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RATHER SILLY TACTICS

The value placed by the Times upon the labor vote in St. John may be judged by the following:—"The Sun states that Mr. James Rourke, ex-M. P. P., will be a labor candidate for a seat in the legislature. Mr. Rourke has been out of politics for some years. If he runs as a labor candidate he is likely to be out some time longer."

The above appeared in the St. John Star last evening. In its small and humble way the Star thus attempts to discredit and arouse prejudice against the Times. What the Times said had no relation whatever to its estimate of "the value of the labor vote in St. John." The labor vote has not nominated Mr. Rourke, and if he nominates himself, as the Sun intimated, he will have no more claim on the labor vote than other candidates, who will also have party support.

POWER FROM RUBBISH

The New York Post tells of a very interesting municipal experiment which is about to be tried in that city. We quote:

"It is a lighting plant which the city has been constructing on Delancey street, under the Williamsburgh bridge approach, which is now almost completed and nearly equipped. With the lighting station the city has built an incinerator. The fuel used in this will be the vast quantities of waste paper and other rubbish gathered annually by the Street Cleaning Department. The power developed by the incinerator will be used to generate electricity in the lighting plant. Comissioner Woodbury is now testing the incinerator before its formal opening. The electric light plant will have a capacity of about 400-horsepower, and will light the entire Williamsburgh bridge. It is probable that a surplus can be used in case of necessity for lighting the eight schoolhouses which the city has built at various places under the long bridge approach. The plant is being equipped with duplicate machinery. If one set gives out or must be cleaned, the alternate one can be used. Th cost of the electric light plant and the incinerator has been about $100,000."

It is explained that the bridge in question has been lighted by a company, and that the city will purchase and utilize its wiring and other fixtures. Perhaps the most interesting fact in connection with this venture is that rubbish which must be destroyed in any case is made to produce power for the benefit of the municipality.

AN IMPORTANT WORK

It is a remarkably strong commmission that has been selected by the National Civic Federation of the United States to study municipal ownership at home and abroad, and submit a full report. That report will be a most valuable contribution to general knowledge on this very important subject, which is commanding more and more attention in all countries.

The chairman of the commission is Melville E. Ingalls of Cincinnati, president of the board of directors of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. The other officers are: First vice-president, John Mitchell of Indianapolis, president of the United Mine Workers; second vice-president, John G. Agar of New York city, president of the Reform Club; secretary, Edward A. Moffat of New York city, editor of the Bricklayer and Mason. With these are associated members of the Federation from New York, Chicago, Boston, Washington, New Haven, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Madison, Omaha, St. Louis, and several other cities. In accepting the presidency, Mr. Ingalls said:—

"A tremendous pressure for municipal ownership is abroad, and it is our duty to the public to give them all the facts we can get together. You read both sides in the public press, one showing that it is a success, while the other records a failure. What is good for one country is not good for another. The great fault we are liable to fall into is to try to do too much. We want to supply gas plants, electric lighting plants, and especially water plants. I consider this investigation a public duty and if we put the facts before the American public we shall give them a history of today, and we shall do a greater work for our country than ever performed by any statesman."

The commission will first study municipal ownership in the United States and will not pursue its enquiry in Europe until next year. The subject will be approached with a desire to learn what is to be said on both sides.

DR. DOUGLAS HYDE

Dr. Douglas Hyde, sometime professor in the University of New Brunswick, is now at the head of the movement to restore the Irish language to the schools of Ireland, and will shortly tour the United States, delivering addresses on that subject. Dr. Hyde is known in Gaelic as "An Chraoibhin Aoibhin." A copy of The Gaelic American, published in New York, and "devoted to the cause of Irish Independence, Irish Literature and the Interests of the Irish Race," has reached the Times office, and this issue gives up a great deal of space to Dr. Hyde. We quote:—

"The preparations for a monster reception to Douglas Hyde in New York and the launching of a tour through the United States are now well advanced. A reception committee fully representative of every element of the Irish population of New York has been formed, and Thomas Concannon, the chief organizer of the Gaelic League in Ireland, has arrived to take charge of the arrangements for Dr. Hyde's American tour. An Chraoibhin Aoibhin himself will arrive here on November 15, and will remain until March. Everything points to the greatest success that has ever attended the coming of any Irishman on any mission whatever to the United States."

It is stated that clergymen, supreme court justices, lawyers, business men, Gaelic Leaguers and representatives of societies are joining to make the reception of Dr. Hyde at least equal to that given to Charles Stewart Parnell. Dr. Hyde is described as "the leader of Irish Ireland." For a few days after his arrival he will be the guest of President Roosevelt, and will also visit Harvard University before taking the public platform. As there are about 275,000 Irishmen in New York, it may be taken for granted that the reception in that city will be a great demonstration.

The Gaelic American gives a full report of the speeches of Dr. Hyde and Mr. John Dillon, at a meeting held in the Round Room of the Rotunda in Dublin on Sept. 22nd, with overflow meetings in the neighboring streets, at which the British government was denounced in the most fiery language for the withdrawal of the grant for teaching Irish in the national schools. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the action of the educational board, and calling upon local school boards and teachers to devote themselves more earnestly than ever "to the teaching of the national language." The Gaelic American says it was "the greatest public meeting Dublin has seen for half a century."

It will thus be seen that Dr. Hyde has fared forth upon a somewhat turbulent sea, and become the central figure of an agitation which will be supported in the United States largely on sentimental grounds, but also because it is against the British government. It is not unnatural that the people of Ireland should cling to their own tongue, any more than that the French of Quebec do so, but to the outsider it would seem that ultimately the language which is the language of commerce alike in the British Empire and the United States, must prevail. Dr. Hyde is an enthusiast, and is perhaps deceived into accepting as devotion to the Irish language much that is merely antagonism to England. For the information of those who would like to learn more about the man and his work we quote the following biographical sketch from Who's Who:—

"Hyde, Douglas (known in Ireland as 'An Chraoibhin Aoibhin'), historian, poet, and folk-lorist; youngest son of Rev. Arthur Hyde, Frenchpark, County Roscommon. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, B. A. (with first Senior Moderatorship and gold medal) 1884; LL. D., 1887. Interim professor Mod. Lang. University of New Brunswick, 1891; president of Irish National Lit. Society, 1894-5; president of Gaelic League since 1895; president of the Irish Texts Society; Examiner in Celtic in the Royal University of Ireland; assistant editor of the New Irish Library, 1897. Publications: Leabhar Sgeuluigheachta, 1897; Beside the Fire, 1890; Cois na teineadh, 1891; Love Songs of Connacht, 1894; Three Sorrows of Story-Telling, 1895; Story of Early Irish Literature, 1897; An Sgeuluidhe Gaodhalach, cuid i., 1898; cuid ii., 1899; cuid iii., 1901 (French translation, 1901; A Literary History of Ireland, 1899; Medieval Tales from the Irish, being Vol. I. of Irish Texts Society, 1899; Ubhla den Chraoibh (a volume of poems in Irish), 1900; Casadh an tsugain, a play in Irish, produced in the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, October, 1901; Tri Sgealta, edited for Oireachtas Committee, 1902."

The state of Maine is prosperous. Its valuation has increased about $5,000,000 in the past year. Hon. George Pottle, a member of the state board of assessors, says: "After going over the state pretty thoroughly we find it in a very prosperous condition. With the exception of the apple crop, which will be about one-half, I don't think I can recall a year when the state has been so prosperous as it is this year. Labor is well employed and there has been a general activity in manufacturing interests which has provided work for everybody."

Says the Winnipeg Free Press: "The finest crop of a decade has been saved uninjured, and it will bring an immense amount of money into the west. If that money is used for the liquidation of existing obligations, the west will be put in a position of great financial strength, and prosperity will abound throughout the land."

President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers does not anticipate a coal strike. He said last week: "As far as I can judge, after having been in the anthracite field for some time, everything will work out harmoniously in the end. I can see no reason why there should be a general coal strike next spring."

An apologist for the big insurance grafters says: "In life insurance as in every other business in America, there are large rewards for great and successful work." But in some very notable instances the large rewards have resulted from successful relationship.

The citizens should take an active interest in the meeting of the Teachers' Institute in this city on Thursday and Friday of this week. The meetings are open to the public, and the discussions will prove very interesting and valuable.

There will be no carnival this fall. Perhaps the citizens will take more interest in a celebration next year.

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DEATH OF A JOURNALIST

James Livingston of the Cambridge Times, and Formerly of St. John.

C. H. Ramsey received a telegram this morning announcing the death in Cambridg, Mass., of his brother-in-law, James Livingston, publisher of the Cambridge Times.

Many old friends in St. John and other parts of the province will hear the news with regret. Mr. Livingston went to Boston some twenty years ago. He was engaged in newspaper work in this city for a time, on the Watchman and Telegraph, and also on the Sun, when it was founded by his brother, the late John Livingston, so well known in connection with St. John journalism. James Livingston made many friends here, and was married to Miss Mary Ramsey, sister of C. H. Ramsey. He was a cousin of John Rusk, of the I. C. R. freight department. He was born at Shediac.

Besides his brother John, there were other brothers, David, Gordon, of Kent county, and William, the last named being his twin brother. William also went to the United States.

Mr. Livingston leaves, besides his wife, four daughters, two of whom are married. One daughter was with him in the office of the Cambridge Times. He had prospered in Cambridge, and occasionally revisited this province, the last time about three years ago. Hardly any of his old time associates in newspaper work in St. John are now in the city.

C. H. Ramsey and his son Charles will leave tonight for Cambridge to attend the funeral.

PURCHASE OF THE MIDLAND

Reported That the D. A. R. Paid $1,250,000 for the Road.

TRURO, N.S., Oct. 9—The purchase by and transfer to the D.A.R. of the Midland Railway is looked on in Truro with favor, in so much as it promises at no distant date a through first-class train from Yarmouth to Sydney with sleeper and diner, and making the run in about fifteen hours; and there are now bright prospects of the proposed road from Truro to Brule, for which the subsidies have been voted, being built as an extension of the D.A.R. to Northumberland Straits establishing a thorough direct route to P. E. Island. The taking over of the road makes no change in passenger rates excepting an increase of one quarter cent per mile for commercial travellers, and the doing away of the cheap rates for clergymen. The freight tariff of the D.A.R. applied to the new acquisition causes an advance on small and short distance freights, but gives a lower figure on through freights and long-hauls. The road for the time being will be operated as usual, and the present staff, officials an dofficers will be maintained. A change in the time table will take effect Oct. 16th. The price paid for the road, it is quite accurately stated, was $1,250,000; not a quarter of a million, as was erroneously stated by some despatches. The Midland shareholders will receive payment in the bonds of the D.A.R., which it will be necessary for them to sell in order to get their cash.

The estate of the late Alfred Putnam of Maitland was heavily interested in the Midland, and was a factor in the sale.

The Provincial Normal school opened here this week with an attendance of 125. Dr. Soloan, the principal, is being congratulated on all sides on the honor conferred on him by St. Francis Xavier College in presenting him with an L.L.D. The faculty is as last year. There is an improvement in that a much larger proportion than usual of the students are in the first class rank and the third class is much smaller.

THE BLACKHALL CASE

Oct. 10, 1905.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—On Saturday Robert Blackhall was arrested on the charge of discharging a revolver in one of the streets of the city of Saint John, thereby wounding a passerby. On being arraigned before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning the accused was represented by Mr. E. S. Ritchie, son of the magistrate. The crown was not represented.

The evidence adduced fully supported the charge, but nevertheless the magistrate allowed Blackhall to go free under suspended sentence.

Now is the police magistrate's action in this matter not prejudicial to the interests of justice? Here is a man who violates no less than three sections of the criminal code, but who succeeds in escapting punishment. Had Blackhall merely been drunk he would have been compelled to pay eight dollars or go to gaol for ten days. In this case Blackhall was shown to have been drunk; he was not even fined for that offence.

This precedent may be a very profitable one for certain of the legal fraternity, but it would seem a most unfortunate one from a public standpoint.

The case raises the question as to propriety of the magistrate's son appearing before him in matters of this kind, in which he is exercising an arbitrary jurisdiction. In cases in which law and fact both arise it is proper enough, but when it becomes a matter of discretion would it not be better if the magistrate's son did not appear in the case?

These cases are not like ordinary lawsuits, where there is a lawyer on the other side.

Yours truly,
OBSERVER.

A NEW PAPER

It is announced that a new paper, devoted to transportation, travel and hotel interests, will appear shortly under the title of the "Canadian Traveller and Hotel News." The moving spirit in the new enterprise is E. Geoffrey Stairs, formerly of Halifax (N.S.), and for the past year engaged in journalism in Montreal. Mr. Stairs has received much encouragement in the new venture from the various lines of trade interested at his headquarters in the St. Lawrence Hall, and expects to be able to produce the first issue next month.—Montreal Witness.

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