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CIVIC HOUSECLEANING

An organized effort is to be made to clean up St. John. Probably no city in Canada is worse in need of a general scavenging than the Winter Port. There has been a board of health in existence for years, but the work it does is of the most prefatory character. An annual inspection in made but this is little better than a farce. No effort has ever been made by the board to compel the owners of tenement properties to make proper sanitary provisions, although they have ample power to do so. The back yard of a property in the centre of the city owned by the relatives of a member of the board, is in worse condition than any other property in that section of the city, and has been for years.

The object of the new movement, which had its origin in some of the smaller towns of the adjoining republic, is to secure the removal of all old and useless materials which make the back yards and sometimes the front yards, of a city or town unsightly. The movement also includes repainting wooden buildings and the keeping of them in repair. Window washing is encouraged and efforts are being made to induce all to plant flowers in boxes or pots and to tend them during the growing season, the object being to have a neat and attractive town.

The movement is an educational one and deserving of the support of all classes. Civic pride helps the development of a city more than any one other thing and certainly a city with well kept lawns and back yards destitute of rubbish are a wonderful improvement on dirty streets, uncut lawns and gardens overgrown with weeds.

NO COMPETITION

The attempt to deceive the people of the St. John valley into the belief that Mr. Hazen intends to give them a competitive railroad is sublimely ridiculous. The alternative scheme which he passed through the House and the plain upon which he proposes to construct the road makes no provision whatever for a transcontinental connection. It only provides for a local road, which could not give competitive rates even if it wanted to. The Opposition sought to compel a transcontinental connection, but the resolution was voted down by the government majority. Every member of the House on the government side voted against this resolution with the exception of Dr. Landry and Dr. Bourque, who found it convenient to make tracks for home before the vote was taken. The government has no intention of constructing a competitive road to the C. P. R. in the St. John valley and if such a road is constructed it will be against the wishes of the adjunct to the C. P. R. now doing business in the departmental building in this city.

The organs of the provincial government quote the St. John Globe whenever it compliments the Hazen government. The St. John Globe is quite as much in the pay of the Hazen administration as any other sheet supporting the government. The price is not large, but it is growing. Last year \$500 was paid for one job of printing and this year the auditor general's report was issued from the Globe office. The Globe is an opponent of the Hazen administration and swallows the pap it gets without even a gurgle.

The Gleaner has not yet explained its vicious attack on Mr. Slipp. It is true that Mr. Slipp failed to vote with the government when they needed every vote at their command, but in this respect Mr. Slipp is in no different position from Dr. Landry and Dr. Bourque, who skirted the Valles Railway vote by leaving for home before the third reading of the bill took place. Why does The Gleaner grant exemption to the faithful from Kent County?

The immigration policy of the government of Nova Scotia is bringing results. It was announced the other day that 300 immigrants, who were bringing \$200,000, were on their way to the province. It is to be regretted

ed that similar success has not followed the immigration policy of the New Brunswick government. New Brunswick has better opportunities to offer immigrants who have either brains or money or both than Nova Scotia, but they do not seem to be coming our way as yet.

MONTCALM'S GRANDSON HELD ON LARCENY CHARGE

New York, March 29.—Paul De Montcalm, a great great grandson of Marquis De Montcalm, the hero of Quebec, and the last of the line of De Montcalms, was today arraigned in Adams street police court, Brooklyn, on a charge of grand larceny. He entered a plea of not guilty, although he had previously admitted to the police that he had stolen a silk shawl and a pair of opera glasses from Miss Elizabeth Christianson, of No. 107 South Portland avenue, and told where he had pawned the articles. Magistrate Naumer held him in \$1000 bail.

The prisoner is 26 years old and has made a great deal of capital out of his illustrious ancestry. During the tri-centennial celebration at Quebec in the summer of 1908 Montcalm was a guest of honor there and was showered with attentions.

He worked as a stenographer and lived at No. 589 Eleventh street, Brooklyn. His salary was not large and he found it hard to keep up appearances and pay his board bills. Within the last few months he has pawned many heirlooms left by his ancestors, including a silver vase that was the property of General Montcalm. On this vase he secured a dollar.

"I don't know why I did it," said the young man. "When I got out of the house where I was on a visit I had the stuff under my overcoat. I wanted to take it back but I was ashamed, so I pawned it."

JIM BARRY WON FROM JACK BURNS

San Francisco, March 30.—After fighting nineteen vicious and bloody rounds and apparently gaining a slight lead over his opponent, Jack Burns of Salinas, Cal., lost the contest in the twentieth and final round to Jim Barry of Chicago last night. Burns took the count four times in this round and was saved from a knockout by the bell.

TOM JOHNSON IS NOW IN ENGLAND

London, March 30.—Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland and who arrived in Fishguard on steamer Mauretania yesterday, is stopping with friends in Regent Park. Johnson is visiting Europe with the hope of improving his health which has recently been poor.

PERSONAL

Mr. F. L. Wallace, of Calais, is in the city.

Miss Peck, of Hillsboro, is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. W. B. Bishop, of Montreal, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. H. E. C. Sturdee, of St. John, is at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. R. King and wife, of Woodstock, are at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Skillen, of Woodstock, are in the city.

Councillor W. H. Dean, of Musquash, is in the city.

Mr. George W. Upham, M. P. P., of Woodstock, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayden, of Woodstock, are at the Barker House.

Col. J. D. B. F. McKenzie, A. D. C. of Chatham, is a guest at the Queen.

Miss Fannie Smith and Miss Ethel Bull, of Woodstock, are at the Queen.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer and Miss L. H. Grimmer, of St. Stephen, are at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. MacLean, of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. Walter Stone, of Woodstock, is in the city to attend the governor's ball.

Mrs. C. J. Osman and Mrs. Peck, of Hillsboro, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tweedie of Chatham, are guests at the Queen today.

Mr. S. J. Moore, of Truro, N. S., government seed inspector, is a guest at the Queen.

Capt. J. J. Bull, of Woodstock, is here to attend the ball at the Parliament Buildings this evening.

Lt. Col. Humphrey and Lt. Col. Armstrong arrived from St. John last night. They are at the Queen.

Misses McCluskey, Theriault, and Hanebry returned to Grand Falls this morning after spending Easter with W. P. Hanebry of St. Mary's.

Hon. C. J. and Mrs. Osman, of Hillsboro, are here to attend the governor's ball and are guests at the Queen.

Archibald Foster, C. E., and son returned last evening from a visit to Kingston, N. S., and are at the Queen.

Mr. S. Dow Simmons left last evening for California, and will return shortly with Mrs. Simmons, who has been spending the winter there.

DISCUSSING PROVINCIAL RIGHTS AT OTTAWA

Representatives of the Provinces Meet with Those of the Dominion and Talk about Joint Stock Incorporation.

Ottawa, March 29.—The conference of representatives of the federal and provincial governments which met in Ottawa today at the call of the federal government to discuss the question of the relative jurisdiction of the provinces and of the federal parliament, respectively, in reference to the incorporation of companies and the rights of companies so incorporated, terminated this afternoon without coming to any definite conclusion.

The representatives of the provinces adhered to the view that the British North America Act should be amended in the direction of giving legislative sanction to the jurisdiction claimed and exercised by the provinces during recent years in the matter of incorporated companies authorized to do an extra provincial business.

As against this view the Dominion representatives proposed that, as in all other matters involving a constitutional issue, the points in dispute should be referred in the shape of a stated case to the supreme court, and, if necessary, carried to the privy council in order to obtain an authoritative judicial interpretation of the British North America act on this point that will be binding on all parties for all time.

The provincial representatives passed a formal resolution declaring that there should be no case referred to the courts.

The conference closed without a decision being reached.

The Dominion was represented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and Hon. Chas. Murphy, with Thomas Mulvey, under secretary of state, as adviser.

The provinces were represented as follows:

Ontario—Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary; Edmund Bailey, K. C., of the attorney general's department, and C. H. Ritchie, K. C., as legal adviser.

Quebec—Hon. L. A. Taschereau, minister of public works; Hon. P. S. G. MacKenzie, provincial treasurer, and Chas. Lanctot, K. C., deputy attorney general.

New Brunswick—Hon. J. D. Hazen, attorney general, and Hon. H. F. McLeod, solicitor general.

Manitoba—Hon. C. H. Campbell, attorney general, and Hon. J. H. Howden, provincial secretary.

Saskatchewan—Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, attorney general.

The provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Alberta and British Columbia are not represented.

ONTARIO LOSES THOUSANDS BY WOLF BOUNTY FRAUDS

Toronto, March 29.—J. E. Rogers, of the Ontario provincial police, who has been investigating frauds at Fort Frances in connection with wolf bounties, says he has found evidence of a gigantic conspiracy extending throughout the Rainy River and Thunder Bay districts.

During the past year it is estimated that the Ontario government paid out \$6,000 in bounties on wolves that were not killed in that province. According to affidavits, in the hands of Rogers, two Jewish merchants of Winnipeg, Benj. Livinston and Moses Finklestein, one a justice of the peace and the other an ex-alderman, loaned the skins of coyotes and brush wolves to the men operating at Fort Frances for half a dollar or two dollars a skin. The operators persuaded the settlers and Indians to make affidavit that they had killed the wolves and the bounty was then paid. The Winnipeg men have been committed for trial.

NORTH SHORE GUIDES AFTER GRIMMER'S SCALP

Chatham, N. B., March 29.—The annual meeting of the North Shore Guides' Association was held at Newcastle this afternoon. The provincial government was severely criticized because of the fact that all the guides sent from this province to the Sportsmen's Chow at New York were chosen from the New Brunswick Guides' Association, while the North Shore Association was entirely ignored.

Most of the members of the New Brunswick Association live in York county and the grant of \$600 provided for the purpose of sending guides and the show was given to them, in spite of the fact that some North Shore guides wrote to members of the government protesting against this course.

A resolution was passed protesting against the course taken by the government. A copy will be forwarded to the surveyor general.

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