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THE PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS.

If recent events in this city and province lead to a more active public interest in civic and provincial politics it cannot be said that the awakening has come too soon. There is always more of a tendency to grow excited over matters relating to federal affairs than over those which more directly and vitally affect the interests of the citizens.

It may be assumed that the Citizens' League will quit the field, because its effort to bring about a change in civic administration was not crowned with success. The same need exists now that existed when the League was organized. If the discovery has been made that the zeal of some persons for reform is conditioned upon the ascendancy of certain views and certain people rather than upon the declared views of a majority, there is in that discovery no cause for discouragement. A League can be organized on lines broad enough and with membership large and active enough to command the support of the majority of the citizens. The present year should be characterized by a very keen public interest in the acts of the city council.

With regard to provincial affairs, the people of town and country are alike interested in the legislation adopted at Fredericton. St. John is not satisfied with the treatment given to its measures during the session just ended, and the action taken with regard to the Central Railway is likely to cause a good deal of comment throughout the province. If the people are aroused to take a deeper interest in provincial legislation, there will be less likelihood of such dissatisfaction in the future. It cannot be said that the opposition has covered itself with glory, any more than that the government has escaped criticism. St. John was surprised to observe that the leader of the opposition did not take a more decided stand with regard to measures affecting this city.

In provincial as well as in civic politics there has been too much indifference on the part of the people at large. The professional politician is too much in evidence. There must necessarily be men who devote the most of their time to such matters, but there should also be a strong, healthy and clearly expressed public sentiment, to indicate the channels of their activity, and to stimulate or check them in their administration of the general policy to which they are committed by the popular will. If the people are indifferent they cannot hope for improved conditions.

MAY YET AGREE.

There is still a possibility of closer trade relations between Newfoundland and the United States. A St. John's despatch of last evening says:—

"Premier Bond in the colonial legislature tonight added to the bill excluding American fishermen from colonial waters, a new clause providing for the suspension of the operation of the measure at the discretion of the government. In doing so he declared that before the next session of the legislature is convened the United States senate will have acted upon the Hay-Bond treaty, in which event it was desirable that the colonial cabinet should possess the power to move promptly for the suspension of the measure."

The force of this action by Premier Bond is more apparent when read in connection with the following correspondence from Washington, under date of April 12:—

The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty is not dead, and may be ratified by the Senate next fall, after having been relieved of the fatal amendments with which it was loaded during the late session. This assertion, made by a prominent official of the State Department, is supported by leading members of the Senate. Attention is called to the fact that the Senate's action on this treaty was no more final than was its failure to act on the Dominican protocol. It is appreciated that Newfoundland is acting strictly within its rights in abrogating the modus vivendi, and it is believed that the abrogation will work injury to the Gloucester fisheries and also to the fishing interests of Maine. It is claimed that it is not these facts which may lead the Senate to reconsider its amendments, but the more important point that the broad statesmanship of Secretary Hay in causing the treaty to be negotiated was not fully appreciated by the Senate when the amendments which promised to kill the treaty were adopted.

With the constant work of the session out of the way and more time to examine the arguments in favor of the Hay-Bond convention, some thoughtful citizens have come to appreciate the far-reaching effects of the pending convention. They say that the treaty will doubtless be referred back to the Foreign Relations Committee and there shorn of the objectionable amendments, and if again favorably reported, a determined effort will be made to prevent any

changes being made on the floor of the Senate.

When the treaty was first sent to the Senate, Secretary Hay clearly perceived, by cementing more closely the relations between Newfoundland and the United States, that the colony could be saved the necessity of entering into a commercial alliance with Canada, and this country could without material sacrifice enjoy American industries profit by the trade of Newfoundland in the many products of the United States which are not produced there. Closer union with Newfoundland would on many grounds be advantageous to this country, and it was on the broader grounds that the President and Secretary of State asked the Senate to ratify the treaty.

It is now declared that these reasons were not elaborated in the Senate, and that the full import of killing the treaty by loading it with amendments was not appreciated by those who insisted on so doing. One of the hopeful signs for the future of the treaty is that Senator Crane of Massachusetts will support it, and it is believed that Senator Hale, who opposed it during the last session, will withdraw his opposition. Senator Lodge has in the past regarded the treaty as negotiated as undesirable, and, as an influential member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, his opposition was all powerful, but now that his colleagues have determined to uphold the convention, it is hoped that conditions in Massachusetts have so changed as to enable the senior senator to exert his influence in its behalf, or at least to refrain from obstructing its ratification in such form as will leave an exchange of ratifications possible.

It is not generally known that the last resuscitation of the Hay-Bond treaty was due entirely to the wishes of President Roosevelt. Secretary Hay having despaired of the ratification of any reciprocity treaty by the Senate, the hope is expressed here that Newfoundland will not go too far at the present time, as such action might render more difficult the task of the friends of the convention in securing its ratification.

Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, it is stated, is conducting satisfactory negotiations with the State Department regarding many of the pending questions between Washington and London regarding Canadian fisheries. The sending of warships to Canadian waters, it is declared, has not been considered by this Government.

A frightful slaughter of the innocents occurred at Fredericton last week. St. John aldermen were innocent enough to think that they could obtain legislation giving them some control over the street railway there, and introduced a bill to give their ideas effect. When that bill came out from beneath the influence of the lobby and the government its most ardent friends were unable to recognize it. The railway corporation had triumphed gloriously.—St. Croix Courier.

The amendments to the liquor license law which were adopted by the legislature yesterday will be generally approved in St. John. With regard to the hour of closing for beer shops, there is a good deal of force in Mr. Maxwell's argument, as applied to some of these places. Perhaps a more careful discrimination in the granting of licenses would operate effectively in securing observance of the law.

The statement in today's Times shows that the export of lumber from St. John to trans-Atlantic ports during March was larger than in March 1904. For the three months ending March 31st there was a decline of over 3,500,000 feet of spruce, but an increase of 225,000 feet of birch planks.

The American beef trust has replied to the charges against it by advancing the price of beef. It claims that the cattle owners are responsible. This may silence but will not soothe the consumer.

There is a sense of relief that the legislature has adjourned without any more railway or street railway legislation.

A MILD WINTER.

Seattle, Wn., April 14.—A special from Nome to the Post Intelligencer says the past winter has been unprecedented for mildness, and that ice is rapidly breaking up all along the coast. In St. Michael's Bay the water is open and the ice in Norton Bay and Sound has already moved north as far as Nome. Behring Straits have been open all winter.

THE GLOBE LAUNDRY.

Now is the time to have your blankets washed. The Globe Laundry does that class of work.

This morning at the apple warehouse, corporation pier, Auctioneer Lantulum sold at auction 13 packages of damaged goods for \$530.75. The above goods were part of the cargo of the steamship Parisian, which sank in Halifax harbor recently.

The very many friends of Thomas P. Pugsley will be pleased to hear that he is somewhat better today and is resting easier. Local.

Right motives make good manners.

Men's Suits For Less Than Factory Price. We have been fortunate enough to secure a large lot of Men's Suits from an overstocked manufacturer, greatly below the regular price. The prices are \$3.95, \$5 and \$6.00. J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union Street.

JOHNS SENT TO SUPREME COURT. Manager of Defunct Yarmouth Bank Sent Up For Trial. Yarmouth, April 14.—(Special)—The preliminary examination of T. W. Johns resumed at 8 o'clock last evening. W. E. Stavert took the stand and gave practically similar evidence to that tendered by his brother, the inspector.

REQUEST MAY BE GRANTED. Believed That the Mission of the St. John Delegation to Ottawa Will be Successful. Ottawa, April 14.—(Special)—Mayor W. W. White, T. H. Estabrooks, and H. B. Schofield of St. John accompanied by R. W. Reford, of Montreal, representing the Shipping Federation of Canada interviewed Hon. H. R. Emmerson and a number of the ministers of the crown today in reference to dredging the St. John N. B. harbour.

WHERE IS JACKSON? Guest at an Up Town Hotel Takes a Hurried Departure. Charles Jackson has "few-de-coop" and left the Tremont house, minus a considerable sum of money. His wife is now at police headquarters.

VIRGINIAN MADE RECORD. Halifax, April 14.—(Special). The Dominion liner Canada, which left Liverpool the same day as the mail steamer Virginian, reached here just half an hour after her, also making a quick run.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST. Montreal, April 14.—(Special)—Montreal is interested in a legal fight between the father and mother of 16 year old Henri Delary Macdonald. The father resides on a Seigniorial estate at Rigaud, the mother in Montreal. The boy ran away from college to live with his mother, but was by order of the father put in the reformatory. Legal action is now taken by the mother to upset this commitment. The family is prominent in the province. Mrs. Macdonald being of the Globensky family.

THE DEAL COMPLETED. There need be no more doubt but that St. John will have a first-class ball team on the diamond this summer. Arrangements were made this morning for the complete control of the Victoria Athletic grounds by Joe Page's St. John team. The grounds have been secured from May 1st to October 15th. The Y. M. C. A. representing the intermediate league, have made arrangements for the use of the diamond three nights a week.

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ON EASTER DAY. - - - Every one wants flowers - - - - - Place your orders early - - - P. E. CAMPBELL, 47 Germain Street. Telephone 832. Seedsman.

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FOR CHEAPER LIGHT. A project is under consideration by some of the principal merchants of King St., to install an electric light service, which would supply light to the stores at a lower rate than they are now paying the St. John Railway Co. Some of the dealers claim that the present rates are exorbitant, and it is contended that a plant could be put in that could furnish light at a much cheaper rate than at present paid.

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OUR EARLY HISTORY. All who are interested in the history of the earliest English settlements in this province, will find this book of the greatest interest and value. The most interesting article is that which concludes the volume. It is a sketch of the life and administration of Governor Thomas Carleton, first Governor of New Brunswick, by W. O. Raymond, L.L.D. In some forty or more pages Rev. Dr. Raymond gives us a close acquaintance with that gifted governor and with the life of his time in this city and province. There is also a portrait of the English church churchyard at Natley Scores, in Hants, where his ashes rest, and a facsimile of the tablet erected in the old church by the legislature of New Brunswick as a memorial.

OUR EARLY HISTORY. Dr. Raymond also contributes papers relating to the township of the River St. John, Province of Nova Scotia, the same being Margerville, Gage, Conway, Barton, Sunbury and Newtown. Conway was the township lying between the St. John River and Musquash, and Newtown that on the east bank opposite Fredericton. Gage was the present Gagetown region, and the other three are readily recognised. These papers tell in a most interesting way, the story of the early settlements on the St. John, prior to the coming of the Loyalists, and also tells us about that remarkable old-time promoter, Colonel Alexander McNutt, who is a striking figure in the annals of those days. These papers contain copies of interesting letters and documents now published for the first time, which shed a great deal of light upon the conditions and circumstances attending the early settlement of the St. John River.

OUR EARLY HISTORY. W. F. Ganong Ph. D. contributes Historical Geographical documents of great value, and a most valuable addition in a copy of "A Narrative of an Extraordinary Escape out of the Hands of the Indians, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, etc. by Ganabell Smethurst, published in London in 1774, now reprinted for the first time. Of this narrative, Mr. Ganong says:— "It gives a vivid picture of our North Shore at the close of the Acadian period, the state of its scattered and perturbed settlement, the attitude of the French and Indians toward the government, the methods and the hardships of travel in that country. It contains many welcome references to contemporary persons, places and events not elsewhere preserved. Lastly, its interest as a true tale of adventure, places it among the precious classics of New Brunswick literature."

STREAM DRIVERS. We have had made for the Stream Driving Taade, the following lines:— Imperial French Kip 8 inch Driving Bals, \$4.25 Imperial French Kip 6 inch Driving Bals, \$4.00 Imperial Chrome Kip 7 inch Driving Bals, \$3.00

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