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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.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

If a city is to be progressive, much depends upon the men who compose the city council. They must be progressive men, men of ideas and action. It is in their power to encourage enterprise, to initiate reforms, to make the city a more desirable place of residence, and to attract attention to it in a way that would be to its advantage as a centre of industry and commerce.

Such a council, it is needless to say, must be composed of men who have no time to waste in wrangling over such trifles as the details of the administration of a department. As in their own private affairs, they will insist that the departments be properly organized, with efficient heads, upon whom must rest the responsibility for a proper administration, and who must do their work or give place to those who can and will do it.

There is no lack of such men in this city—men who have made a success of their own business, and have faith and confidence in the future of the city. The trouble is to get them to offer as candidates. They would agree much more willingly to do so if the city were divided into electoral districts. But whether that reform is accomplished or not, a determined effort should be made to elect men in whose ability and enterprising spirit all the citizens have full confidence. It is very easy to elect a council composed of men with no experience in civic affairs and no special desire other than to be elected. More labor is necessary to secure the best men, but it pays in the end.

THEY WANT RECIPROCITY.

Advocates of reciprocity with Canada, mustered before the Legislature's Committee on Federal Relations at the State House this morning in such numbers that, although the hearing began with unusual promptness, only a beginning had been made when the committee had to adjourn at one o'clock this afternoon. As a result the hearing was continued until tomorrow, when it is likely that the entire session will be devoted to arguments in favor of placing the Massachusetts sentiment for reciprocity before the Congress in the form of a resolution of the legislature. The subject came up as a hearing upon the recommendation contained in the inaugural address of Governor Douglas, but two reciprocity resolutions offered in the House by Boston representatives are before the committee. (Boston Transcript, Monday.)

According to the Transcript's report, the first speaker was Henry M. Whitney, who pointed out that Boston was inevitably losing the grain and cotton trade to Baltimore and Galveston, and that the growth of manufactures in the western states has limited the market for the product of Massachusetts factories. They must look, therefore, to the maritime provinces and the great northwest. The trade that goes to Montreal in summer should go to Boston in winter. Having this snuffed out St. John as a winter port, Mr. Whitney said: "When I was in Washington, I was in consultation with the President, and he told me that he was in hearty accord with us and that he would gladly see free trade with Canada and would do all in his power to assist us. "If we can obtain this freedom of trade, the future of the State and of Boston will be assured, but without this, if we are to be cut off from trade with people across the ocean and with Canada, the future is far from encouraging."

William E. Brigham, secretary of the New England Reciprocity League, said that "what is important is whether by our general attitude on trade relations, Canada is going to be invited to turn toward us or from us; whether we are going to allow Great Britain to make her a better business proposition than we do."

Mr. Herbert C. Hall, a commission merchant, said: "While we cannot make as good a trade with Canada as we could have done ten years ago, we can still secure free trade in the products of the soil, the mines, and the fisheries, and a reduction in duties on manufactured articles. No Massachusetts interest would be adversely affected."

It is believed that injury would be largely discounted by the facts. If American fishermen could get free bait, privileges and the shore fishing, there is no reason why they should land fish in Gloucester as cheaply as anyone. Our fishermen are not Americans. That has gone by. They are Nova Scotia men, and one reason why the Gloucester owners are afraid of reciprocity is that they fear they cannot longer get Nova Scotia men to man their vessels. With free fish we could control the West Indian and Brazilian trade. He spoke a good word for the Hay-Bond treaty, saying that reciprocity with Newfoundland would further reciprocity with Canada, and that Canada is working against it.

Eugene N. Foss is thus reported: "We should remove part of our duties whether Canada does or not. Our duties average double what hers do, and the first step is to bring our tariff down to hers. Today, with a balance of trade three to one in our favor and with a tariff twice as high as hers, we are in no position to go to her with a fair proposition for reciprocal trade. It is for us to take the initiative."

Mr. Foss urged that we are standing in our own light in keeping our duties on coal, iron, hides, lumber and wood-pulp. It is unfortunate that we have allowed factories to be built in Canada with our capital to take the Canadian market away from American mills. Speaking of the duty on wheat, he asked if we could afford to see the Minneapolis mills duplicated on the other side of the line while our own is idle or are hampered by our own short wheat crops. Manifestly no; but that is what has happened in other lines of industry. The need of reciprocal trade is not peculiar to New England. New England, however, would profit. If we had free trade with Canada in raw materials he believed we could have again in Massachusetts blast-furnaces and rail and plate mills. There would also be a great development of the Nova Scotia coast, with a correspondingly increased market for our manufactured product. Nova Scotia, he said, has no natural trade relations with Ontario or the western provinces, and what trade has been forced by tariffs has been profitless. It costs more than the value of the commodity to transport a ton of goods from Nova Scotia to Toronto or Hamilton, while it can be brought to Boston by water for 20 or 30 cents.

Advertising to the opposition arguments, he said that what Gloucester needs to grow great is fish and more fish—and the fish are in Canada. The farmers of this country will not be hurt by imports of hay; they already import twice what they export. Our imports of potatoes are nearly three times our exports. There are not enough raised to supply the home market. He wanted to see free trade in natural products and proper protection for manufactured articles.

Others argued along the same line one contending that Canadian competition would not hurt the Massachusetts farmer. "There would be no objection", said one, "to free trade should we peaceably acquire political possession of Canada; why should there be to her commercial conquest?" Another said "that it was not so much a question of increasing our Canadian trade as of preventing the loss of our English trade by inviting the formation of a British commercial federation"; while another declared "that grain and cotton were passing from Boston commercial calculations, and that for the future we must look to the north and northwest if we are to retain our commercial importance."

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY.

The incident relative to the hose for the Sand Point warehouses illustrates the happy-go-lucky methods of the aldermen. The same warehouses have furnished a number of such illustrations. On several occasions, roused suddenly to the need of action for the better protection of the property from fire, orders have been passed for new equipment, and weeks later it has been discovered that the orders had not been carried out. Whether it is a conflict of authority between boards, or failure of officials to obey instructions, the result is the same. City property is endangered and nobody appears to know where to place the responsibility.

A thoroughly practical city council would have work done promptly, even if it had to go the length of getting a new set of officials.

THAT WAREHOUSE.

Ever since the erection of the new warehouse on the McLeod wharf was fairly begun there have been rumors that the work was not wholly satisfactory. It was said that the foundation was not properly laid and that in the spring the building would settle. It was said later that the lumber used was not all of sufficiently good quality. The question was brought up at the board of works, and an attempt made to get a report from the inspector. This was voted down. Were the complaints groundless, or were the aldermen trying to shield an official? Yesterday the matter came up again and the charges were repeated. The inspector was not heard, and the question

went over for another month. What is the trouble? Are the aldermen afraid to hear a report from their own inspector? Is there a desire to shield somebody? If there is no truth in the charges made, prompt disproof would be in the interests of both the contractor and the city engineer. Ald Holder says he can prove what he charges. Who is to blame? The people ought to know whether the contract has been carried out as to material and workmanship. There is going to be trouble over that warehouse. The aldermen may as well face it now as later.

IN RUSSIA.

Last night's Associated Press summary of the situation in Russia said:—

There has been a partial suppression of disorder in Warsaw and traffic has been restored so far as to permit of the arrival of some supplies of food. Murderous attacks on individual soldiers, however, are reported to be more frequent. In other industrial centers, including Moscow and St. Petersburg, the strike is practically at an end. Grand Duke Vladimir in the course of an interview with The Associated Press intimated that the people of Russia would soon be given a measure of representative government, although he declared that anything like general suffrage was not to be considered. The committee of ministers discussing the proposed reforms, has published a report with the purpose of showing the people that the plans outlined in the imperial decree of December 26 are being carefully considered. An unconfirmed report is in circulation that it has been officially ascertained that the discharge of grape from a saluting gun during the ceremony of blessing of the waters on January 19, and which imperilled the lives of the emperor and members of his family, was a deliberate act of terrorists, their tool being a private soldier of the saluting battery.

It appears to be evident from the news received from the front that Gen. Kuropatkin cannot succeed in an aggressive campaign. How long can he remain on the defensive? In what condition will his troops, constantly harassed by a vigilant enemy receiving fresh reinforcements, come out of winter quarters? To what extent can Russia aid him by forwarding men and supplies? At this distance it would seem that the answer to these questions can hardly be reassuring.

Financiers are giving thoughtful attention just now to the possible effect of a drop in Russian securities upon the world's financial situation generally. There is a disposition to go slow for the moment, rather than to tie up large blocks of capital in new enterprises.

Large quantities of American produce continue to go forward by this route to Great Britain. If the port had to depend entirely on Canadian goods the steamships would carry much smaller cargoes.

With Portland harbor frozen, and schooners frozen in at other American ports, this open winter port will graciously accept congratulations and bouquets.

Seeing how much snow has been hauled away, and how much yet remains, the citizens are able to realize the remarkable extent of the recent blizzard.

Two months in which to finish the new ferry steamer. Also two months of the present wretched ferry service. And how much more?

Flour, sugar, molasses, dry goods, boots and shoes—is there anything else would like to advance in price?

Our snowbound friends in Halifax have our sympathy. We know how it is ourselves.

POLICE REPORTS

Officer Crawford was called into George Thomas' house in a yard off Brussels street to prevent a breach of the peace, while Walter Exell was getting his two children out of the house.

The police were called into Fred Lupee's house in Union alley to eject Alexander Diggs who was drunk and raising a disturbance there. A dog was killed by the electric cars on Mill street yesterday. The railway company was notified and had it removed.

The door of Union hall was found open and secured by the police last night.

The police found open and secured the door of James Bond's store last night.

A horse blanket found on Union street awaits an owner at the central police station.

MR. COSTIGAN'S BIRTHDAY.

Hon. John is Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of His Birth Today.

Hon. John Costigan, the veteran W. P. for Victoria and Madawaska is 70 years of age today, and is celebrating his birthday anniversary in Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Costigan was born on February 1, 1835 and is reputed to be the only member of the present House of Commons who has sat in that body continuously since Confederation—a period of over thirty-seven years, public career dates back to the New Brunswick legislature. Mr. Costigan has therefore been in political life forty-four years, and has never suffered a defeat. He was a member of the federal government from 1882 to 1896, holding successively the positions of minister of inland revenue, secretary of state and minister of marine and fisheries.

Mr. Costigan up to 1896 was a Conservative, but since that time has given his support to the Liberal government, and his name is prominently mentioned in connection with a senatorship.

Although a native of Quebec, he has resided in New Brunswick nearly all his life except when his duties demanded his presence at Ottawa, and he enjoys to a large degree the respect and esteem of the people of this province.

POLICE COURT.

Had a Double Jag—Alec Diggs Again in Limbo.

Frank McDermott started in last night to make a corner in the liquor market, and when found on Market street by Officer Semple, about 10:30 o'clock, was labored with the utmost difficulty under a heavy burden. Having laid in a large supply in bulk, he immediately proceeded to accumulate a quantity of choice case goods, and displayed considerable judgment in selecting his stock. Upon reaching the north end police station Officer Semple took an inventory of goods, with the following result:—One long neck of whiskey, straight Scotch; two flasks of brandy, one of whiskey and one of Highland Dew.

This enterprising speculator was in court this morning, and pleaded guilty. In reply to a question from the magistrate he said that he was an occupant of the jail in July last. He was fined \$4 or ten days, and paid his fine.

Alexander Diggs is again behind the bars. Alec started in to celebrate on Monday night, and would have been arrested then had it not been for the consideration of friends who carried him to his boarding house, from Union alley, where he lay in a helpless condition. Scarcely had he regained his mental equilibrium when he again sought solace in "blue gin."

He raised a disturbance in Lupee's house last night, and was ejected by the police, who later on arrested him on King street east.

He was fined \$4, or ten days hard labor.

Andrew Davis, a simple drunk, was fined \$4, or ten days.

OBITUARY.

John J. Dwyer.

John J. Dwyer passed away yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Dwyer had been confined to the house for three weeks. After suffering with erysipelas, pneumonia set in hastened the end. Mr. Dwyer was well known as the proprietor of a book store on Union street for many years. He was born and bred in this city and had a very wide circle of friends. Mr. Dwyer was in the 37th year of his age. He leaves a wife and three small children, two girls and a boy. The date of the funeral has not yet been announced.

James Green.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 1.—(Special)—James Green died at his home this morning as a result of paralysis, with which he was stricken ten days ago. Deceased was born at St. John fifty-two years ago, and has been connected with the N. B. S. R. R. since its construction. His genial disposition made him a general favorite with all citizens, who sympathize with his widow and eight children in the loss of an affectionate husband and father, as well as a sterling citizen.

ACTRESS MARRIED.

Lotta Linthicum Becomes the Wife of Prominent Montreal Business Man.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Herald says: Mrs. Lotta Linthicum Banks, a well known actress on the stage as Lotta Linthicum was married yesterday at her home in East 93rd St., to William Cantwell Strachan, a well known business man of Montreal and senior captain of "B" squadron of the Duke of Cornwall's Royal Canadian Hussars. Only members of the immediate families were present at the ceremony.

Miss Linthicum was for a season the leading lady in the Proctor Stock Company, Montreal. She is considered one of the most beautiful women on the stage.

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77 Charlotte St., near head of King South Side.

W. Tremaine Gard.

Goldsmith, Jeweler and Optician.

WEDDINGS.

Wilcox—Maxwell.

Miss Mary E. Maxwell and Martin B. Wilcox were married at the residence of the bride's father, Samuel Maxwell, 88 Ludlow street, W. E., last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Marr, and was witnessed by a large number of friends. Miss Ethel Shymist of Fairville, was bridesmaid and the groom was supported by W. R. Maxwell. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful white fur, and to the bridesmaid a ring with pearl settings. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox will reside in Ludlow street.

FUNERALS.

The remains of the late Mary Jane Sullivan were interred this afternoon in Fernhill cemetery. The funeral was held from the deceased's home, 15 Germain St., where Rev. Dr. Sprague officiated. The funeral of the late Joseph Kearney took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence 5 Marsh St., Rev. Mr. Hamilton conducted the burial service and interment took place in Fernhill cemetery.

Piles

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if it does not cure. 60c a box, at all dealers of EDWARDS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Tobique Valley Railway Co. will be held at the office of the president, James Knox, Walker's wharf, St. John, N. B., on THURSDAY the 14th day of FEBRUARY, A. D., 1905, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before the meeting. Dated January 18th, A. D., 1905. JAMES KNOX, President.

CLARENCE H. FERGUSON, Secretary.

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ANNUAL Furniture Sale!

Our February Furniture Sale will now occupy the attention of all people to whom thrift and economy are of any importance. We have so many opportunities for you that we can't tell you all in the papers. So pay an early visit this week. On our floors can be seen

Beautiful Parlor and Bedroom Suites, Sideboards, Buffets, Dining Chairs, Extension Tables, Fancy Rockers, Parlor Cabinets, Etc. Look below.

WHITE ENAMEL IRON BEDS. \$5.00 Iron Beds, with Brass Knobs, on sale at \$3.75. \$6.50 Iron Beds, on sale at \$4.85.

NEW BEDROOM SUITES. \$14.50 Bedroom Suites, three pieces, on sale at \$12.00. \$20.00 Bedroom Suites, on sale at \$16.50.

This beautiful Elm Sideboard, full size, 3 drawers, one lined for silverware, regular price \$18.50, on sale at \$15.00. \$66.00, Oak Sideboards, massive carvings, polish, on sale at \$53.00. \$45.00 Oak Sideboards, highly polished, huge carvings, etc., on sale at \$32.00. \$22.00 Kepple Oak Sideboards, polished, on sale at \$16.50.

EXTENSION TABLES. \$6.50 Extension Tables, on sale at \$5.45. \$7.50 Extension Tables, on sale at \$6.00. \$9.00 Extension Tables, on sale at \$7.25.

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