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THINK IT OVER.

If the next St. John city council should prove to be less intelligent, less experienced and less able to deal with important civic problems and the general administration of civic affairs than the present council, the fault will lie entirely with the citizens. Think it over.

THE TIMES SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Times scholarship contest is progressing more satisfactorily as the interest of the public becomes more general.

This paper is offering two prizes which will be of great value to those who win. It is a very easy matter for anyone to give assistance to a contestant in whom he or she may be interested. A subscription to the Times is in itself a good investment, and it gives the subscriber an opportunity to add to the number of votes received by any one of the competitors for the prizes.

Some two persons will receive as a result of this contest the desired opportunity to secure an educational course which will mean very much to them. It is within the power of any citizen to aid them; and at the same time to have delivered at his or her home every afternoon, Sunday excepted, a copy of the Evening Times.

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Whether the proposed Citizens' League is to be an effective weapon with which to strike exisiting ills in the civic administration of St. John will depend very largely upon tonight's meeting in the board of trade rooms. Officers are to be elected and the major portion of the executive. These can only be selected from members of the League. Unless the right sort of men are present, as members of the league, it will be impossible to secure the right sort of executive. This fact should be borne in mind, and those who desire civic reform, and are willing to work along that line, should be present at tonight's meeting. It is no light task the League has set itself to perform, and its friends should rally heartily to its support. The mere adoption of a platform, and constitution is easy. To have these reflected at the council board and in civic legislation is another and more serious matter. But the difficulty does not lie in the task itself. It lies in arousing public interest and engaging public support in the effort to be made. Therefore tonight's meeting should be as large and as representative as that of Monday evening.

SITUATION AT OTTAWA.

The situation at Ottawa absorbs attention to an unusual degree. Were the question at issue one less calculated to arouse prejudices, the public interest in the resignation of Mr. Sifton would be less pronounced; but in a matter concerning which there have been very bitter, disputes in the past there still lie the possibilities of bitter controversy.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is between two fires. Not only has he to consider the very pronounced views of ultra Protestant supporters, but the equally pronounced and opposing views of another section of his party. A side light on the latter aspect of the question is thrown by the following letter which the Times has received from a Montreal correspondent:—

"It is learned on particularly good authority here that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is not at all pleased with the concessions which the federal government have made in respect of separate schools in the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. While extreme Protestants all over the dominion are maintaining that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has, on the school question, swallowed all his convictions regarding provincial rights, the Roman Catholic clergy in this province are, on their part, saying very little but thinking a great deal.

"Some comment has been occasioned in the press over the fact that while Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his speech in the house of commons asserted practically that the Roman Catholics were by the constitution confirmed in their rights to separate schools in all provinces hereafter to be admitted to the confederacy, he yet considered it essential to devote the major portion of a two hour and a half speech to justifying something, which, were his view of the situation accepted, would require no justification whatever.

"This objection is met by the assertion that the premier knew he would have to fight on the separate school clauses in the bills establishing the new provinces, and that he consequently sought to meet in advance, as far as it was possible to do so, the arguments which might very naturally be urged. In pursuing this line of tactics he has, so far as the Roman Catholics of this province are concerned, done not a little to smooth the way for the measure submitted to parliament last week.

"In this connection it is pointed out by some of those who are in a position to know some of the inner workings of legislation at the capital that Sir Wilfrid had, at the outset, some little difficulty in convincing the Roman Catholic hierarchy that, in presenting the bill as he has presented it, he was doing all that could reasonably be expected of him under the circumstances. This fact will also account, in some measure, for his devoting so much time in his speech to the separate school question. He was anxious to indicate to the supporters of separate schools that he would have quite as much as he could do to disarm the criticism of his Protestant friends.

"From what is to be learned here there are inherent evidences that this line of procedure had its effect. For it cannot be denied that the Roman Catholic clergy are far from approving the course followed in virtually placing, as they claim, the separate schools under the control of the provincial governments about to be established. They were anxious, they say, that Sir Wilfrid should give them separate schools, not only in words but in deed; that he should in fact make the separate schools just as much an integral part of the constitution as is the case in Ontario and Quebec. Sir Wilfrid, it is said, refused to go to this length not only on political grounds and in the interests of the party of which he is the leader, but because he was convinced that the concessions he had determined upon, after months of consideration, were the only concessions that were likely, in the end, to meet with the approval of the majority of the supporters of his party in the country at large."

Since the above letter was written, Mr. Sifton has resigned, and all kinds of rumors are afloat concerning the general situation. A despatch to the Telegraph this morning said there was a belief in Ottawa last night that Sir Wilfrid would modify the separate schools, clause to the satisfaction of western supporters.

THE DRY DOCK.

In an interview with the Times yesterday, concerning west side improvements, a C. P. R. official said:—

"To my mind the proper place for extension of the present facilities is the salmon pond. The dry dock which has been proposed is not feasible, as in severe weather the water would freeze. Although it would be nearly all pumped out, there would be some that would remain and it would certainly freeze and cause trouble."

This statement betrays a lack of knowledge of local conditions and apparently of the nature of a dry dock.

There would be no water in the dry dock to be frozen. Much of it would run out with the tide, and the rest would be pumped out so rapidly that it could not freeze. After the ebbing tide had carried out most of the water, the balance could be pumped out in an hour and a half.

With regard to the salmon pond as a site for wharves, it would be necessary, to get the proper depth, to blast a great deal of rock, at enormous cost. The place for steamer berths is the site opposite the present ones, where it is only necessary to do some dredging and construct the wharves. More berths can easily be provided there than will be needed for many years, and the salmon pond is the place for the dry dock.

The Times has taken a great deal deal of trouble lately in venting upon the Star the spite of an unsuccessful competitor by pointing out occasional typographical errors in this paper.—St. John Star.

Not at all. The Times has merely been giving the Star a little spring medicine. In these balmy and melting days this thriving young journal is too full of the joy of living, and the enjoyment of popular favor, to entertain for a moment a feeling of spite. On the contrary the Star has the sympathy of the large heart of the Times.

The breach between Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his former colleagues has grown wider with the years. The general public will conclude that there must have been some fault on both sides.

The water and sewerage board yesterday indulged in some criticism of the mayor. The mayor replies that he has done all he was instructed to do, and that instead of there being no bill prepared there is one ready to go before the council on Monday. Perhaps the promptitude with which the mayor acted has shocked the slow-going aldermen.

The great west is not slow to invoke the aid of science in religious as well as temporal affairs A Calgary despatch of Monday's date says:—At the Methodist Church, Calgary, last evening, the Rev. Mr. Kirby inaugurated his telephone system by which members unable to attend could listen to his sermons by means of a large receiver placed in front of the pulpit and connecting with the central office. The innovation proved a great success and a number of citizens took advantage of it."

If Kuropatkin is utterly defeated by the Japs, the Czar will probably reconsider his views on the subject of continuance of the war.

JAMES LITTLE DEAD IN TRURO.

Veteran School Teacher Passed Away Early This Morning After a Lengthy Illness.

Truro, March 2.—(Special)—After a two months' illness the death occurred at five o'clock this morning at his residence Queen street, of James Little who for the last quarter century was vice-principal of Truro Academy, and for nearly a half century on the staff of the public schools of Truro. The deceased lost his wife, in December 1903, and has felt his loss greatly ever since causing largely his failing health.

In October last he presented the First Presbyterian church with a handsome pipe organ in memory of his wife, and since then has been failing gradually. He was able to continue his duties at the school until the end of the year, and since then has been confined to the house and failed rapidly. He leaves no children, and is considered well to do. He was a prominent member of St. John's Episcopal church and it is supposed the church will be remembered in his will.

The deceased was born in Hopewell, Pictou, Co., in August 1834 being a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Little. They moved to Truro when he was two years of age, and he went to school first at Bible Hill, and then at Onslow. After his early schooling, he served a time as a clothier and worked at the trade for nine years. Then he took a turn towards educational life and went to the Normal School for two years. His first teaching was at Pubnico, Yarmouth. Then he was principal of Argyle high school. Leaving Argyle he came back to Truro, to take charge of the model school in 1864 remaining in that position till 1879 when it was abolished. Then he took the position of vice-principal of the Truro Academy which he held till the time of his death. He was a man of the highest sterling worth, accurate, honest and upright in everything, and a strict disciplinarian in school work. For some months, in 1874 he left his regular school duties and filled the position of school inspector for Colchester.

In connection with his school duties he conducted the meterological service in Truro, for the last thirty years.

The funeral will be at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

A SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT.

A resident of west end, who was in the city late last night, and had to return by way of the bridge, passed the Stackhouse grocery on the corner of Prince and Watson streets, Carleton, and noticed standing there, a man, as he describes, tall and slight and wearing a peaked cap and rubber boots. The Carleton resident asked him what he was doing and received the gruff reply "Lookin for Bill".

The citizen was not satisfied and notified Policeman Gosline, who went to investigate, but there was no sign of the suspected one. Examination of the door showed that the moulding had been prised off with the evident intention of forcing an entrance into the store.

POLICE REPORTS

A bob-sled found on Princess St., was left at the Water street lock-up.

The doors of the following establishments were found open, and secured by the police last night.—T. H. Estabrooks, Mill street; and the City Fuel Co., Smythe street.

A sack of salt found on Mill street, was left at James Carpenter's meat store for safe keeping.

SALE OF WALKING SKIRTS.

You will see by tonight's advertisement of Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd., that a very special offering in walking and dress skirts is booked to commence tomorrow morning. The goods are of excellent value and being an odd lot are allowed to go remarkably cheap. Spring skirts are in demand now.

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HARCOURT NEWS.

Harcourt, Mar. 1.—The Kent Northern railway, which remained open all last winter, and all of this winter, up to the 25 ult., was snowed up last Saturday. The stage mail can make only about two trips a week, so an enormous amount of country mail is piling up in Harcourt post office.

Alden Wellwood, the well known moose caller, of Little Forks, Salmon river, spent Sunday here with his uncle Robert Wellwood.

Michael Kelly, lecturer and organizer for the Sons of Temperance, failed to get to Richibucto and Rexton on the 25th., and came here on the 27th, where he lectures tonight. He has had a very successful trip. His last meeting was in Glen Anglin, Gloucester Co., Feb. 22nd., On the 23rd, on his return to Bathurst he was given a reception by about one hundred of the leading citizens, among whom was Rev. Mr. Hooper, Episcopal clergyman and great temperance worker. Mr. Kelly reports that in Kings county, there are five active divisions: Upper and Lower Millstream, Carsonville, Collina and Middleton; in Northumberland, Newcastle, Chatham, Douglastown, Millerton, Loggieville, Burnt Church, Labrisintac and New Jersey; in Restigouche, River Louison and River Charlo; and in Gloucester Bathurst and Stonehaven. In each county he held meetings when there were divisions and at other places, also. He will now tour the five divisions of Kent county: Harcourt, Grangeville, Richibucto, Coatesville and McLaughlin Road and also speak at Rexton. Then he goes to Westmorland, thence home to St. Martins, for the Councillors' election. About May 1st, he will take the road again, in other counties.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The transportation committee of the board of trade met to consider a change that has been made by the railways in the freight schedules. On all shipments of goods less than this fixed minimum local rates are charged. For instance, if a man wants 25,000 pounds of beans from Ontario he pays local rates, and if another man wants 15,000 pounds to be brought on the same car, he too will pay the local rate, even though the full load reaches the amount necessary to qualify it for the lower rate. This can be avoided if the shipper or shippers will consign the goods to the one man, to be distributed here, but the railway will not, when granting carload rates, accept separate bills of lading.

This increase in the minimum of course makes it harder than ever for shippers to take advantage of the lower rates and the meeting in the board of trade rooms was to discuss the action to be taken in regard to it. Representatives of the freight departments of the I. C. R. and C. P. R. were present, and the result of the meeting will be reported to the full board in a few days.

THE ENGLISH OPERA SINGERS.

Leeds, the great musical centre of England, described in these words the entertainments of Mr. Frederic Dale's English opera singers—"A delightful evening of song.

Messrs. Baring Bros., are bringing from London this celebrated combination to tour Canada and the States. In his selection of the Opera Singers he has certain claim to originality, as these entertainers possess a unique entertainment, with variety and lightness as its characterstics. To get real artists to perform light operatic music is to get a really novel evening of amusement.

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NEW YORK COMMENT

On the Present Condition of The Stock Market.

VIEWS DIFFER.

Warning the People Not To Be Over Sanguine at a Time Like the Present.

(New York Herald.)

The worst deceived man in the world is he who deceives himself. It was on this point of self-deception that the security market tripped in September, 1902, starting the "rich man's panic" of the succeeding many months. Prices were at their highest at the time, higher a trifle even that now, yet the bullish element in the market, headed by Mr. Gates, were proclaiming, as they are proclaiming now that they would go still higher, and that when they were 20 points or so above the then existing range Europe would come in and buy. Substitute the term "public" for "Europe", and we have another one of those strange parallels between the two periods. Europe did not buy, but sold, and called its money home. The boomers deceived themselves. But this is present history. The question of this time is whether at the existing high level of prices, a public following of sufficient strength can be obtained to take securities off the hands of holders, and whether the present movement will terminate in self-deception or in saddling the public with securities at the highest point in their history.

(New York Commercial.)

Perhaps no grievous mistake will be made if by far the larger proportion of Saturday's activity be assigned to the professional element in the exchange seizing the opportunity afforded by the southern iron consolidation to "boom" certain selected issues. The remainder of Saturday's buoyancy came from the infusion of vigor due to a large increase in public buying. The commission firms report that purchasing orders are being received in commendable profusion. It is seriously to be hoped that these newest recruits to the ranks of speculation are not drawn from that great army composed of those whom the Street terms "top-notchers." To these investors a friendly warning may not come amiss. If the "top-notch" was not attained, on Saturday, then, at least, there are comparatively few high notches remaining for the present market to rest upon.

The Northern Securities agrument today may result in jacking up the market a notch or two more; but even this must be deemed extremely doubtful. The settlement of the Russo-Japanese war, which must come soon, and which may be counted upon to exercise a vivifying influence, is too indefinite in point of time to form the basis for a conjecture; much less a calculation. The rates for money are beginning to harden, and despite the continued strength of the European exchanges, the local market conditions point inevitably to a reaction, and that soon.

(New York World.)

The speculation in Union Pacific has been carried on in reckless fashion, and the price has been put 15 or 20 points higher than either the present or future statistical position of the property warrants. It is doubtless true that the road has been earning at the rate of 13 or 16 per cent. on the common stock, but it must be remembered that Union Pacific is a "corn" road, and the last harvest produced the most abundant corn crop, but one in the country's history. One disastrous crop would go a long way toward dissipating the roseate vision of Union Pacific's future which the bulls have been trying to make the lambs believe is painted in fast colors.

As a solid investment proposition, Union Pacific around par is always inviting; as a speculation around 133 it is exceedingly hazardous. The same, however, is true of New York Central at 155, St. Paul at 179, Missouri Pacific at 109, Reading at 96, and, in fact, two-thirds of the list at present quotations. Every conservative broker is telling his customers—if he has an eye to their security—to stay out of the market. There was an ominous stiffening in money rates at the week's end, the surplus of the banks was never so low in February in many years, the pools are loaded up with stocks, there are any amount of pyramided accounts, and the market is honeycombed with stop-loss orders. It's a good time to get out your parachutes and look 'em over.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

The Allan line steamship, Sicilian, Captain J. A. Fairfield, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Liverpool via Halifax and docked at No. 2 berth, west end. The officers report that the trip from Moville to Halifax was fair, the first day out from the above port the ship met heavy weather and sea the vessel only making 110 miles against it, after that had fairly good weather until the coast of Nova Scotia was made when she met rough weather again.

The daily runs leaving Moville Friday the 17th Feb. were: Feb. 18, 171 miles; 19th, 110; 20th, 248; 21st, 240; 22nd 256; 23rd, 228; 24th, 285; 25th, 293; 26th, 290; 27th, 263; 28th 95 miles to Halifax.

She brought 10 saloon, 100 second cabin and 250 steerage passengers. The second cabin and the majority of the steerage passengers are Britishers, a number of them mechanics, bound for the Upper Provinces and the West. Most of them were landed at Halifax and passed through here yesterday on their way to the great north west. There were in the second cabin and steerage, passengers for Montreal.

The ship has on board a large general cargo for this city and the west. Pilot Henry Spears brought the Sicilian around from Halifax.

The mail steamship, Bavarian which left Moville last Friday for this port via Halifax has 31 saloon, 300 second cabin and 900 steerage passengers.

Steamship Bengore Head, has arrived at Dublin, and will return again to this port.

OBITUARY.

John Calder.

John Calder, an aged and respected resident of Wilson's Beach, passed away on Wednesday, February 22nd, at the age of 75 years. Two daughters survive him, Mrs. Galba Brown and Mrs. Beverly Lank, both residing at Wilson's Beach.

Ireland's bogs contain the equivalent of 5,000,000,000 tons of coal, according to the estimate of Sir Richard Sanhel.

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A PLEASANT DINNER.

Sons of England Celebrate Their Anniversary by Dining at White's.

The Sons of England connected with Portland Lodge, north end, celebrated their anniversary at White's last night with a very enjoyable dinner.

Shortly after the party were seated, Supreme Grand President W. H. Huntley of Montreal, entered the dining-room, which caused an outburst of cheers from the gathering. Among the prominent guests present were:—Ald. Maxwell M. P. P., J. B. M. Baxter, District Deputy J. H. Walker, Dr. S. Skinner, Capt. Beverley Armstrong, Dr. Curran and others.

The toast list included:—

The King, with musical honors.

The British Empire, proposed by Dr. Skinner, responded to by Dr. Curran and J. B. M. Baxter.

The City of St. John, proposed by H. C. Green; responded to by R. Maxwell, M. P. P., and Dr. Skinner.

The Grand Lodge, proposed by J. H. Tonge; responded to by Grand President Huntley and J. H. Walker.

Sister Lodges proposed by Mr. Allan and responded to by visiting members.

Lodge Portland, proposed by H. Crabbe and responded to by Vice-president Vanwart and Secretary Sellen.

The Ladies, proposed by Mr. Morrisey and responded to by Mrs. Green, Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Watson.

The Press, proposed by Mr. Sellen and responded to by H. E. Codner.

An interesting programme was next carried out as follows:—Address of welcome—President L. A. Belyea; song, "Under the British Flag", J. H. Tonge; song, Miss Belyea; recitation, Mrs. Armstrong; piano solo, Miss Worden; recitation, S. McKiel; song, Mr. Watson; song, R. Jones; Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

The dinner was a grand success and Portland Lodge members felt greatly gratified at the result of their efforts as hosts.

PARRSBORO NEWS.

Parrsboro, Mar. 1.—Capt and Mrs. Nordby, entertained a number of their friends last evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reid, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Sangille, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tucker, Miss Gertie Smith, Winnie Durant, Alice Howard, Mrs. Aikman, Bessie Fulton, S. Price, Grace Cook, Miss Upham, Miss Corbett, Chas. Harris, Robert Howard, Geo. Upham, Claude Copp, Chas. Huntley, G. T. McLune, H. A. Lord, Dan McQuarrie, Hilton Tucker and numerous others.

THE HOSPITAL COMMISSION.

It has been stated that Councillor Lee, of Simonds, is likely to be appointed to the vacancy on the hospital commission caused by the death of M. W. Maher. The latter was appointed by the county council and it felt his successor should therefore be a county man.

Were it a city appointment it is said that John E. Wilson, the Sydney street stove dealer, would be the man.

As Mr. Maher was chairman of the commission, a successor to that position will be named at the next meeting of the commission and Dr. Thos. Walker will probably be the man.

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

Arkansas Train Held Up By Bandits and Express Car Rifled.

Memphis, Tenn., March 1.—East bound passenger train No. 203, on the St. Louis & San Francisco known as the Arkansaw Traveller, was stopped by three bandits eight miles south of Mammoth Springs, Ark, today, and the Southern Express Company's safe was blown open and robbed of its contents. The officials of the express company here do not know how much money was secured.

The train was signalled shortly after leaving Mammoth Springs by three men heavily armed. They entered the express car and covered Messenger Harry White with revolvers. After rifling the safe the robbers escaped to the woods. When the train reached Memphis a report of the hold-up was immediately made to the railroad and express officials.

Messenger White went to the company's office but has not yet made any statement. The amount of money usually carried on this train is not large. The trainmen are of the opinion that the robbers did not secure more than $2,000.

A "SNOW VIEWING" TRIP.

A number of men in talking the other day of the heavy storms which have been blocking the railways down here, and recognizing the fact that it might not occur again in a number of years, wished to have a chance of seeing the large drifts and cuttings along the railway from here to Halifax. It was thought that an excursion might be run at a low figure to extend over three days to enable all who wanted to, to have a chance of seeing the exceptional quantities of snow with which the railways have had to battle.

A telegram was sent to the Minister of Railways, asking if such an excursion could be arranged, and a reply was received last evening saying that owing to the difficulties experienced in running regular trains, it was not deemed advisable to run a special excursion.

The idea of the promoters of the scheme was not, however, to have a special train but a special rate that would enable passengers to go on any regular train at a reduced rate. It may be that an arrangement may yet be made, and if so, no doubt a large number would avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing and taking snap shots of the unusual conditions.

Smoking a pipe whilst riding a bicycle proved fatal to a commercial traveller recently. He fell, and the stem of his pipe was driven into his tongue. Nicotine entered the wound, and set up blood poisoning.

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