed in handling large matters as is shown in criticising small expenditures. The police department should always be efficient. Chief Clark was compelled to get along with too small a force, and has not always been met in a sympathetic manner by the aldermen.

His report will be considered by the safety board, and it should not be considered in a carping spirit. Criticism of the police is sometimes heard, and may be deserved, but it would be difficult to find in a city of equal area an equal force whose duties are more faithfully performed or whose chief labors more earnestly to promote, in accordance with his own views, the efficiency of the force.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK.

Gov. Douglas of Massachusetts is strongly opposed to action by city or municipal councils such as would alienate valuable franchises without a direct appeal to the people. The principle is sound. Gov. Douglas in his inaugural address said:—

Especially do I commend the passage of a law giving broad powers to the people of our cities to secure the submission to them of acts of the city, councils affecting the interests of the citizens. Such a law would in my judgment do more to purify the State and city governments than any other plan of reform. Any unfair grants of privileges to private individuals and corporations would thus be subjected to popular judgment, and Legislatures would become more cautious as they became directly accountable to the popular judgment.

I believe that the public outcry against the prevailing legislative methods is the natural and inevitable result of the granting of valuable franchises by the State, especially those known as public franchises, which derive their value from the necessities of the community. When capital has been invested in these franchises there arises at once, in the nature of things, a conflict between the public, which desires the cheapest and best service, and the franchise owners, whose purpose is to gain profit. It is futile to expect, if the Legislature continues the sole distributor of these valuable franchises, that it will not be invaded by men who seek them, or that their possessors will not protect their privileges to the utmost.

If the people are given the right by direct vote to determine whether such franchises shall be granted, and how, within legal limitations, they shall be exercised, the seekers and holders of such franchises will be compelled to meet the popular requirement.

I believe this principle to be wise and salutary, and recommend legislation along these lines.

BRITISH PROBLEMS.

The London correspondent of the New York Evening Post writes as follows:—

There is high authority for the denial that Mr. Balfour contemplates any such design as has been publicly attributed to him of meeting the anticipated budget deficit by import duties all round of 5 per cent. on manufactured goods, as alternatively stated. Some liberal leaders and journals who hold this belief are urging the party to meet the danger by a resolute refusal to permit anything which postpones a dissolution, and a decision of the fiscal question, by going even to the length of paralyzing Parliamentary work in the approaching session by obstruction.

The probability rather seems to be that the naval reorganization, with its anticipated saving of \$25,000,000, will help the chancellor of the exchequer over the budget with a minor readjustment of duties, for the last thing which Mr. Balfour seeks is political fireworks. He merely desires the prolongation of his ministerial life in the hope that an alien question, a colonial conference or some similar idea, will enable him to regain power next election.

While the navy is being readjusted to present needs amid general approval, the army goes floundering on. It is announced that it will take three years before the artillery can receive the re-armorament which the Boer war proved to be absolutely vital. That is it will be three years before it is on an equal footing with the artillery of the Continent. If nobody hurts Great Britain meanwhile, the War Office will be gloriously vindicated.

The latest reorganization scheme is certainly a step in the right direction, in that it provides eight self-contained army districts for the

United Kingdom, the general in command in each district being left free to devote himself to purely military work, while it will not be necessary to refer every microscopic matter concerning braids or buttons to the central authorities in Pall Mall.

The Western Canada Immigration Association met in Winnipeg last week. Its purpose is to bring settlers into the Canadian west, preferably from the United States, and it includes American capitalists who have investments in Canada. A Winnipeg paper says that at the meeting were representatives from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and the Dakotas, in the United States, from the principal towns in the Territories and Manitoba and from Port Arthur. The association has for a year been carrying on a vigorous advertising campaign in the western states, with good results.

The address tomorrow evening in Berryman's Hall, by Inspector Carter on Modern Education, as it relates to St. John, should be heard by a large assembly of taxpayers. Mr. Kidner, who has an expert knowledge of manual training, will also speak. There has been considerable discussion of the question of manual training in the schools of St. John, and tomorrow evening's discussion should do much to clear the air. The meeting is under the auspices of the Fabian League.

Last night's meeting of the exhibition association foreshadows a change which may ultimately remove the fair buildings to a place where a race track will also be available. The lack of this attraction has been keenly felt at past exhibitions.

The Times ventures to predict that there will be some interesting hockey games in the province this winter, and to point out that in the interests of sport every effort should be made to promote good feeling among the rival teams.

The effort to collect funds from saloon keepers for indigent families whose head is reputed to be addicted to drink is novel but not promising. A public canvas of that kind, advertised in the press, could only arouse resentment.

Mr. R. L. Borden will continue to lead the opposition. In the meantime Hon. Mr. Foster will captain the opposition team for a few weeks.

By augmenting their service during the rush hours the street railway company have made a change that has long been needed.

Reciprocity may come, but there is no great eagerness in Canada for another meeting of the joint high commission.

REVOLUTION THREATENED.

Prince Troubetzkoy, president of the Moscow Zemstvo, Russian minister of the interior, defending the discussion of reforms by the Moscow Zemstvo, which called for the condemnation of the Czar. In the course of his letter, Prince Troubetzkoy says: "Russia is now in a state of anarchy. The revolutionary movement now proceeding, is not a simple disturbance, by the youth of the country, it is a movement which reflects the attitude of public opinion, and it is very dangerous, even terrible, not only for the people but for the Emperor. It is, therefore, the duty of every true Russian subject to do what he can to prevent the impending calamity. I recently had the happiness to see the Emperor and I reported to him, truly and in all sincerity, the present state of public opinion. I tried to explain to His Majesty that what is now proceeding, is not a simple emeute, but a revolution. The Russian nation is being dragged into a revolution which it does not want, and which may be prevented by the Emperor if he shows confidence in his people. It is my strong belief, that if the Emperor, will himself unite the nations forces around him he will relieve Russia from the terrors, of an impending bloody revolution. If he will do so the nation will support his autocratic power. Under existing conditions it is impossible to forbid the people, from expressing their opinion. It is impossible to keep silence when the country is in a dangerous position."

PROMINENT WOMAN DEAD.

New York, Jan. 11.—Alice Valentine-Burke Tichenor, widow of the late James Frederic Tichenor, former president of the British Columbia Copper Company, and mother of Lady Cunard, died early yesterday at her apartments in East 17th street, says the Herald. Her daughter, who has been her constant attendant during her long illness, was present and is now ill from grief and shock. Mrs. Tichenor was 60 years old and suffered from a gradual breaking down which a weak heart finally made fatal. Since her return from England where she spent last summer with her daughter, Mrs. Tichenor has been unable to leave her bed.

SAILING VESSELS

May Become a Factor in the Apple Carrying Trade.

THE SKODA'S TRIP.

Interesting Personal and Other News From Kings County, Nova Scotia.

Kings County, (N. S.), Jan. 9.—The barque Skoda, which sailed from Wolfville, in December, laden with apples, for the English market arrived at Liverpool last week after a voyage lasting about twenty-one days. Mr. Harris, who is in England, looking after the sale of the fruit, reports that the apples have arrived in excellent condition, as nearly as he could ascertain at the time, and though the cargo was unfortunate in arriving at a time when the market was somewhat full, yet he had no doubt that the sales would be good, and clear to the shippers something over one dollar per barrel. If Mr. Harris is right, as he probably is—it is probable that the sailing vessel will in the near future, take a prominent place as a method of conveyance for fruit to foreign markets.

Mr. Keefer, editor of the Ottawa Citizen, has been the guest of Mrs. Ross Chipman at Chipman Corner. His daughter, Miss Keefer, has been with Mrs. Chipman since December.

Thomas Fletcher, of the School for the Blind, Halifax, has been spending some time in Kentville, on Sunday evening he assisted the choir of the Baptist Church, and his clarionet solo. The Holy City, was greatly appreciated by his audience. On Monday evening Mr. Fletcher entertained the patients at the Sanitarium with some selections on the piano, and clarionet.

The engagement is announced of Miss Adeline Putnam, vice-principal of Acadia Seminary, to Clifton Hamm, of Boston. Miss Putnam is spending her vacation at her home in Newton.

A. E. Coldwell has been unanimously appointed town clerk at Wolfville, in the place of Frank A. Dixon, deceased. John J. Godfrey has been appointed presiding officer at the approaching election for Mayor and Councillor.

The marriage of Miss Bessie Mitchell, of Wolfville, and Norman Perry, Digby, took place last week. Rev. Mr. Higgins of Grand Pre' presiding. Mr. and Mrs. Perry will reside in Digby.

On Sunday, Jan. 1, a memorial service was held in St. John's church, Wolfville, in honor of the late Frank A. Dixon. The deceased was spoken of in deservedly high terms, his life and character, having been greatly admired and appreciated by the people among whom he moved.

Mrs. L. S. Gowe, of St. John, is visiting her father, D. R. Munro, Wolfville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Seelye of Yarmouth, have been guests of Mrs. Seelye's father C. E. Archibald, Wolfville. Mr. Seelye is the editor of the Yarmouth Light.

Morley D. Hemmeon of the Academy Staff, Truro, visited his father, Rev. Mr. Hemmeon, Wolfville, last week. Mr. Hemmeon has returned to duties in Truro.

W. Philip Bill, son of C. R. Bill, of Wolfville, has severed his partnership in the firm McLean and Bill Lunenburg, and has entered into partnership with Hon. F. A. Lawrence, M. P., Truro.

Dr. Trotter, spent Sunday at Nictaux and conducted the services of the Baptist church in that town.

Mr. Margeson of Kingsport who has recently passed his 81st birthday, spent his Christmas with his daughter Mrs. J. W. Dodge, Windsor. Mr. Margeson, claims that he has enjoyed the best of health not interrupted by a single day's illness for twenty-two years.

The death occurred this morning, Jan. 9, of Mrs. Clarence Borden, of Wolfville, formerly of Fredericton. Mrs. Borden has been in ill health for some years, and some months ago, went to the hospital in Halifax for treatment, after which her health seemed greatly to improve. The last illness was but one hour in duration.

Rev. Mr. Friggins, of Grand Pre' has received an unanimous call to the Methodist church at Lunenburg, his services to commence there after the meeting of the conference next June. Mr. Friggins has signified his willingness to accept the call, if the stationing committee give their consent.

Miss Francis Young of Chipman Corner, met with a painful accident on Saturday evening. When going up-stairs she slipped and fell, to the hall below, breaking her arm badly, just below the elbow.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 11.—The engine attached to a fast train on the Erie road blew up at Croton, O., today, killing it is reported, the engineer and fireman.

WORK RESUMED.

Baku, Caucasus, Jan. 11.—Work has been resumed at some of the naphtha wells at Balakhany and Romany.

THE HIGH JOINTERS.

Washington Hears That They May Meet in May.

AND THEY MAY NOT.

United States Steel Trust Wants to Sell Rails to G. T. P.—Mostly Guess Work.

Washington, Jan. 10.—While it was announced Monday that there would be no immediate action on the tariff, it was not given out why nothing can be done now.

It was hoped that there would be a meeting of the Joint High Commission to settle the trade treaty with Canada. This hope must be given up.

It can be said on the authority of one of the most prominent members of the commission, that there will be no meeting of the Joint High Commission, this season; the commission will never meet again, unless Sen. Fairbanks can make a definite offer on some specific items; there will be no trade treaty with Canada under the present government, unless some agreement is made on fish; it will take all of Laurier's tact and influence to induce Canadian parliament to accept any trade treaty with the United States.

The negotiations for another meeting of the joint high commission started, this time, with Sen. Fairbanks. He wrote to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's premier, on that effect.

Laurier replied, saying he was too busy with other matters to talk it over. The matter must be postponed.

Fairbanks wrote in December, again. Laurier was then in California, resting from all public business.

Later Laurier replied, offering to meet Fairbanks in Chicago. Fairbanks then found that he was too busy.

Fairbanks, in turn, suggested that the two meet, this winter. Boston was suggested as a possible place of meeting.

As the Canadian parliament is in session soon, there will be no chance for a consultation before May, at the earliest.

Even then there is no likelihood that the joint high commission will be called in session. The chances are now strongly against.

The very suggestion made by Fairbanks has drawn on the Canadian premier a great volume of protests from every part of the Dominion. With the memory of the Alaskan award, Canada wants no treaty with the United States.

Besides, the Canadian industries are clamoring for protection from the United States. Already an emergency law has been invoked against trade from this country.

The United States steel trust had planned to furnish steel rails to the new \$150,000,000 railroad, the Grand Trunk Pacific, to be built under government guarantee. This emergency law allows the Canadian government to raise the duties on steel high enough to give the home market to the Canadian mills.

An extra duty has been clapped on American rails. More will be put on, if necessary, but the American product will be kept out.

Sen. Fairbanks understands from the Canadians that the Joint High Commission will not be called to meet again, unless Fairbanks is ready to make a proposition that he can get the senate to adopt.

This proposition must do something for Canadian fish or the commission will not be asked to even consider Fairbanks' plan. This is Canada's "sine qua non."

As Fairbanks and Laurier are not likely even to meet before May, (that is, when both national legislatures have adjourned) the commissioner cannot meet before summer, even if Fairbanks will accept Laurier's terms.

Republicans at the conference agreed that if a tariff is to be considered, it is well to know what arrangement (if any) is to be made with Canada.

If no arrangement is likely, if Canada is going to enter on a trade war of exclusion of manufactures, Aldrich and Allison want to know that, too.

Frankly, the American senators say, Massachusetts will not want any reciprocity treaty that deals with Canadian fish on any terms. Therefore, Massachusetts does not want the only possible form of trade treaty with Canada.

When reference was made to the recent inaugural of Gov. Douglas, the Republican leaders said promptly that the new governor did not represent the tariff sentiment of his state. In any case, they added, even Gov. Douglas would not come out for any change in the fishery schedules.

A MINING DISASTER.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 11.—Four men have been instantly killed and two others injured at a shaft which is being sunk at Rockland by the Victoria Mining Company for an hydraulic power plant.

The dead—William Penrose, and two Austrians and one Finlander, names could not be learned.

The accident was due to the breaking of a cable while six men were coming to the surface in a skip at the noon hour.

TRUE BILL AGAINST AN ELECTION FAKIR.

London, Ont. Jan. 11.—(Special)—True bill was returned at the assizes yesterday against Martin Quinn charged with personating and perjury at the recent federal elections.

THE TIMES AIMS TO BECOME PAPER EAST OF MONTREAL.

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The board of management of the Seamen's Mission met last evening. S. L. Gorbell read his report for December, and among other particulars of his work he reports 300 visits to citizens, answered 150 telephone calls and received \$292 in subscriptions. The following will take charge of the social meetings during the winter: Stone church fourth Wednesday in each month; Miss Gillies, second Friday; R. M. Smith, every Tuesday; W. C. T. U. every Thursday and Mrs. D. McLean every Monday. During the month of December 300 vessels were visited, eight social entertainments held, and 450 letters mailed. Twelve sick seamen were visited and one given medicine.

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