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CIVIC APATHY

The Montreal Witness is despondent over the lack of interest taken in civic affairs by the people of that city. It says:—

"The exceptionally large number of undesirable aldermen re-elected by acclamation reflects upon the public spirit of citizens. Up to the last it had been expected that there would be an unusually long list of candidates nominated, but several dropped out — or were they bought off? The mere fact that out of forty seats no fewer than twenty-two—more than half—should have been so disposed of, points to one of two things—either an increase in the notorious apathy of the citizens of Montreal towards municipal affairs, or else a lamentable scarcity of suitable candidates."

The truth seems to be that the class of men who would do the most effective service as members of city councils would rather pay a little more taxes and submit to an inferior service in the departments than take from their own business or pleasure the time necessary for participation in the civic government. The fact is not one to be regarded with complacency. It is suggestive of the lack of a healthy public spirit.

IMMIGRATION NOTES

It is announced that English capitalists have completed the purchase of half a million acres in Northern Alberta and will pursue an aggressive colonization policy in disposing of it.

With regard to Australian competition with Canada for immigrants, a London cable says:-"Premier Deakin, in a speech at Melbourne, said that the Australian Parliament next session would deal with the immigration question generally. The government will ask the House to subsidize a line of steamers to bring immigrants from the mother country at cheap fares."

The heads of the Salvation Army in Canada are making arrangements for the reception of some thousands of immigrants to come to Canada this year under the auspices of the Army. Most of them will go to Manitoba and the new provinces in the west.

The Rothschild colony of 200 families for Canada will probably land at St. John before the end of the present month.

BE SERIOUS BRETHERN

We read that at the annual meeting of the Barristers' Society last evening in Fredericton:—

"The case of Miss Mabel French was brought up and regret was expressed that the newspapers had sought to make light of the judgment of the court. This had created a wrong impression in the public mind, and it was suggested that Judge Barker's judgment in the case be published for general information."

We also read:—

"There was some talk about requesting the judges to permit themselves to be addressed as Your Lordship instead of Your Honor, but the majority seemed to think that as a similar request had been twice refused by the court, it was scarcely worth while to make another trial."

Newspapers that would presume to make light of such grave and portentous matters would certainly deserve the most severe censure of every right-thinking barrister. Far be it from any person connected with this journal of the people to indulge in profane mirth or unseemly ribaldry at this momentous epoch in the annals of the bar.

TEACHER'S SALARIES

Premier Whitney of Ontario states that, as part of his government's policy regarding the public schools, the improvement of the capacities of the teachers and the increase of their salaries are two matters that will have to be dealt with before anything else. The Mail and Empire very properly points out that the solution of the salary problem will solve that relating to the capacity of teachers. We quote:—

"The problem of levelling up the average teaching ability will not be a difficult one, if the other question of raising the average pay materially is successfully disposed of. Starvation salaries have driven out of the teaching profession many men and women who could have done better service there than they are now doing in the more remunerative callings to which they were attracted. In spite of the meagre pay, there are still good teachers, but their number bears a small ratio to that of the teachers who are doing their pupils little good. And to the few men who are now engaged in the work there are to be no permanent successors unless conditions are changed. In nearly any pursuit a man can make more money than by living in a rural school. Since experienced teachers cannot be got in sufficient numbers to work for the slender pay that is offered, trustees gladly accept the services of the girls and youths who have taken a short course in the county model school after leaving the high school. In most cases these young persons resort to teaching as a temporary occupation. When the men have saved a few hundred dollars they pass to something else, not uncommonly the study of medicine, law or theology. Most of the young women get married, or for some other reason quit the work before they have become proficient in it. This, of course, renders good results in the schools impossible."

Regarding the pulp-wood industry in Quebec province this year, the Montreal Herald says:—"Lack of snow in many parts of Canada is having a bad effect upon the outlook for the pulpwood industry. Very little has fallen upon the south shore of the St. Lawrence, where a great deal of pulp-wood is usually gotten out, and along the upper Ottawa the situation is little better. Unless there is a change soon there will be a shortage of logs on the banks of the streams next spring and possibly a shortage of water to float them down. All this seems to mean higher prices for pulp before the end of the year. The market is now firm, although there has been no general advance in price."

Says the Montreal Gazette:"The statement has been made in the dispatches that the life preservers on the steamship Valencia recently wrecked near Seattle were of such construction that they sank after being placed in the water. They were, if this is justified, not life preservers at all. The case, moreover, is not the only one to come to the public in such a disastrous connection. There is need of steamship managers and inspectors seeing that they are not responsible for anything that is not what it should be."

The Canadian Pacific Railway's net earnings for the half year ending Dec. 31st were over three million dollars in excess of those for the like period in 1904. The working expenses for December were exceptionally small. The earnings for December made a record for that month. The favorable statement was, of course, in some measure due to the mild weather as well as to the heavy traffic, but it also indicates remarkably good management in all departments.

The announcement of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that Quebec will be the terminus for the new large steamers of the company until St. Lawrence navigation is improved will have the effect of stirring up the citizens of Montreal. Sir Thomas has also spoken of St. John, and points out that the big steamers cannot come here until more wharf accommodation is provided. This should further stimulate the citizens of St. John. But Sir Thomas's reference to "rotten and tottering logs" at St. John is wholly unfair and unjustified.

Rev. Dr. Johnson of Montreal, addressing a meeting of clergymen and theological college men, on Tuesday, referred to the Torrey meetings in Toronto. He expressed surprise that Dr. Torrey should have preached for three days in succession on the literal hell of mediaeval times, and that the great auditorium was packed for every meeting. In his opinion Dr. Torrey had done a great deal of harm by this course.

Plans have been approved and tenders will be invited for the new barracks for the permanent corps in Toronto. The total cost will be $350,000. There was once some talk about a new drill hall for St. John—but that was a long time ago.

The Nova Scotia Farmers' Association desires to deprive the fall exhibition of a great attraction. It wants no fakirs. Yet the joy of being fleeced is one of the things that could ill be spared by many who patronize the nimble-witted gentry of the side-show.

THAT PURE ELECTION

(Montreal Star.)

They have held their "pure election" in Kingston; and the vote fell off some four hundred. No really polite bystander would dream of drawing any inference from this little circumstance. The Kingstonians themselves hasten to inform us that this was due to the feeling of many that the Whitney government was not in danger, and also to the comparative scarcity of cabs. It may not be wholly unkind to draw an inference here to the effect that those who are usually most disturbed by the awful dread that some government or other is in danger, are too paralyzed with fear to walk to the polls. They must be conveyed thither in cabs or ambulances.

The defeated candidate in the "pure election" announces that he will now set about to discover how "pure" it was. He must possess a mind quite as suspicious as that of the average American custom house officer, who first compels a passenger on an incoming steamship to swear solemnly that he has no dutiable goods, and then proceeds to search his baggage. When the Kingstonian sceptic gets through with his analysis of the election campaign, it is to be hoped that he will follow the example of baking powder experts and tell just what percentages of impurity he found.

On the face of the returns, the indication is that the elimination of the vote that can be brought out by improper means, does not affect the general result. The Liberal candidate is again successful, and by about the same figure. If we may assume that the "bad vote" was not polled, we must infer that it was previously split fairly even between the parties. If this is a good inference, it casts a large shadow of doubt upon the common sense and business shrewdness of politicians. Why should they squander their good money on competitively bribing a corrupt vote, when they each succeed in getting about the same amount of it? Why would it not be wiser to always make the recent Kingston agreement and so save their money while not altering the result?

Coroner Berryman said last night that he did not think an inquest into the death of Miss Mabel Bell who shot heself Tuesday afternoon, is necessary. He will therefore give the necessary permission for burial this afternoon. The revolver with which her life was taken was found by her in the pantry where the shooting took place, and F. A. Gerow, agent of the Middlemore Home, gave his opinion yesterday that the shooting was accidental.

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The Inglenook Philosopher of Kennebeccasis Bay.

It is told that no mechanic ever acquired such skill that he was able to fashion a needle with a perfect point or, in other words, to make a point that through a powerful magnifying glass would not look somewhat as the point of a crowbar looks to the naked eye. It is told, too that the air still vibrates with every word that has been spoken since the birth of humanity, and that if we had as efficient aids to hearing as we have to sight we might still hear the roar of the battles of Crecy and Waterloo, the lamentations and laughter of our projenitors of remote generations. The idea is that the vibration in the air caused by sound never reaches the point of extinction any more that the bit of steel in the hands of the needle maker.

Think of it! The clash of the spears and battle axes of the Crusaders is still pulsing through the atmosphere! The air quivers with the words of King Alfred to the neatherd's wife! Shakespeare and Johnson are still chatting over their bowls of punch after the play has ended, and Goldsmith is still begging for the loan of a crown to save him from the clutches of the bailiff! Think of it! The air is full of the sighs and sobs and groans of unseen sufferers; of the merry laughter of unseen children, (mostly very little children;) of the roar of thousands of battle fields, of the plottings of the money getter and the despoiler of the innocent, and, thank God, of the prayers and kind words of the little band of true and faithful souls that have always kept a foothold on the earth.

Ah, Pollard, Pollard! It is well that our hearing is not more acute, for we should be crazed if one millionth part of the world's sin and sorrow were made manifest to us by the air which unheard of by us throbs with their lamentations. Then, the influence that we exert on our fellows never dies, any more than the needle is so cunningly fashioned as to end in nothingness, or the word is whispered so low that it causes no vibration in the air. The boy is impressed by your demeanor or mine as we walk along the street. The impression, however slight, stays by him and after a little goes down to posterity. Nothing ever dies; the fallen tree lives in the tree that springs up by its root; the flower that fades and withers is absorbed by the flower that grows in its place. Some day, if you should live long enough in your present form, you may gather apples or cherries from my outstretched hands. Old Omar speaks in this wise:

"I sometimes think that never blows so red.
The Rose as where some buried Caesar bled;
That every Hyacinth the garden wears
Dropt in her Lap from some once lovely Head."

I turned to snuff the candle and discovered that Pollard was asleep.

White Head, Kings county, Jan. 28.

PAY OF POLICEMEN

(Toronto News).

Considering the increase in rent and general household expenses in recent years, the pay of the Toronto police force seems to be too low. The rate is: For first-class constables, $2.25 per day; for second-class, $2.00; for third-class, $1.75; an average of $2.00 all round. In these days of opportunities for energetic young men, it is not likely that men of the necessary qualities of physique, character and intelligence will be attracted to the force by pay equivalent to that of unskilled labor. In the last five years the increase in the wages of policemen has been only 25 cents per day. A further increase of 25 cents for all classes is a reasonable proposition, and ought to meet with general approval. This would make an average of $2.25 per day, which is surely not too much for a man on whose courage and intelligence depend the peace and order of our streets, the safety of our property and even of our lives.

AT YORK THEATRE

The Stoddart Stock Company played a very bright comedy last night at the York which did much to enhance the good impression already made by that popular combination during their engagement here. W. L. Stoddart as Lord Bearsford, an English fop, possibly carried off the honors of the evening in conjunction with Miss Leah Stoddart, a lady of much beauty and talent, who so ably played the part of Lucia. In fact all the characters fitted the parts assigned them.

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Tonight Hal Cain's dramatization of the Christian, with all the special scenery, will be produced. Manager Stewart is arranging for a complete scenic and pyrotechnic production of Faust for Saturday night.

DR. HAND SERIOUSLY ILL

The friends of Dr. Hand, of Woodstock, been called in consultation. His illness He is being attended by Drs. Spragg and Griffin, Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton, and a specialist from Philadelphia, have also been called in consultation. Hiss illness started from blood poisoning which he contracted while performing a delicate operation and it set in to a more acute stage. On Tuesday it was reported that he was doing very well and would probably recover, but yesterday afternoon he was reported as much worse and little hopes for his receovery were held out.

THE YORK COUNTY LOAN

Toronto, Jan. 31.—(Special)—Joseph Phillips, president and manager of the York County Loan Company, appeared again in the police court today, to answer to the charge of conspiracy preferred against him. His counsel asked for an adjournment of one week, and the magistrate consented. The $5,000 bail bond was renewed.

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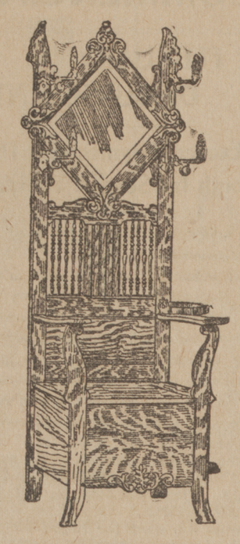
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