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ALWAYS ENDS IN TALK.

There is always a great deal of talk about civic reform and improving the complexion of the city council of Fredericton just before successive civic elections, but that is about all it amounts to.

Even now gossips are making up slates for mayor and aldermen, but there is no substantial public sentiment behind the talk, and no concerted effort to give it effect. The names of prominent citizens are being handed about as those of probable candidates without their consent, and the prospect is that when the election arrives there will be the usual meagre crowd willing to serve at the council board.

This is unfortunate, yet it is true, and there will be no change for the better until the great mass of the ratepayers take an interest in civic affairs.

From among the number of candidates who are said to be actually in the field at the present moment, there is not sufficient ability and knowledge of civic affairs to properly represent two, let alone the five wards of the city, and pity 'tis, 'tis true.

Yet the position of alderman is an honorable and responsible one. Busy men however apparently shrink from taking an active part in civic politics, and it is left to others whose private affairs do not absorb a great deal of their time, and who are unfitted for the position they seem to take pride in occupying.

Until there is a healthy revival of public interest in civic management, there will be no reform movement and no reform council, however much they may be made to appear on paper.

The Imperial parliament opened Tuesday with rather a lively debate in the commons, where a vote of non-confidence in the ministry was moved today by Mr. Asquith on the fiscal question. It is thought the government is safe for the session, at least. The address passed the Lords after Foreign Secretary Lansdowne explained the foreign relations.

Sir Wilfrid's candidate has been elected in Wright, by a majority of less than two hundred, which is a large falling off from twelve hundred a few months ago, and nine hundred in 1900.—Sun. (The Tory organ should be honest enough to explain that there were two Liberal candidates in the field against one Tory who ran as an independent.)

Nova Scotia has a fully organized and equipped agricultural college located at Truro. The formal opening took place Tuesday and was attended by Premier Murray and other members of the government and legislature.

Mr. Devlin, the straight Liberal candidate in the federal bye election in Wright County, Quebec, is elected by 142 majority, so that Tory jubilation over alleged success of that party's candidate was premature.

The latest news from Quebec is that Premier Parent will hold on until the legislature meets March 2. The test vote will come when the government makes a motion for the election of the speaker.

Mr. Carvell, the popular young Liberal M. P. for Carleton, made his first speech in the House of Commons, Tuesday, and created an excellent impression.

BITS OF NEWS.

W. W. Hubbard, the well known agriculturist, has removed from St. John and taken up his residence at Ottawa.

Friends of ex-Premier Ross of Ontario, will present him with a cash

testimonial of \$30,000 before his departure for the Bahamas shortly.

The large hall now being erected by the Roman Catholics at Johnville Carleton County, will be finished, with the exception of painting, in a few weeks. The building will cost three thousand dollars.

The potato market in Houlton last week was at the lowest figure in the history of the tubers for many years. The price paid was from 60 to 65 cents per barrel, with hebrons at 55. The dealers are unable to make any statement of probable prices in the future as it is all guess-work.

J. J. Rogers, Northampton, Carleton County, recently cut a log and took it to Woodstock market that totalled 182 feet. There were 13 pieces of 14 ft. each. Three pieces had a diameter of 12 in. each and the other ten were 40, 22, 17, 15, 7, 15, 9, 14, 13 and 8 in. respectively. Authorities claim it was a large log to be grown in this country.

J. R. Galorath and C. N. Mitchell two delegates from Westminster Presbyterian congregation, Winnipeg, have been at Sydney, N. S. to interview Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of St. Andrew's church, with a view of inducing him to reconsider his declination of a call extended to him last summer by Westminster church, and it is generally understood that he will accept.

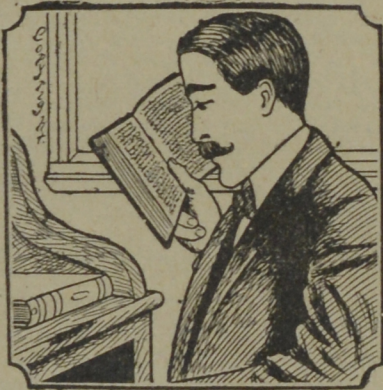
A dwelling house at Parrsboro, N. S., owned and occupied by David Thompson, was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. Mr. Thompson was away from home, and his wife and two small children were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Thompson was awakened by the smoke, and she and her children escaped in their night clothes. Everything in the house except the furniture of two rooms was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$1,500, and the property was insured for \$800.

The eastern part of Westmorland county is experiencing the worst snow blockade within the last thirty years. Country roads are practically impassable and business is badly affected. The N. B. and P. E. I. railway is tied up and will not open for several days. The train returned from Cape Tormentine to Sackville Saturday morning, and has not made a trip since, although about fifty men have been busily engaged shovelling and engines and snow ploughs have been at work.

A despatch from Reading, Pa., says: Mrs. Kate Edwards, is more composed that at any time in two weeks and it is believed that she is nerving herself for her execution on Thursday. Mrs. Edwards and Greason will be executed at the same time. Greason is almost dumbfounded. Mrs. Edwards has requested that three hymns be sung at her funeral, the first is "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," the second, "Rock of Ages," and the services will be closed with "Nearer My God to Thee."

Sign of the Gambler.

When you see a man excessively shined up, new overcoat, new hat, trousers painfully creased, shoes that reflect images of the surroundings; when you see him enter a car, throw the tail of his coat up his back before dropping into a seat, stretch out his legs, jerk up his trousers and begin to clean his nails, it is safe to bet \$1,000, 000 he is a successful gambler.



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