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THINK IT OVER.

If the next St. John city council should prove to be less intelligent, less experienced and less able to deal with important civic problems and the general administration of civic affairs than the present council, the fault will lie entirely with the citizens. Think it over.

TO BUSINESS MEN.

As the time of the civic elections approaches the usual crop of candidates comes into view. Last year the citizens selected at random six men who had not been in the previous council, and they have now an opportunity to judge whether the council of 1904-5 has been any better than that of 1903-4. What has been the net result of the introduction of those six new men to the council chamber? Were they more intelligent, more capable, more energetic than their predecessors? Did they reform the council or its methods? If now the citizens choose at random a new council from an array of candidates who seek the honor, will the result be as satisfactory as if men of the highest ability were earnestly approached and prevailed upon to serve?

An assessment commission was recently appointed. It was insisted that men of recognized ability and fitness should be selected. Is there not greater reason for the selection of the best men to administer the affairs of the city? Leading business firms recently presented an appeal to Mayor White, urging him to remain in office another year. Is there not as great reason to urge that the board of works, the safety board, the water and sewerage board and the treasury board should be composed of clear headed and energetic business men?

The mayor has good ground for making it a condition of acceptance of the nomination offered him that the signers of the requisition bestir themselves to elect the best possible board of aldermen to aid him in his task.

There is no municipal league or good government club or organization of any kind to take the initiative in bringing out a ticket of strong candidates; but if the board of trade or a voluntary association of leading business men would take the subject in hand, select candidates, induce them to offer, and work for their election, the next city council might easily be the most capable and energetic the city has ever known. It does not follow that they would condemn every member of the present council, but they would certainly make a radical change in it.

Unless a better field of candidates appears than now seems likely, the choice before the voter will merely be one of personal preference, with the consciousness that business will go on in the same old way. Can the city afford it? Think it over.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

To no ruler of modern times has ever come so great an opportunity as that which Emperor Nicholas of Russia has rejected.

It is of course impossible to picture King Edward of England as ruler of Russia, but if we can imagine him in the position of the czar when the appeal of the people was made to the latter, we can see how great was the opportunity and how pitiful the failure. "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide." It came to Nicholas, and he permitted himself to be over-ruled by the bureaucracy and the traditions of absolutism that have been the curse of his country. He who might have been a heroic figure, standing out clear and strong for all time as the emancipator of his people, will live instead as the reactionary ruler who was asked by the people for bread and gave them a stone. He was not threatened by political revolution but urged to be the leader of his people in social and industrial reform. They did not approach him with curses, but with prayers. Their only weapon was that of earnest and righteous appeal for a betterment of their condition. Out of it would unquestionably have come a political revolution, but by peaceful methods, and for the good of the nation. To the western mind nothing could be more reasonable than the tone and matter of the appeal adopted only last week by the Zemstvo of Taurida. It was as follows:-

"Your decree of Dec. 25 held out to the nation hopes of internal peace in the future, which everywhere is dependent on the preservation and maintenance of the law and equal

rights of citizens, on freedom of conscience and religion, freedom of speech and the press, freedom of association and public meeting.

"We are strongly convinced that the fulfillment of your great intentions for their inviolability can only be assured by the participation of elected representatives of the whole nation in the legislative power. We sincerely believe that in the union of the power of the state with that of the people can be found the only pledge for the complete development of the productive forces of the country. If you summon representatives of the nation to take part in legislation, finance and administrative control, and fulfillment of the law and the intentions of your imperial majesty, you will make Russia powerful and invincible from within, and flourishing within her borders in the light of right and truth."

Contrast this with Gen. Treppoff's proclamation, issued by the emperor's order, and which declares that the recent trouble was the result of evil disposed persons using workmen as their tools. Continuing, it says:-

"The result of this criminal agitation has been breaches of the peace, involving the inevitable intervention of armed forces. These evil wishers have not been restrained even by the difficulties in which the fatherland is involved, in a time of trying war, whilst the workmen, their blind tools, have disregarded the fact that demands were being made in their name which had nothing in common with their needs; besides forgetting that the government always has shown and ever shows itself considerate of their needs and is now ready to listen attentively to their just desires and satisfy them wherever possible. To this end the government requires, above all, the restoration of order and the return of workmen to work, because in times of disturbance the government's well-intentioned efforts for satisfaction of the workmen's demands, however just, is out of the question."

The mockery of the assertion that the government has always shown itself considerate of their needs must sink deep into the hearts of the people. "During our whole lives" wrote the members of one of the Zemstvos, "we have been forced to observe silence in all our new ideas. The authorities see red spectres threatening to destroy the foundations of the state. For forty years we have said 'All is well.' We had been so accustomed to this course that to say otherwise would have been a political crime. This attitude on the part of the people debased to slavery has led Russia to a crisis through which she cannot safely be brought by palliatives or half measures. Russia is on the road to complete ruin and the fatherland is threatened with terrible danger, not alone by the foreign enemy with whom she is now struggling, but by an internal foe against whom the bureaucracy has so long been fighting with disastrous results. The danger lies in the prostration of the general development of the country, brought about by the bureaucracy. The development of Russia has been artificially arrested and all her institutions stricken unto death."

In the face of these facts, the czar resorts to the old methods. He might have become the leader of the people, whose patience would have accepted gladly a gradual amelioration of their condition. Even yet it is not too late, but the great opportunity is lost to him forever. Between it and him lies the red stain on the streets of St. Petersburg. But whether he will or no, reform is inevitable. Bureaucracy in Russia is no longer triumphant. A new spirit has arisen, and if not in the path of peaceful agitation then by the shedding of blood will come emancipation.

A St. Petersburg cable last night stated that Emperor Nicholas is under the influence of Grand Duke Sergius, the most reactionary of the bureaucrats, and that the latter practically dictates the policy of the government. The Associated Press is informed from a high source that Grand Duke Sergius more than M. Witte is responsible for the elimination from the imperial manifesto of Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's plan for an elected Zemstvoist's council of the empire. It is stated that Father Gopon has escaped to Sweden, but that many other liberal leaders have been arrested, and the policy of repression is actively continued.

The renewal of active operations near Mukden has resulted in further reverses for the Russian army. The condition of Gen. Kuropatkin would seem to be almost hopeless. While he may be able to avoid an immediate defeat, his chances of victory will be steadily growing smaller. Russia is in no position to send him reinforce-

ments and supplies at present, while the Japanese are able to increase continually their fighting force on his front and flanks.

SOCIALISM IN CANADA.

Movement to Unite Labor Interests Against Capital.

The Times has received the following with a request for publication:- "My referendum vote, closed on December 31, 1904, Fredericton (N. B.) Socialist League adopted the following platform, which is identical with those of British Columbia, Ontario, Manitoba and Nova Scotia Socialists, and has since been adopted as the platform of the newly organized 'Society Party of Canada,' whose headquarters is in Vancouver (B. C.). 'We affirm our allegiance to and support of the principles and programme of the international revolutionary working class.

"Labor produces all wealth and to labor it should justly belong. To the owner of the means of wealth production belongs the product of labor. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production; therefore all the products of labor belong to the capitalist. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave. 'So long as the capitalists remain in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the state will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

"The interest of the working classes lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working class property.

"The irremissible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power of government—the capitalist to hold; the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

"Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party, with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:-

"1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railways, etc.), into the collective property of the working class.

"2. Thorough and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.

"3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use in lieu of production for profit.

"The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make an answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct. Will this legislation advance the interest of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will, the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

"In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interest of the working class alone.

"The B. C., Manitoba and N. B. Socialist parties have already affiliated with the new 'Socialist Party of Canada,' and those of Ontario and Nova Scotia are about to do so."

UTILIZE WASTE.

One of the Secrets of Business Success Lies in Avoiding Waste.

"One of the great secrets of business success lies in avoiding waste," remarked a successful business man the other day. "In this single fact lies the principal reason for the great success of the Amours, the Swits, the Standard Oil Company, the American Sugar Refining Company and practically every other large and successful industry.

"Take the packing industry as an example. Nothing is allowed to go to waste. The buttons that you wear on your coat are made out of the blood of the cattle, hogs and sheep. Instead of allowing this blood to go to waste it is gathered up, congealed and manufactured into buttons. The hoofs of the cattle are manufactured into combs and brushes. Glue, vaseline and dozens of other by-products are manufactured out of the entrails and other portions of the animals that at one time were allowed to go to waste. At the present time these by-products furnish one of the principal sources of revenue to the beef-packing companies.

"Take as another illustration the Standard Oil Company. When this company was first organized the volume of waste in the business of refining oil was enormous. Crude oil was taken and refined, and the refuse was practically the only product. Everything else was allowed to go to waste. The Standard Oil Company, however, began taking this waste and manufacturing it into by-products. It will doubtless be a surprise to many to learn that the company today has no less than thirty-two by-products. The revenue derived from the sale of these is enormous. Yet previous to the organization of the Standard Oil Company practical-

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By all of these by-products went to waste.

"The railroad industry furnishes another illustration: The effort to economize in small items of expenditures and save waste is the main object in most of the enormous investments that the railroads have made during the last few years. The number of train miles run in 1900 was \$36,000,082. It is clear that a saving on each of these train miles, although amounting in itself to but a fraction of a cent, will aggregate an enormous sum when applied to the total number of train miles. For instance, suppose that the railroads of the country are able through improved operation to save the small sum of only two cents per train mile. This would be equivalent on the \$36,000,082 train miles run in 1900 to a total saving of over \$17,000,000. This is equivalent to annual dividend of 4 per cent. on \$625,000,000. It is easy to understand how the right man, who can bring about such a small saving in the cost of a train mile, can command a salary of more than \$100,000 a year."

SACKVILLE NEWS.

Ladies' College Has Big Attendance--Successful Faculty Concert--Death of W. A. Fawcett.

Sackville, Jan. 29.—The death occurred last Thursday, at New Albany, Indiana, of Wm. A. Fawcett, son of Guildford Fawcett of the Custom's Department Ottawa, and grandson of John Fawcett, of Upper Sackville. Deceased went to New Albany for the purpose of taking some examinations, but became ill with typhoid fever and died. He was about twenty-five years old.

The friends of Mr. Jonah of the High school staff, will regret to hear that he is ill with pneumonia. The number of students at the Ladies' College, will in a few days foot up to 143, eight more than ever before attended, and only six or seven short of the entire quota that can be accommodated in the college. Dr. Borden is negotiating with the Rev. Mr. de Soyres of St. John for a lecture at an early date, on Charles Dickens.

About thirty members of Amherst Division drove to Middle Sackville Wednesday night to pay a fraternal visit to the division of that town. The party found the sleighing bad, but the hospitality they received from their fellow members in Sackville amply compensated them for their trip.

The carnival, which was to have been held by the Citizens' Band last evening, has been postponed until some date next week which will be announced later.

Dr. O. J. Calkin, is confined to the house with measles.

The friends of Mrs. Frank Harrison, will be sorry to hear that she is ill with diphtheria.

Price Webber played the "Ocean Wall" last evening, in Music Hall, before a good audience.

The Faculty concert was held last evening in Beethoven Hall, before a large audience. The following programme was rendered:-

- Trio. Overture to Oberon. Weber.
- Organ, Miss Webb, violin, Dr. Archibald, piano, Mr. Wilson.
- Recitation and aria, "Farewell, Ye Mountains," Tschalkowski.
- Miss Benson.
- Piano Solo, Polonaise, Op. 53. Chopin.
- Reading The Shepherd Scene from Ben Hur. Lew Wallace.
- Trio. Nocturne. Field.
- Piano Solo (a) Impromptu in G flat, Op. 51. Chopin.
- (b) Isosceles (A Reverie), Ravini. (For the left hand alone.)
- Miss Booth.
- Recitation and Aria, from Merry Wives of Windsor, Nicolai.
- Miss Higley.
- Reading, (a) High Tide, Jean Ingelow (b) Sailing to Dreamland Anon. Miss Carver.
- Piano Solo, Rhapsodie Hon-groise, Liszt.
- Mr. Wilson.

STREET CAR ETIQUETTE.

(Detroit News.) On entering or leaving the cars always leave the door open. This aids in ventilating the car, pleases the passengers to a certain degree, indicates that you are accustomed to the attentions of a footman and keeps the conductor too busy to get into mischief.

When about to sit down on a gentleman's coat-tails, examine the contents of the pockets and remove glassware and fragile articles. If the gentleman objects to this procedure, pick up the coat-tails and swear him in the phiz with them in a ladylike manner.

When a strange lady enters do not disturb your comfort by squeezing up to make room for her. Continue to occupy two adult seats and let some man get up. If no man gets up, glare at them until they are aroused to a sense of your hypnotic power.

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