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ST. JOHN STAR. ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 15, 1905. CITY REPRESENTATION.

Abolition of the ward system in civic representation was demanded by the citizens and it is not yet shown that the change was amiss. Still it must be admitted that the creation of a larger constituency has not accomplished all that was expected by those who promoted it. Citizens who were merely local voters under the old system are now voters still. Aldermen who under the former plan were simply ward politicians would in existing conditions find some other way of using their position to secure local support. Patriotic electors will be so under any system and any alderman who is worthy of election will be an efficient member of the council whether he is elected by a majority of the whole city, or by a majority in a large district, or by a majority in the smallest wards.

At the same time it seems still true that the smaller the districts the less is the chance that they will elect men in whom all the citizens have confidence. It is also evident that good men may be kept out by prohibiting a ward from obtaining a representative who lives and transacts business beyond its own limits. This is an argument against the present system as well as against the old one. If a district system is to be adopted it is worth considering whether it would not be best to leave the districts free to obtain their representatives where they can find them, as constituencies do in electing federal and provincial legislators.

But we have not much hope that the establishment of smaller constituencies will cause the people to elect all the men who ought to be in the council and reject those who would be more useful outside. This is not a question of constituencies but of the wisdom of electors and the patriotism of those citizens of light and leading who are needed in municipal service. One could mention half a dozen business men who could render the city great service in the council. They would be easily elected by the wards where they live, and still more easily by the whole city.

Last year four ward aldermen were elected without opposition. The other nine were elected by majorities. All but two of these carried their own wards, and one of the two was only six votes behind in his home ward. Alderman Baxter was the only candidate who carried his own ward by a substantial majority and was not equally successful in the whole city. The experience has been the same in other elections.

If the people of St. John desire a stronger city government they know how to get it. Whether they vote by wards or by districts or as one constituency, they must find the men they want and persuade them to take up civic politics. Nothing is gained by general depreciation of the council and the city member of the house of commons had served an apprenticeship as alderman and mayor under the present system. We do not say that all the aldermen are of equal capacity. But if the council were a legislature and it was proposed to make it a stronger and more representative body those seeking to accomplish this would not confine themselves to wide criticism, but would make up their minds where the improvement ought to be. They would support the members who met their idea of the requirements and bring out other candidates in the place of those who did not reach their standard.

PRESIDENT AND SENATE. The limitations which the United States senate is imposing upon the power of the president and his cabinet in negotiations with foreign states are full of embarrassment. There is no doubt of the absolute constitutional power of the senate in the premises. It is written down in the fundamental law of the country that no treaty with a foreign country shall be made without the consent of the senate.

It is easy to understand why it was deemed necessary to impose this limitation on the power of the president, who in many ways is a more absolute ruler than the emperor of Germany or Russia, or the cabinet in a limited monarchy. But in practice the constitutional safeguard has greatly hampered the nation in its dealings with other powers. As dealings of this kind are in a remarkable degree tentative the statesmen representing the United States negotiating with representatives of other powers can give no assurance of finality in respect to any proposition. When an offer is submitted the other party it is done with the understanding that it may be repudiated by the power behind the negotiator. Foreign governments find it decidedly inconvenient to bargain on such a basis.

The statements who negotiate have no power to determine, while the senators who ratify or reject have not

been parties to the discussions, and cannot know all the elements which went to make up the agreement. They are like jurors pronouncing a verdict without hearing the evidence. It is, of course, not unusual under the system of responsible government to make a treaty with a foreign nation subject to ratification by parliament. For instance, a commercial treaty affecting Canada would be made subject to ratification which he should want of the Dominion. But in that case the government of Canada would first have accepted the measure. In fact it would have been a Canadian government measure. Canadian ministers responsible for the treaty would be part of the parliamentary body to be consulted. They would stake their word every appointment which he should make, and his cabinet would still be the administration of the United States. He and his ministers would not be responsible to the senate to defend their treaties. They are absolutely without responsibility to either legislative branch, and equally without influence in either chamber, except such as they may have in their capacity as party leaders or can personally exert over their friends. It is therefore the most natural thing in the world that the senate should destroy all the treaties that the president makes. The fact that both president and senate are republicans does not seem to bring them together in this matter.

The president went far in his convention with San Domingo, for he arranged that some of the provisions should go into effect before the matter could be ratified by the senate. The senate has not only rebuked that act of presumption, but has amended the Newfoundland treaty so that it is now impossible, and has practically brought to nothing all of the propositions for arbitration which the president was promoting. The situation is awkward. For the senate cannot negotiate, and the president, who has the power to negotiate, is without sufficient authority to justify him in making other nations to take his proposals seriously.—Sun.

WILL GET A TORONTO ENGINEER. HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the city council today the committee appointed to report on applications from hydraulic engineers to proposed survey of the city water works, recommended that Willis Chipman, of Toronto, be engaged to inspect the water supply system on condition that he will proceed with the work immediately.

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DEATHS. IRWIN—At 188 Paradise Row, this city, Tuesday, Feb. 14, James H. Irwin, in the 72nd year of his age, leaving a widow, seven daughters and two sons. Burial Thursday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence.

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An enjoyable concert was held in the school room of St. Mary's church last night, when the following programme was carried out: Selection, St. Mary's Band; songs, by Miss E. Godfrey, Miss Baird, Miss Hilda, Gealy, Rosa Bond, Harry Haines, Charles Caldwell, Mr. Ross; dialogue by Capt. B. R. Armstrong and Miss C. Robinson; dialogue by members of the Y. P. A.; burlesque by the Johnston Brothers.

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A BREEZY DISCUSSION On the Civic Election System at a Meeting on Breeze's Corner Last Night.

An interesting meeting was held last evening at Breeze's Corner to discuss the question of aldermanic representation. The discussion was breezy in the extreme, but no definite course of action was decided upon. The meeting was adjourned till next Tuesday evening when opportunity for further discussion will be given. All agreed that the work of the present council was unsatisfactory, but differed on the method of removing the present evils. A. M. Belding was elected to the chair and L. P. D. Tilley secretary. J. B. M. Baxter explained that what is needed are districts large enough to prevent one man getting control of a ward and small enough to enable the voter to know his man. Edward Sears said the old ward system is greatly preferable to the present. He agreed that the ward should be increased. Aligned are districts large enough to prevent one man getting control of a ward and small enough to enable the voter to know his man. J. W. Montgomery thought that "Ald. Lewis and his conferees are all right, but the trouble is they haven't got the brains." G. F. Fisher thought the method of representation should be changed. H. H. Pickett then moved the following resolution: Whereas in the opinion of this meeting the present system of civic election in this city is defective, in that it is not a popular choice of representatives without in any way making provision for such knowledge regarding candidates as is essential to an intelligent choice; therefore Resolved, that the Common Council of the city be memorialized, requesting them to promote legislation at the coming session of the legislature for the division of the city into electoral districts, so that the aldermen may be elected by divisions of the city instead of notings all the citizens, as at present; and further Resolved, that a petition to the same effect be prepared and forwarded to the legislature of the province. Speaking in support of the motion Mr. Pickett said it was not necessary to have the same number of aldermen from each division, if the proportions of population did not warrant such equality. J. B. M. Baxter seconded the resolution. W. L. Potts thought the present system the best. He criticized the present council and thought it was time for a change. L. P. D. Tilley favored the present system. J. King Kelley criticized Mr. Baxter's logic and moved the resolution lie on the table till next Tuesday night. Mr. Sears seconded the motion and it was carried. The meeting adjourned till next Tuesday night at eight o'clock.

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C. M. B. A. MATTERS. Basil Johnston, of St. Louis de Kent, is in the city on C. M. B. A. organization work. Mr. Johnston has recently been appointed an organizer, under the decision of a recent meeting of the grand council and he has already brought results from his work, though handicapped by the condition of the roads because of the storms. He has organized a branch of the association in St. Paul, Kent county, with 28 charter members, and has another in view in the same county while there are also prospects of others being organized soon in other parts of the province. There is talk of another branch in St. John—in the North End of the city—and Mr. Johnston yesterday took some steps toward bringing this about. He attended the weekly meeting of Branch 134 in the McLaughlin building last evening and was warmly welcomed by the members. He gave a capital address on the order and his work.

A swarm of bees took possession of a ventilator on the ship Diana of the British navy while she lay alongside the mole at Gibraltar. A clever seaman succeeded in getting the swarm transferred to an old soap box and sold the whole thing to a local bee raiser.

H. H. PICKETT MAY BE A CANDIDATE. H. H. Pickett was waited upon yesterday afternoon by J. B. McLean and William J. Parks, representing the voters of Victoria ward, who presented him with a requisition asking that he offer as a candidate in the coming civic election for Victoria ward. The requisition presented to Mr. Pickett was signed by the following: J. L. McAvity, John Hannah, J. J. Seely, W. A. C. Finley, J. B. McLean, G. Barnes, Josiah Fowler, Hugh Blair, A. L. Law, Edmund Riley, B. Fowler, H. R. Coleman, John Latimer, W. E. Staver, William Kerr, Miles E. Agar, William G. Lee, H. D. Clark, George H. Venning, James H. Venning, E. Alan Agar, Jas. Smith, Jr., John McManus, Allan D. Barbour, Joseph McManus, P. W. Monahan, Andrew I. McGarrity, I. C. Breen, E. T. Coleman, J. J. Whelby, George Davis, J. H. Kenney, James Stevenson, James Cooper, Cyrus F. Gould, James A. Cooper, John J. Driscoll, Ira E. B. Kestrand, Geo. Creary, William McLean, William Charlton, Charles Nevins, James B. Jones, Joseph Beville, William J. Parks, C. McNeill, Silas Alward, Herbert J. Smith, William Hazlehurst, F. B. Stephens, F. R. Barbour, Charles A. Clark, John Wood, G. Hevenor, Henry Nookes, J. W. Jamieson, Burpee Fowler, George B. Drake, P. Nugent, Wm. Williams, James McAllister, E. V. Wetmore, Frank E. Wetmore, D. Moore Manks, M. F. Manks, Thos. E. Dyer, I. W. Daley, J. N. Wetmore, George A. Dickson, John Hayes, A. F. Boyer, Robert R. Boyer, George A. Stevenson, D. Morrell, W. T. Frazee, and others. Mr. Pickett stated that he would take a day or two to consider the matter.

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FERRY COMMITTEE Decide to Prohibit Smoking in the Cabins and to Keep the Toll Houses Clean. Ferry matters were minutely discussed by the ferry committee yesterday afternoon. Repairs to the ferry boats were first dealt with. Engineer Parks, of the ferry at present in service, in response to questions, thought that repairs done by outside persons would be better and cheaper than erecting a committee to draw up rules and regulations for the guidance of ferry employes. It was also decided to clean the toll houses and a woman will be engaged to remove the filth. The boats are to be repaired and the superintendent was given power to go ahead with this work. The ferry building was not dealt with. The building is to be enlarged and improved and the different ways in which this could be done were discussed in detail. The city engineer was directed to prepare plans and make estimates. Smoking on the ferry boat was next considered. The committee to station Detective Killen on the ferry boat for the purpose of detecting and reporting persons smoking, and spitting was abandoned after a deliberation. It was decided to amend the by-law prohibiting smoking and spitting so as to make it more stringent. Adjournment.

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