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FOR NEW INDUSTRIES

The effort about to be made to secure new industries for St. John gives special interest to the following letter from Fort William, Ontario, which has already shown itself a progressive community in regard to the question of municipal ownership:—

"The new role which Fort William is expected to play as a manufacturing centre for the west is being taken seriously, not only by the citizens themselves, but by outsiders also. Never a week passes without some communication being received by the town regarding industries, and several of these seem to be assured to the town. Among these are a big plant for making wagons and all kinds of vehicles, a cast iron pipe foundry, a nail plant, a large iron works for the manufacture of bar and rod iron, and rolling mill for rails, and a brewery. The sentiment that the whole community is interested in building up a manufacturing centre at the head of the lakes is permeating municipal politics, and will play an important part in the coming elections.

"It is not improbable that Mayor Rutledge will again be a candidate and the feeling that this is a critical period in the town's history is making a number of the best and most influential citizens bestir themselves, and the result will probably be the election of one of the strongest and most progressive councils which has ever had control of the affairs of Fort William.

"The Board of Trade, an independent and active body of men, is co-operating with the council and has a committee appointed which has sole charge of the task of securing industries."

The example of Fort William may well be followed in St. John, both in the effort to secure new industries and in getting influential business men to bestir themselves in civic politics.

BUSINESS MEN WANTED

Ald. Ames of Montreal has given the citizens some advice. He tells them that if they want good government they must have a mayor and aldermen who are practical business men. The Star quotes him as follows:—

"If the new city council of 1906 is to be a success and conduct the city's affairs in a business-like way, a majority of council ought to be composed of business men. In the year 1900 the reform party got the conducting of civic affairs in the city. This was achieved after a long and bitter fight. The aim of the reform party was to put business men in the city council to control the city's affairs. The history of past years has been one that proved it was necessary to give a purely business administration to the city.

"In the year 1900, when the reform administration came into power, the idea was to give the administration of the city with its six millions of revenue into the hands of men who would conduct the city's affairs on the strict lines that they administer their own business. That the venture was a good one is proved by the way the reform party has succeeded in cutting down the interest charges, and, in brief, has managed to give the city a civic administration that has resulted in a great betterment of civic conditions."

Alderman Ames was himself one of the reformers. Evidences are not wanting that the next civic campaign in Montreal will see in the field candidates who do not answer the requirements set down by Ald. Ames, whether as mayor or aldermen. His word of counsel is therefore timely. By the way, what is being done in St. John in preparation for the next civic campaign?

DARE MAN INVESTIGATE?

A city minister is reported to have said in a sermon last evening:—

"If we preachers would only stop echoing what we have picked up in Newton, McMaster, and Chicago, and proclaim what God has revealed in His word, it would be better both for ourselves and our people. What professor so and so may think or say in reference to certain matters of vital importance counts for nothing, if what he says is out of joint with what God has revealed in His word."

If this not a plea against an educated ministry it must be at least regarded as a plea that the student who attends a university must go there determined not to investigate, but to seek only such information as will support one view of the most tremendous problem that has ever presented itself to the mind of man. Those who do not accept the view expressed in the words above quoted are not less sincere, not less eager to learn that which is vital and true. They are not attempting to "rob" anybody, but to follow that which to them is the truth, wherever it may lead. They know as well as others that that which is not true will come to naught. The theological colleges of today are turning out very few, if any, men who hold exactly the same metaphysical views as were held half a century ago. There is no reason to believe that this is all wrong. There never was a time when the life of Jesus was held up as an example to men with such earnestness and fervor as now. There was more of metaphysics and less of Christianity in the churches of the past than there is in the churches of today. Truth has nothing to fear from investigation, nor is it now generally believed that the salvation of the race depends absolutely upon ancient interpretation.

DR. RAYMOND'S BOOK

The history of the St. John river, which has just been issued in book form, will be welcomed and highly valued by all who take an interest in the story of the past. Beginning with a very interesting chapter on the Indians who were the original inhabitants of this territory, Dr. Raymond tells of the coming of the white man, and from thoroughly reliable sources gathers and presents the story of the French and English who figured in the history of the St. John river from the time of Champlain until the coming of the Loyalists, with whom the concluding chapter deals. There is so much that is of stirring interest in this record of two centuries that this volume of 370 pages holds the reader's attention with a singular charm. Dr. Raymond quotes extensively from original records, and has constructed his narrative in so skilful a manner that the reader gets a clear conception of the various important personages who figure in it, as well as of the conditions under which their stormy lives were spent.

Whoever reads this history will have a new and delightful interest in the river which today is praised for its beauty, and which in the past was the battleground of representatives of contending races and of rival adventurers of the same race, in times when men slept on their arms, in almost constant expectation of the approach of enemies.

Dr. Raymond has brought the events of these years before us in a very attractive book, which all will value, and which teachers and students especially will find to be a mine of helpful information.

BRITISH CABINET

The new British cabinet is a strong one, especially if its members are agreed as to the general policy to be pursued with regard to Home Rule, the unemployed, and the question of education. A glance at the list printed today shows men for the most part of world-wide reputation, of whom a number have held office in previous Liberal administrations, and some of whom have had valuable experience in the colonies. One has been Governor-General of Canada, and two others Governors-General of India. There are great land-owners in this cabinet, as well as John Burns the labor representative and Mr. Lloyd-George, the Radical. There are men like Morley, Bryce and Haldane, whose fame as scholars is thus far greater than their fame in politics. Lord Rosebery is overlooked, but his son-in-law, the Earl of Crewe, is a member of the cabinet. Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Asquith are, perhaps, the men in whom the greatest interest is centred. They are young, able and aggressive, and will have to bear the brunt of the attacks of their opponents. Of the new Colonial Secretary, Lord Elgin, it may be said that he was a successful Governor-General of India, and that he comes of a line of able men in the colonial and diplomatic service.

Next to the announcement of the new cabinet, interest has been centred on the speech of Mr. Balfour, who on Saturday announced that he would continue to lead his party, and that the Liberals would not be permitted to shelve the question of Home Rule during the election campaign. He made no reference to Mr. Chamberlain or his fiscal policy, which appears to be somewhat significant.

There will now be an eager desire to learn what Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Rosebery have to say on the general situation.

In the storm of yesterday, Winter made up for any previous neglect of opportunity in this latitude. The snow is welcome. Christmas trade will be all the more brisk because of it, and even the small amount of work for men and teams on the streets and sidewalks will help to provide Christmas cheer for some who might otherwise find time heavy on their hands.

The Canadian meteorological service justifies its existence very frequently. The severe coast storm of yesterday was anticipated as early as Friday, and the signals were hoisted in ample time to warn the mariners who were about to leave port.

China has learned the value of the boycott, and proposes to get better treatment from the United States or do less trading with that country. China is waking up since Japan proved her ability to take care of herself.

The many methods proposed by the water board of St. John to lower Lake Latimer fifteen feet appear to have had the effect of raising it five feet. As a commentary on civic methods this is certainly suggestive, if not typical.

The alderman who last summer in a fatal moment of confidence boasted that the papers would soon have to stop poking fun at the ferry service did not reckon with the Ludlow.

Another highway robbery on the streets of the city has occurred. The St. John police force should be strengthened during the winter season.

Today's news, both from European and Asiatic Russia is of the most ominous nature. The government faces a most critical situation.

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SHEFFIELD, Dec. 9—The many friends of Mrs. John Upton, of Lakeville Corner, will be glad to hear she is able to be around again after her severe illness.

John Rush, of Margerville, was in Sheffield this week.

Fred McGowan (surveyor), of Fredericton, is visiting relatives at Lakeville and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Venning, of Upper Sheffield, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbert, of Gilbert's Island, on Thursday.

William Barker and Abram Bridges were at Newcastle Friday.

Clarence Yeamens, of Minto, was registered at the Vandine Hotel on Saturday.

Mr. Davis has returned from a business trip to Belleisle.

A. P. Barnhill, K. C., returned on Saturday from New York.

SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Dec. 8.—Mrs. C. P. Harris and Miss Harris, of Moncton, were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen of Port Elgin, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son.

Miss Nella Churchill, of Lockeport, N. S., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Enos Churchill.

Miss Jennie Allen, of Bayfield, left yesterday for New Mexico, where she will spend the winter for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. Clive Mosher of Plaster Rock, Victoria county, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Siddall.

Miss Jennie Fawcett will spend the winter in St. John, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Walter Wells.

Hon. W. P. Jones returned to his home in Woodstock on Saturday.

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THE DEITY OF JESUS

Rev. David Hutchinson's Sermon in Main Street Baptist Church Last Evening.

Rev. David Hutchinson preached last evening on the Deity of Jesus, basing his discourse on St. Matthew xvi, 16:—"Whom say ye that I am? Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

After introducing his subject the preacher said that today, as of old, there were various opinions regarding the person of Jesus. He is to some only a man; whilst to others, as to Peter, He is the Divine Son of God. It is by no means a new thing to have the personality of Jesus called into question. All students of church history are aware that the Arian and Socinian controversies centre about the personality of Jesus.

"If," said the preacher, "we preachers would only stop echoing what we have picked up in Newton, McMaster, and Chicago, and proclaim what God has revealed in His word, it would be better both for ourselves and our people. What professor so and so may think or say in reference to certain matters of vital importance counts for nothing, if what he says is out of joint with what God has revealed in His word. All that you and I know concerning Jesus we have learned from the New Testament. What, then, does the New Testament teach in reference to Jesus? That he was a man? Yes. Is that all it teaches concerning Him? No. It teaches just as emphatically that He is God. By that we mean that He is truly God, and like the Father, is worthy of love, worship and service. You ask me, as you have a right to do, to produce the evidence upon which my faith in the deity of Jesus is founded."

The speaker pointed to the pre-existence of Christ as a striking evidence, and referred to the fact that He had told the Jews that Abraham had rejoiced to see His day. The Jews, who thought of Him only as man, made the same mistake as people are making today. Jesus when he said, "Before Abraham was, I am" was not speaking of Himself as man; as man he was hundreds of years after Abraham. As God he was an eternity before him. All through His ministry on earth Jesus referred to his pre-existence to those to whom He talked. He said: "Ye are from beneath, but I am from above." How could that have been if He had not existed prior to His birth into the world?

After enlarging upon this the preacher said I am forced by the fact of His pre-existence to believe that Jesus was not man, but God.

He cited as another evidence of His deity that the Scriptures unhesitatingly called Him God. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." What language could be more clear or definite than that? That the term logos or word referred to Jesus is manifest from where we are told that the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. The preacher said that in the light of that statement he would as soon deny that two and two made four as that Jesus was not God. In the 1st Epistle of John the writer speaking of Jesus, says, "This is the true God and eternal life." How could John dare make that statement if Jesus was less than God?

Then again Jesus Himself had claimed equality with God; and performed works that should satisfy any unprejudiced mind that He was what He claimed to be.

Another evidence of the Deity of Christ could be found in that only an infinite God could perform miracles such as ascribed to Jesus. The preacher referred to the creation, the forgiveness of sins, the saving of souls from death and hell, and the last judgment. Thomas, after putting his finger into the print of the nails exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" Was Thomas wrong in thus honoring Jesus? If it was wrong for Thomas to thus address Jesus, it was just as wrong for Jesus to allow Himself to be thus addressed. But, no; Thomas was quite correct in calling Him his Lord and his God.

You ask me why? Because the words Lord and God correctly expressed what Jesus was, as to His divine personality. The preacher said that every time he administered the ordinance of baptism he recognized the deity of Jesus. He baptized the candidate not only in the name of the Father, but in the name of Jesus the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Mr. Hutchinson offered many other evidences in support of the Deity of Christ and concluded by saying that like St. Peter he was constrained to exclaim, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God," or like Thomas, he was prepared to say, "My Lord and my God."

FIRST TOUCH OF WINTER

Yesterday's Snow Storm Was the First of the Season--Five Inches of Snow Fell.

Yesterday's snow storm ushered in the winter of 1905 in good old fashioned style. The snow commenced to fall shortly after daylight, and continued until about five o'clock in the afternoon. About five inches of snow fell.

The velocity of the wind was from 36 to 40 miles an hour, and consequently there was much drifting, in many places the street being bare, while the sidewalks were piled high with the "beautiful."

The street railway people experienced considerable trouble in keeping the tracks clear, owing to the drifting, and for some time the cars were blocked, but the sweepers and plows did good work, and in the afternoon and evening the service was resumed.

Teamsters were kept busy last night and this morning in getting their sleds out and putting wagons away, and the appearance of the city today is "real wintry."

The storm of yesterday was first noted in the Toronto bulletin last Friday. At that time the disturbance was said to be in the Gulf of Mexico and was expected to arrive in the maritime provinces yesterday. It certainly was on time at all events. Mr. Hutchinson, director of the local bureau, said that from the direction of the wind yesterday it was evident the centre of disturbance was south of the Nova Scotia coast.

Compared with last December the present month to date has been a warm one. On December 10th, 1904, the thermometer stood just four degrees below the zero mark. The lowest mark for December so far this year has been seven above. The first sleighing in 1904 was on December 18 and 19, and the snow stayed till spring.

Miss Alice Rowan, daughter of A. M. Rowan, is suffering from an injury to her anke caused by her foot slipping through the planking of the sidewalk on Manawagonish road. On Saturday evening about 6 o'clock Miss Rowan, accompanied by the Misses Hatheway, was on her way home when the accident occurred. Her left foot in slipping through the sidewalk became wedged so securely that assistance had to be obtained to pry up the planks before the injured limb could be released. The ankle was badly scraped and inflamed and Dr. Macfarland, of Fairville, was called in to give the necessary attention. It will be some days before the young lady will be out again.

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