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THIS IS DISGRACEFUL.

Ald. Christie again defeated, in the city council yesterday, a motion to grant \$200 to the Salvation Army Travellers' Home. The only members who voted for the grant were Ald. Bullock, Maxwell, Lewis, Hamm, Macrae and Lewis.

Ald. Christie made a gratuitous personal attack upon Ald. Bullock, sneering at him as a philanthropist, and practically classed all unfortunate seeking shelter as loafers and thieves.

Ald. McGoldrick, to the surprise of those who know his kindly instincts, and with an utter disregard for the circumstances of the case, supported Ald. Christie and moved that the Old Ladies' Home, the Home for Incurables, the Protestant Orphan Asylum the Catholic Orphans as well as the Salvation Army receive \$200 each.

Not one of those other institutions has made any offer to do the work that is done by the Salvation Army shelter. The circumstances are exceptional. It is a necessary work. The council endorsed it last year by voting \$200 toward it, although no institution was then in existence to claim that sum. Clergymen and other leading citizens, including aldermen, have clearly pointed out the need of such a shelter. The Salvation Army have supplied it. They have done so at a loss to themselves. Ald. Christie expresses his appreciation by brutally telling them nobody asked them to do it. The Army had a perfect right to ask for some assistance, and the city had a perfect right to grant it. The city is discredited by such narrowness and such heartless expressions as have been heard from some of its representatives.

The taxpayers have an interest in this thing. They are paying the board of men in jail today who eagerly pleaded guilty to offences in order to get a roof to shelter them for a time.

There will probably be a special meeting of the council this month. The citizens should take some of the more reasonable of their representatives aside and whisper a word in their ear.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

In his inaugural address last week, Gov. Douglas of Massachusetts urged that wider powers be given cities and towns to extend municipal ownership. His remarks on this subject are worthy to be quoted in full. His honor said:-

I recommend legislation giving to cities and towns wider powers in the conduct of business which derives its profit from the necessities of the community. The powers already granted have proved the economy and wisdom of the conduct of such business by the community itself. Whatever doubts may exist as to the expediency of State or federal ownership of public utilities, the operation of such undertakings by towns and cities has now passed the experimental stage. It has been demonstrated by the experience of towns and cities in this Commonwealth, both with regard to water supply and public lighting, that under favorable conditions and proper management the business of gas, electric lighting and water supply can be conducted by municipal corporations, both in price and in service.

In many cases of privately owned public-service corporations the rates, fares and prices charged are too high. The public is entitled to reasonable charges for the services of these monopolies. It will be far more likely to obtain service at reasonable prices if it has the right to do business on its own account.

When a public-service corporation is giving good service at fair rates it is not likely to be disturbed. When its rates and prices are unreasonable, it should, in the interest of the public welfare, be disturbed.

It is not disputed that, as a rule, private corporations conduct their business more economically than do public corporations. It is, however, disputed that the public usually obtains the benefit of this economical management. In most cases, therefore, the publicly owned and operated water works, sewers, gas and electric lighting plants have given the public cheaper and better service than have the privately owned concerns. For these reasons, I ask the Legislature to give every reasonable facility to those municipalities which desire to conduct their own public-service utilities.

Appreciating the difficulties of obtaining good business management and economical production by municipalities, I urge you, when making laws for municipal ownership, to so frame them that the evils of political management, will, so far as possible be eliminated. With proper legislation it should be possible to obtain most of the benefits without any of the evils of privately owned and operated public-service corporations. It may be wise to permit private operation with public ownership.

If, when guarded by as careful and wise legislation as is possible, certain municipalities should fail in their attempt to give better and cheaper service to the public, it will be because the citizens of those municipalities do not insist upon having their municipal plants conducted in a business-like manner. The principle of municipal ownership is sound. In cases where unsatisfactory results are produced, the fault is usually, to be

found in a laxity of administration. I believe that every such franchise taken over by the public relieves the people from possible exaction, practiced for private profit. With the low rates at which municipalities can borrow, and the elimination of dividends, the rates must be inevitably lowered, and the people become alone responsible for the efficiency of the service.

At present the laws offer great obstacles to the assumption of such works by the municipalities.

A necessary change in the law is to provide that when a company offers its plant under the provisions of the statute, the municipality may enter into possession at once, thus removing the temptation of the company to delay the valuation for the sake of taking extra profits out of the business by letting the plant run down during litigation.

THE GOLD SUPPLY.

A Boston paper gives the following interesting statement with regard to the world's growing gold supply:-

Last year's gold production of the world, according to reliable estimates, reached the surprising total of \$350,000,000. In the next preceding year it was \$325,000,000, and the output last year would have been much larger but for the labor troubles in Colorado and the Transvaal. Everything points forward to a new record output of the yellow metal this year, and conservative financiers estimate the gold production of 1905 as likely to be not less than \$400,000,000. Taking out 25 per cent. of this as to be used in the arts and sciences, and there will remain an addition to the world's supply of money of about \$300,000,000, bringing the total addition to the monetary supply of the world since the opening of the twentieth century up to the surprising total of \$1,200,000,000.

There is a difference of opinion among financiers as to the ultimate result of large additions to the world's supply of money, but there is a general agreement that the immediate effect of inflation of this circulating medium is to give an impetus to all kinds of commercial enterprises. A large proportion of the new supply of gold goes into the reservoirs of reserves against credits, and becomes the basis of a new line of credits which are to be used in developing enterprises in all parts of the world. The United States should produce one-fifth of the world's supply of gold this year, and it should be able to retain a large part of this if not all for undertakings to be carried out by American enterprise. If the war in the Far East should cease this year, with practically every important nation except China upon a gold or gold-exchange basis, the monetary conditions this year should be regarded as not only exceptional in the history of the country, but unusually favorable for the immediate prosecution of business enterprises.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

The city council has appointed a good assessment commission. Messrs. Stavert, Estabrooks and McRobbie are active and successful men of affairs, whose work, if they undertake it, will be marked by thoroughness. Mr. McRobbie's former experience as chairman of the board of assessors will be of great value.

A Berlin despatch says:-"A number of representative German papers are discussing, with all seriousness, the proposition of Dr. Ida Hilsiker of Zurich, that women be called upon to serve the state one year, after the manner of the military service of men. The majority do not go so far as Dr. Hilsiker in demanding compulsory service, pointing out that the cost is prohibitive, but suggest that a year of voluntary service might have many advantages, especially educational and disciplinary. The state, it is argued, could utilize women in many hospitals and asylums, as public nurses and also train them in the household arts."

If Mayor White does not stand for re-election it is said that there may be a lively contest between Ald. Bullock, Hamm, and possibly another alderman for the mayoralty. The next council will present a number of new faces.

The city council is moving with great deliberation in the matter of securing the safety of public buildings in case of fire. It dealt with as many as one yesterday, and handed that one over to the mayor.

It would be unfortunate if local jealousies were permitted to interfere with the provision of the best possible West India steamship service at this port. Montreal is now in the count.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$39,325,420 for 1290 library buildings, of which 779 are in the United States. He is not yet through with giving.

It is reported that the primary department of Fairville has of late been very much overcrowded. As it was impossible to complete arrangements for further accommodation before the close of the holidays, the primary pupils had to be sent home last Monday, with instructions not to return until the following Monday.

WEDDINGS.

Kane--Livingston.

(Cambridge, Mass. Times, Dec. 6.)

Ethel Gordon-Livingston, daughter of James Livingston, editor and proprietor of the Times, was united in marriage Wednesday at 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart church, to William Francis Kane, Rev. Fr. P. J. Duncan officiating. Miss Lillian Livingston, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Charles Sherman was best man. The bride was handsomely and becomingly gowned in white Japanese silk, en train, with Valencia lace and veil. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid was gowned in light blue crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of American beauty roses. Following the ceremony at the church a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, 117 Otis St. for the relatives and immediate friends of the family. In the evening from 7 to 10, a largely attended reception was held, at which time many valuable and useful gifts were shown.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Kane left for a wedding trip to New York and other points, taking with them the best wishes of their hosts of friends. On their return they will live, for the present, at 117 Otis St.

James Livingston, the bride's father is a Kent county man and well known in St. John, which he occasionally visits in summer. He is a brother of the late John Livingston, the well known newspaper man.

HARCOURT NEWS.

Harcourt, Jan. 9.-The office of Harcourt Division, No. 438, S. of T, were installed on the 7th.

The advanced department of the superior school and the Mortimore primary department opened today. E. H. Stuart and Miss Agnes E. Perry in charge, respectively. Miss Minnie Buckley will open the Harcourt primary room tomorrow.

Miss Susie Atkinson of Mortimore went to her school in Manners-Sultan York county, today.

Miss Ethel Cail of Trout Brook; Bruce Buckenfield, late of Rothesay school; and Kieley Wathen, late teacher at Lakostream, are enrolled in the Superior school this term.

Miss Marion Wathen, editor of "Mother's Magazine," has gone to Moncton in the interests of her publication.

Rev. J. B. Champion went to Moncton today.

Last night Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, who has filled the Presbyterian pulpits very acceptably for three Sabbath, preached his last sermon for the present. He left today to resume his studies in Halifax.

Rev. Mr. Quinn will preach in the Presbyterian churches on this circuit on the 22nd inst.

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The general committee of Clan MacKenzie met last night at Wm. Cameron's store on Princess street, to complete arrangements for the one hundred and forty-sixth anniversary of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, to be held in the assembly rooms of the York Theatre on Wednesday the 25th. An interesting programme has been arranged which includes an oration on Burns by Rev. David Lang. The members intend that this will be a memorable social function. The sale of tickets will be limited.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph held at St. Malachi's hall last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, F. G. Condon; vice-president, J. Stanton; recording secretary, Joseph Mahony; financial secretary, Edward Moran; assistant financial secretary, Arthur Godsoe; treasurer, O. G. Coll; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Nichols; librarian, M. D. Sweeney, and committee of management, J. Barry, F. Murphy, and A. P. O'Rourke.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission Society held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, when plans were discussed for the coming year. Among other matters discussed was that of providing a piano for the institution. No definite action was taken in any matter as the annual meeting will be the first of next month, when a number of important questions relating to next year's work will be taken up.

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BOARD OF TRADE

Will Petition the Government For Open Tenders For the New West India Service.

At the joint meeting of the council of the board of trade and the subsidy committee yesterday afternoon the West India service was discussed. Pickford & Black's line came in for a good deal of criticism and some warm debate on the subject took place. It was finally decided to petition the government to call for open tenders for this service. After H. B. Schofield had called the meeting to order the secretary read a petition signed by fifty-two St. John merchants asking that, in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the West India service of Pickford & Black the government be petitioned to discontinue the service and to call for open tenders. The petition went on to say that the boats were old and too slow and the signers thought they ought to call at St. John as well as Halifax.

He also read a letter from Schofield & Co., in answer to an inquiry for information as to the terms of contract, etc., of the Pickford & Black line, in which it was stated that the amount of the subsidy was \$65,700 from the Dominion government and the like amount from the British government for the West India service and a further \$15,000 for the Jamaica service.

A copy of the telegram sent to the department and the reply was also read. In the reply the deputy minister stated that all the calls for tenders were issued, but that they had no copy to forward. Messrs. Thomson, however, had received a copy which was put upon the table. This called for steamers with a speed of 10 knots with other requirements which the Pickford & Black line possessed.

Considerable discussion ensued in which J. A. Likely, Samuel Schofield, Capt. E. C. Elkin, Percy W. Thomson, G. Fred Fisher, W. F. Hatheway and D. J. McLaughlin, took part.

A private meeting of the council will be held this afternoon.

OBITUARY.

Capt. James A. Hatfield.

Captain James A. Hatfield of Port Greville, the oldest sea captain of Parrsboro shore, passed away last week. He established a shipyard about sixteen years ago at his old home in Brookville about sixteen miles from Parrsboro, where he built several schooners that were employed in the plaster trade and other business. Three of these were commanded by his three sons, Captains Leander, Charles and Imbert, Captain Leander, who was afterwards in the West India and South American trade, died in the south. Captain Imbert had passed away before him. Captain Charles Hatfield now lives at Port Greville. The fourth son, Alfred, is a farmer and lives on the homestead. Some years ago deceased moved up the shore to Port Greville. His three surviving daughters are Mrs. Arthur McLaughlin, Mrs. Daniel McLaughlin and Mrs. Isaac Canning. Captain Hatfield was a man of remarkable firmness and strength of character, and had a high reputation for integrity. His hospitable home at Brookville was familiar to all who had frequent occasion to travel over the weary hills between Port Greville and Spencer's Island.

Mrs. Adeline A. Smith.

The death of Mrs. Adeline A. Smith, wife of D. W. Morseau, took place suddenly on Friday last, at her home Bridgetown. The funeral was held from her late residence, on Sunday. Interment was at Bridgetown cemetery.

Harry Godfrey.

A Vancouver despatch of Jan. 5, announces the death of Harry Godfrey, eldest son of Wm. Godfrey, manager of the Bank of British North America. Mr. Godfrey sr. is well known in St. John, having been connected with the branch here. His son was drowned in the Fraser River, while duck shooting.

Mrs. Robert Cairns.

Mrs. Robert Cairns, died at her home, Prince of Wales, Musquash, on the 7th inst. She was eighty-nine years of age and a native of county Cork. She was postmistress at Prince of Wales for twenty years. She leaves one son, W. E. Cairns, and five grandchildren to mourn the loss of a loving mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, widow of Robert Wilson, and daughter of Hon. Hugh Johnston, sr., died recently in Edinburgh. Hugh Johnston was an early settler in St. John. He was a successful merchant for forty years, and represented the city and county, in the general assembly of the province, for many years. Older

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At a meeting of the Women's Art Association held in their new studio in the McLaughlin building yesterday afternoon Miss M. Barry Smith delivered an interesting lecture on Art.

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