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RESPONSIBLE HEADS

The safety board has decided by a substantial majority in favor of investing heads of departments with authority to suspend or dismiss officials. Other boards will doubtless follow this example. The proposition will not be opposed by those who want the best service, but by those who value the political patronage which goes with the aldermanic office when aldermen have the power to get their friends into positions and keep them there regardless of the effect upon the service. The best way to secure good service, and relieve the aldermen of much waste of time wrangling over departmental affairs is to give the heads of the departments more power, and if they do not use it for the improvement of the service then appoint new heads of departments. The application of business methods is the greatest need of the time in civic affairs.

THE CITY HALL

A new city hall or an improved city hall is greatly needed in St. John. For several years the chamberlain and his assistants have been cooped up in quarters entirely too small and very unhealthy. Whoever enters the place and takes a sensitive nostril along with him does not need to be told that the chamberlain's office is unhealthy. All sorts and conditions of people go in there during the day. The room is small and the ventilation very poor.

It has been proposed to sell the Leinster street property and concentrate all the civic offices in an enlarged or a new city hall. Perhaps it is possible to add a story or two, with an elevator, and make the present structure on Prince William street satisfactory. On the other hand, looking to the future growth of the city, a large new city hall might in the end be the best economy. The question is worthy of very careful consideration and whichever course is adopted it should provide for the wants of the city in this respect for years to come.

A FLAT CONTRADICTION

It is not surprising that the speech of Hon. Sydney Fisher in Montreal the other day should have excited surprise in England. It is equally surprising to Canadians. Mr. Fisher is reported to have said:

"England has not adopted a preference for Canada and I think she did right. . . England today being free trade could not give a preference without changing her fiscal policy. It would mean the imposition of a tax on imported goods for the express purpose of giving a preference to Canada, one of her own colonies. That would mean the obstruction of her own trade, increased taxation and the entering into the complicated problem of a protective policy. It would, I think, in England's case, be a radical change for the worse."

Contrast this with the declaration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other Canadian ministers at the conference in 1902, as follows:—

"The Canadian ministers determined to present to the conference a resolution affirming the principle of preferential trade, and the desirability of its adoption by the colonies generally, and also expressing the opinion of the prime ministers of the colonies, that His Majesty's government should reciprocate by granting preferential terms to the products of the colonies in the markets of the Mother Country."

UNCLE SAM WORRIED

The Times yesterday told of a rush of American meats through this and other Atlantic ports to reach Germany before the new German tariff goes into effect. This tariff is quite a serious blow to American interests. The situation and the difficulties in the way are thus set forth by the New York Commercial of Saturday:—

"Shall it be a club or a concession? That is the question that is agitating the federal administration at the moment in view of the approach of the date on which the new German tariff goes into effect. In less than five weeks Germany will impose on imports duties and restrictions of a character well calculated to operate disastrously on our trade in that country. The cattle and other food-export interests of the west are especially alarmed at the prospect, and there is very general apprehension in export circles. Unless we intend to submit to this discrimination unprotestingly, we must choose speedily between retaliation on Germany with higher duties on her exports hither and coming to terms with her through a reciprocity treaty.

"Congressman McCleary of Minnesota has introduced a bill that would retain the present Dingley duties as the "minimum" tariff and impose as a sort of reprisal tariff on countries that discriminate against this country 25 per cent additional as a "maximum" tariff. It is a long step beyond "standing pat," for it proposes to actually raise our present tariff. Reported favorably to the house it would instantly open the whole tariff question, and Republican senators and representatives might not be able to stem the rising tide of tariff revision among their constituents. To prevent that, the closing of a reciprocity convention with Germany, granting her substantial concessions here and there from the Dingley schedules, would be effective. Such a treaty—like the one with Cuba—would have to be ratified by both houses of congress.

"This is a Roosevelt opportunity. Is his influence sufficient to overcome the 'stand-pat' sentiment of the strong Republican majority?"

THE FUR TRADE

We are reminded occasionally of that far northern region in western Canada, where the fur trade flourishes and men live lonely lives. A Hudson Bay mail has lately arrived at Edmonton with word from Fort Resolution and intermediate posts, "that the fur catch this winter on Great Slave lake, Slave river, Athabasca lake and Athamasca river promises to be the largest ever taken in the history of the north country."

It is explained that this mail is not designed to serve the Mackenzie river country or anything beyond Resolution; and that Fort Simpson, Fort Good Hope, Fort Macpherson and all that enormous area from Great Slave lake to the Arctic ocean, will not be heard from until the government mail arrives in March. But the mail just received covers, nevertheless, a large area. Counting from Edmonton north, the posts heard from with their despatches for Edmonton are Athabasca Landing, 98 miles; Grand Rapids, 265 miles; Fort McMurray, 362 miles; Chipewyan, 582 miles; Fort Smith, 678 miles; and Resolution, 858 miles. The mail left Fort Resolution on the morning of Dec. 11 and reached Edmonton on the evening of Jan. 10, taking just a calendar month to travel the 858 miles.

The abundance of furs is due to the fact that rabbits are plentiful this winter, having been increasing for several years; and when this is the case the lynx, fox, wolf, mink, marten and other fur bearing animals are also found in large numbers. Regarding the value of the fur trade carried on through Edmonton, the Winnipeg Free Press says:—

"All things considered the indications are that the fur exports from Edmonton for 1906 will be about the largest ever made, although the price may be low. It has never been known just what the total shipments from Edmonton are, as there are so many shipping to so many places, but estimating the northern catch as greater than last year, and the local catch at what it is now, well informed fur men say that it certainly will not be less than half a million, and should crowd close to the million mark."

Mr. M. V. McInnes, chief Canadian government agent for the United States, believes that this year's emigration from the United States to Canada will double the record of any previous year. He says that a great number of people have set their hearts upon coming to the Canadian west, and a great many United States merchants and business men are talking seriously about establishing branches there.

When the church relations of a dozen years between pastor and people are severed there is sadness and regret. The departure of Rev. A. D. Dewdney from St. John is deeply regretted by his own people, and their feelings are shared by many others, who know of his earnest and faithful work. He goes to the new and growing west, with the best wishes of the citizens of St. John for a career of continued usefulness and success.

Of course the civic boards will not exclude representatives of the press from their regular meetings. Such action would arouse a feeling of doubt and suspicion in the public mind concerning the manner in which civic affairs were conducted. So long as the press treats the proceedings fairly there can be no good ground for complaint.

The lumber operators on the head waters of the St. John, Miramichi and Restigouche, are more fortunate than their fellows in the southern part of the province. They have enough snow for good hauling, and an excellent prospect of getting their logs to the mills. Near the bay shore snow is greatly needed.

If the city hopes to get revenue from the halls in the market building it will first have to spend some money. One is rather ashamed to confess that such ramshackle premises are city property.

"BOBS" REPEATS HIS WARNINGS

He Renews His Campaign Regarding the Inadequacy of Country's Defences.

London, Jan. 29—With the opening of the new parliamentary regime Field Marshall Lord Roberts renews his campaign of warning to the country regarding the inadequacy of its defences. Addressing the members of the Liverpool chamber of commerce tonight, he again affirmed that the nation was as absolutely unprepared for war as it was in 1899. He urged the adoption of 1,000,000 men as the military standard, half of which would be needed for the defense of India and the other half to fit the nation to maintain a European struggle. Lord Roberts said he had heard of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance with enthusiasm, but he reminded his audience that national conditions and national necessities were subject to change and that the alliance only applied to Asia and not to Europe, where the danger was greater.

George Logue, residing at South Bay, received a severe cut in his thumb yesterday morning while lumbering in the woods three miles from his home. He was trimming a tree preparatory to felling it, and his axe caught in an overhanging bough and fell on his left thumb. Mr. Logue started off for his home but fell twice on the road from weakness owing to loss of blood. On his reaching South Bay, Dr. Macfarland, of Fairville, was telephoned for and he dressed the wound. It will be some days before Mr. Logue will be able to resume his work.

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ALL EUROPE MOURNS DEAD KING

Christian's Death Casts Gloom Over Most of the Royal Houses---Denmark's New King Almost as Popular as His Father.

London, Jan. 29.—The sudden death of King Christian, of Denmark, called (father-in-law of Europe), will place the majority of the royal houses of Europe in mourning. The rulers of Russia, Great Britain, Greece, Sweden and Norway are directly related to the dead monarch either personally or through their consorts.. His sons and daughters were preparing for their annual trip to Copenhagen for the purpose of celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday.

Queen Alexandra received the news of the death of her father at Windsor. It came as a great shock to her as apparently there had been no previous intimation of any indisposition.

In view of the death of the King of Denmark the official and other engagements in which the British court is concerned, will be postponed or cancelled although nothing affecting the arrangements has yet been given out. It is said that the opening of parliament cannot take place before February 19, according to the original programme, but it may be opened by a royal commission as in the later years of Queen Victoria's reign. One of the earliest functions on the return of the court to London was to have been the launching of the monster battleship Dreadnaught, February 10, which probably will be indefinitely postponed. The holding of a court at Buckingham Palace had been fixed for February 16 and levees had been arranged for February 20 and February 26, but they also will be put off.

It is expected that a memorial service in honor of the late King Christian will be held in the chapel royal, St. James Palace, simultaneously with the funeral services held in Denmark. King Edward has arranged to come to London Jan. 30, and Queen Alexandra was to leave Sandringham at the same time. It is not yet known what changes in their plans have been decided upon.

The new king of Denmark, who will ascend the throne in his 62nd year, bears the weight of his years lightly and is almost as popular with the people of Denmark as was his father. By the wish of his parents he was brought up with great simplicity and his earlier education was obtained at the town grammar school. It was Frederick's curious fate to see his younger brother and his own son become reigning monarchs of Greece and Norway respectively while he himself was still an heir apparent..

The new king has been highly popular since his earliest youth. His bearing is stately and his manner quiet. He is noted for his culture and possesses many foreign distinctions. While seldom openly identified with political questions, he has taken an active part in all public movements and is a constant attendant at all important debates in the Rigsdag. He is chancellor of the Copenhagen University and head of the Freemasons of Denmark and is well known as a promoter of all philanthropic objects. His interest in the army of which he is inspector-general, is keen and he has introduced several reforms which have improved the lot of the private soldiers, as the result of which he is extremely popular with the troops.

The new queen, Louise, is reported to be the tallest and richest Princess in Europe. She is a handsome woman of the blonde type, and reflects the beauty of her famous grandmother, Desiree Clary, the tradesman's daughter who captivated Bonaparte and married Marshal Bernadotte, who subsequently became King of Sweden and Norway. She and her husband have adhered to the plainness and simplicity characteristic of the Danish court, showing the nation the happy spectacle of a united couple living on terms of the closest affection and sympathy with their eight children.

Frederick is credited with having a less determined character than his father, while it is whispered that the new queen possesses the stronger character of the two and positively this latter fact will have considerable influence on the policy of the new king.

TANNING BY ELECTRICITY

Factory to Be Established in the Maritime Provinces.

The Maritime Provinces are to have the credit of initiating the first scientific advance that has been made in the art of tanning for some centuries. This is due to the enterprise of the Canadian Electrical Process Co., Ltd., which has recently been organized for the purpose of erecting and operating an electric tannery at some convenient point in the Maritime Provinces.

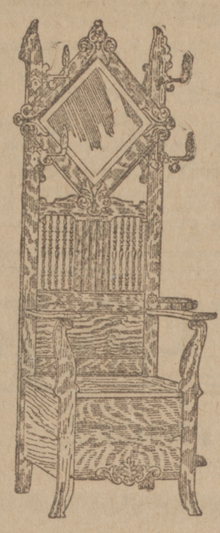
The provisional directors of this company are John C. O'Mullin, president; Edward Stairs, treasurer, and W. E. Thompson, secretary, all of Halifax, along with Max Ungar, Halifax, Geo. D. Burton, Boston, (the inventor of the process) and Frank W. Gifford, Fairfield, Maine.

These gentlemen have undertaken the enterprise only after giving the process a very severe trial. They established a demonstration plant in Halifax and operated it for two months, not only giving it careful scrutiny themselves, but calling in leather experts and many prominent business men to follow the various stages of the process and judge of its results. These tests showed that the electrical tanning process could do in thirty days what it takes four months to do by the process now in use. The demonstration also proved that not only was time saved, but a great amount of labor as well, and that the process also produced the finest quality of leather.

So great economies being effected by this process the new company will evidently have the best opportunity to make profits of any tannery in operation, and there is all the more force to this in view of the fact that the tanning industry is in a particularly sound condition because the demand for this commodity is and will continue to be much greater than the supply.

The company makes an estimate of an annual profit of 18 per cent, which is regarded by the company as very conservative, and no doubt the issue of $100,000 of seven per cent cumulative preferred shares which they now offer will become very popular among investors in the Maritime Provinces.

The price of the stock, $100 per share, affords an opportunity for the small investor which it is expected will secure a very large list of subscribers. The establishing of a new and profitable industry in the Maritime Provinces is one that should command the support of people in all circumstances. Attention is directed to the advertisement regarding this one which appears elsewhere in the present issue.



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