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RESPONSIBILITY AND MEN

The argument against civic ownership of public utilities, which is based on the assertion that as a rule the best men do not go into city and county councils, is very well met by the Toronto World, which claims that greater responsibility, with the certainty that bad management would increase taxation, would bring into the councils more capable and public spirited business men. The World says:—

"The experience of the nations and cities which have most largely adopted the principle of public ownership has demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that greater powers and responsibilities invariably raise the standard of representative bodies. Town and city councils are just what the electors make them. When the citizens know that the efficient management of the utilities and services on which not only their comfort and convenience but their business success depend is so important a matter, is in their own hands, they can themselves apply the only effectual remedy for the corruption which has caused them so much loss and hardship in the past. That the vast majority of the citizens in the urban communities of Canada and the United States detect the conduct which has made civic conditions in the western continent a byword and reproach scarcely needs argument. Time and again they have risen in support of a man strong enough and courageous enough to put up a winning fight for purity and efficiency, and these spasmodic efforts only need to become a settled and purposeful habit to insure a complete reformation of municipal government."

"It is the universal testimony of all qualified and impartial observers that the rise and progress of public ownership in Britain has been almost invariably coincident with a keener interest in local affairs and increased recognition of the duty of public service and a rise in the status of the councils and their members. Talking on this point, the acting Lord Mayor of Birmingham, England, stated that the mere initiation of a policy of municipal ownership in that city had the result of bringing into the council a desirable class of men, who were interested in seeing that the municipal enterprises were properly conducted. This testimony is that of a public man who was not personally in favor of the adoption of municipal operation of public franchises and who still fears that as time passes, public-spirited business men who have the commercial training necessary to fit them for the management of great industrial enterprises may drop out of sight. Judging, however, from the history of municipal ownership in cities with greater experience than Birmingham this result is not a probable one. Far from any deterioration having taken place in the calibre of the councils of these cities, they have improved in personnel and never stood higher in the estimation of the citizens."

THE COST OF LIVING

A Washington despatch says: "Prices of fuel, clothing and practically all food products are constantly increasing, according to a bulletin just issued by the Bureau of Labor, covering the period from 1890 to 1904. In the early nineties prices were very high, but in the last four years they have been steadily increasing, until now they are relatively higher than in 1892, just before the memorable financial and commercial depression. The period of lowest prices was from 1894 to 1897. The average increase in 1904 in the wholesale price of farm products over the average for the years 1890 to 1899 is 26.2 per cent. Of fifty-two articles included under the head of food it is shown that in 1904 the prices of all but fourteen articles were higher than the average prices from 1890 to 1899. Seventy articles under the head of cloth and clothing show that the average price for 1904 was 9.8 per cent. higher than the average from 1890 to 1899. The table on fuel and lighting places the average 1890 price at 32.6 per cent. higher than the 1890 to 1899 price."

The Home Market Club of Boston has prepared a reply to the statement of the Chamber of Commerce committee of one hundred, which was in favor of reciprocity with Canada. The "answer" says the Boston Transcript, states that the assertion from the Chamber of Commerce committee that the commercial situation threatens our industries has no foundation in fact; that there is a settled determination in Canada not to have reciprocity with the United States; that the reciprocity petition which had 60,000 Republican signatures last year is commonly spoken of as a "fake"; that a demand for free raw materials and certain manufactures is equivalent to a demand for free trade; that the tariff is a national affair and a community which makes unfair demands invites reprisals.

National supervision of insurance company affairs is declared by some American papers to be necessary, in view of the revelations in regard to the Equitable. The Pittsburgh Gazette declares that the Hendricks report proves that "regular expert inspection, full publicity and restriction of the powers of insurance managers are the necessary adjuncts to honest administration and reduction in the cost of insurance to policy holders."

The pastor of the Christian church at Bonner Springs, in Kansas, wants the people to attend church, and as Kansas weather has nothing in common with the St. John kind, he has issued this invitation: "Sunday evening's sermon will be especially to young men. Leave your coats at home and come to the church Sunday night. The music will be good,

and the sermon short and to the point. Don't be afraid to come in your shirt-sleeves if it is hot." The Kansas brother deserves a full house.

Winnipeg people are kicking about a directory company census which only credits the city with a population of 78,376. They say it is not a complete enumeration, and that there are at least 80,000 people in the city. Inasmuch as the population was only 42,000 four years ago, the wrath of the town should not go the length of destroying the unhappy enumerators of the present year. Down east we think ourselves lucky if we make any gains at all.

The Haverhill Gazette states an obvious truth that is too little regarded when it denounces the maudlin sympathy for Mrs. Rogers, the murderess, and says: "A little of it given expression in honest effort to keep some of her sisters and brothers in the world outside of prison bars from following in her footsteps would be more sensible and acceptable."

The Massachusetts Supreme Court, says an exchange, has declared that contracts made between unions and employers providing for the monopoly of employment for the members of the union are illegal, a workingman who was discharged because he would not join the union being given a verdict of \$1,800.

A St. Petersburg newspaper charges Great Britain with encouraging a conflict between Germany and France over the Moroccan question. Great Britain is not responsible for the restless ambition of the emperor of Germany, any more than for the fatuous obstinacy of the emperor of Russia.

It is not correct to say that St. John is asking the government to spend money in dredging here. The Dominion of Canada requires that its great winter port should be put in condition to handle all the traffic offered. The work is for Canada, not for St. John alone.

Yale University has been enriched recently by two millions of dollars, of which John D. Rockefeller gave one million. If the latter amount is spent in teaching young men not to try to become John D. Rockefellers, the gift may serve a useful purpose.

The council of the board of trade will this afternoon consider the question of dredging for the proposed railway berths. The board of trade and city council should join in a strong memorial to the government.

The Russian government has discovered another enemy within the gates. The sensational and bloody mutiny at Odessa adds a new argument to the already formidable list in favor of reform in that distracted country.

The town of Guelph has decided to spend \$55,000 for the extension of its municipal gas system.

ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS, June 28.—His Lordship Bishop Worrell conducted service in St. Luke's Anglican church on Sunday evening and confirmed about twenty candidates. After the ceremony, he spoke briefly, giving round, practical advice to the newly confirmed.

Rev. Mr. Fraser of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday afternoon, while returning from Round Hill, and was unable to conduct services in his church here in the evening.

Herbert Marshall of Clarence, the man of unsound mind, who disappeared from his home last week, and who it was feared had destroyed himself, has since been found near the mountain, not far from his home, where he had been forty-eight hours without food of any kind. He has since been placed in the insane asylum at Bridgetown.

A peculiar case, which has excited the wonder of some of the medical fraternity, is found at Mochelles, a few miles distant from this place, and that is an elderly lady who has been laid up for the past nine weeks and has not been able to take any nourishment during that time, save a little wine and other stimulants. She is over seventy years of age.

It is reported that a young business man of Annapolis will shortly take to himself one of the fair daughters of Bridgetown, the wedding to take place early in July.

BERNHARDT TO

VISIT AMERICA

The Shuberts Have Signed Her for Thirty Week's Tour to Commence in November.

LONDON, June 29.—Shubert Brothers have signed a contract with Mme. Sarah Bernhardt for an American tour of thirty weeks to begin at the Lyric Theatre, New York, November 6 next.

Mme. Bernhardt will take her entire company from the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt at Paris and will be seen in her revival of Victor Hugo's "Angelo," and also in her own production of "Adrienne Lecouvreur," now running here.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSING

Miss Morton's Kindergarten, held in rooms of Leinster street church, closed on Wednesday its year's work, with a most successful and interesting exhibition by the little ones. Notwithstanding the inclement weather some twenty children, besides their parents and visitors were present, and all seemed pleased with the morning exercises. This closes Miss Morton's work with this Froebel Kindergarten, and after the summer vacation she will take charge of the Free Kindergarten.

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St. John, N. B. June 29, 1905.

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IS IT A FARCE?

What Can Mutualization Do for The Equitable.

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

A question that needs especially to be tested is whether a rationally mutual management is in itself much of a safeguard for policy holders. It is a fact that hardly has been disputed that the control of other large life insurance companies is concentrated in a few hands, if not dominated by one man, and that it is perpetuated year after year with about as little regard to any power or influence exercised by policy holders as if such a power did not exist. It would be interesting to know how many persons ordinarily attend a meeting of policy holders at which trustees are elected, how the candidates are selected and how many votes are personally cast. It is supposed that most of the voting is done by proxy, and that the proxies are held by officers of the companies to be used without any exercise of choice on the part of those for whom they are held. It is said that proxies are collected through agents, and the same ones retained and used year after year without renewal. We have been told that they are even kept locked in safes and not used at all meetings.

If this is all a matter of report or of inference, or "it is said" and "it is believed," or "supposed," that is because nobody knows outside of the inner circle how the trustees actually are chosen, though it is known that the same ones appear to serve for a long time without any evidence of control. The power has every appearance of being self-perpetuating and unchanging as if it were under stock control. In one case as in the other it goes on without question as long as there is no conflict or scandal and no official inquiry, and it may be as effectual a cover of abuses as in any other. In view of prevailing reports and beliefs and the lack of definite knowledge, it would be well to have an official inquiry into this matter of the effectiveness of mutualization as a safeguard in life insurance. If objectionable practices are common, one company should not be left to bear all the ill-repute and make all the reparation or restitution that is called for. It is because of this conduct has been perhaps worse than that of others, or has at all events been exposed as the result of a "falling out" among the "wrongdoers." It is not enough to say that "corrective measures" induced by the exposure of one will apply to all. They can be more effectively framed and adjusted if there is a full knowledge of the practices pursued under mutual management as well as under the "wrongdoers." Something may need to be done to give better effect to mutualization and make the influence of policy holders really felt. At present their right to vote for trustees is little more than a right of revolution, which can only be brought to bear with difficulty and will only be used under extreme provocation. The life insurance investigation ought not to stop with the Equitable, and legislation should not be framed merely to fit one case.

TALKS ON THE YUKON

J. W. McCluskey Tells of St. John Men Who Are Making Good in the North Land.

J. W. McCluskey the former St. John boy who came from the Yukon region, a distance of 2000 miles to claim the lady of his choice will start with his bride on the homeward journey Saturday evening. The trip will cover a period of over a fortnight.

Mr. McCluskey is very enthusiastic over the future of the Yukon region. Transportation conditions, he says, are much improved and the White Pass Railway is a great boon. He and his two brothers, all of whom have some miles of timber land near Dawson, which they use as fuel; coal in that region being very poor. The wood is bringing \$8 to \$10 a cord and they have thousands of cords to sell.

The future outlook for Dawson and the surrounding country is very bright, the city now having a permanent population of 6000. There are many fine public buildings, an excellent school system, and the gold outlook is more promising than in the sensational days.

The gold output will probably be greater within the next five years than it has been already. There is neither scarcity of work nor poverty and conditions point to a rich gold harvest.

Mr. McCluskey says Harry Francis, of St. John, is engaged in one of the new gold sections. He is doing well and is "a square, milk-fed fellow." Walter Wilson is with a big hardware house, and his brother Charles is in the express business. John McDonald, formerly a St. John tailor is reputed to be wealthy and the Henderson boys are doing nicely.

P. E. I. MAN GETS DEGREE

Prof. McMillan of Prince of Wales College Receives His M. A. from Harvard.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., June 28 (Special).—At the commencement exercises at Harvard College today Prof. Cyrus J. McMillan, of Charlottetown, received his M. A. degree after taking a special course in English under Professors Kittredge and Baker. Mr. McMillan had previously received his M. A. degree from McGill. He will resume his classes in Prince of Wales College in September.

A NEW TAILOR STORE

A. R. Campbell & Son are now settled in their new location, 24 Germain street. The store has been altered and refurnished, has a large display window, is steam heated and lighted by electricity, making one of the most inviting tailoring establishments in the city.

The store is 78 feet deep, with a frontage of 20 feet, the walls and ceilings are steel and handsomely decorated.

The front shop is finished in white, blue and gold, furnished with fine oak cabinets, tables, mirrors, etc., and the floor is covered with granite pattern linoleum.

Trimming, cutting materials, etc., are kept in a cabinet made especially for this purpose.

A large and exclusive assortment of the latest patterns are displayed on a richly finished oak section of considerable length, which has on the front end a bevel plate glass case, with a mirror back, for the showing of fancy vestings, etc.

Mr. Campbell has a cozy little private office, finished in oak, just in front of which is a private waiting room.

The work room, lighted by four large windows and a glass door, is airy and comfortable. It is finished in white and is separated from the front store by a glass partition. The store also has a model basement with all modern conveniences, which will be used as a store room.

This up-to-date tailor store is sure to be appreciated by particular men. It could not be neater and nothing can be added to enhance its present attractiveness.

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