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BOARD AND COUNCIL

This paper yesterday, referring to the right-about-face of the city council on the assessment bill, asked what the board of trade would do about it. The board's reply was given in short order. That body endorsed the bill yesterday, will have it introduced in the legislature, and will send a strong delegation to support it. This disposes of the talk that the bill was the work of one or two men and that these were seeking to railroad it through the council on a snap vote. The board of trade committee went into the matter thoroughly, and they approve of the bill. Their action is a declaration of want of confidence in the majority of the city council. Their next step should be to pursue such a course as will give the city a better council next year.

IT IS TO "CONCUR"

The board of trade apparently hopes to make an impressive do-nothing record in regard to St. John and the Atlantic mail service. While Halifax claims everything, the board "concurs." The Calgary board of trade having passed a resolution demanding that a fair test be made of St. John as a mail port, the council of the St. John board sends this reply:

"The council has resolved 'That the communication of the Calgary Board of Trade be acknowledged and they be informed that this board recognizes with pleasure the interest taken by their western friends in the development of the Atlantic mail service and will willingly concur in any proposal for testing the relative advantages of the Canadian Atlantic ports.'"

Presumably this communication was framed before Swettenham sent his famous letter to Davis, or it might have been framed to read somewhat in this fashion:

"That the communication of the Calgary board of trade be acknowledged, and they be informed that this board advises them to mind their own business, and look nearer home for mail ports—say at Fort Churchill, Hudson Bay—the St. John board being amply qualified to toot the horn for this port."

Is the St. John board afraid of a test? The Canadian Pacific Railway authorities are apparently willing to risk their reputation on their ability to prove that St. John is the best port for the western Canadian service. Why not urge that they be given the chance? Why should the St. John board of trade hesitate to demand that they be given the chance?

EVERY DAY CLUBS

In the National Review for January, Mr. Thomas P. Whittaker makes a plea for practical temperance reform by the provision of public indoor resorts, somewhat along the line of one recently opened in this city. After discussing conditions in England, Mr. Whittaker says:

"When all this has been done much will remain to claim the attention of the temperance and social reformer. A policy of mere restriction and suppression is not sufficient. The public house has a social side. Many do not go there, at any rate at first, because they want to drink. They go for company and recreation, and they drink because they are there, with the result that they develop drinking habits and become frequenters of public houses simply in order to drink."

"Public indoor resorts are required. Places for recreation and social intercourse should be provided by the community for the same reason that open spaces, public gardens and public parks are obtained and maintained. They are almost more necessary. For 250 nights in the year it is either dark or wet when people have left work. The parks are closed or not available. Where are they to go? Libraries, museums and picture galleries are all very well. But they are not always available, and when they are, they are not what is wanted by everybody every night after a hard day's work. We may regret it, but the fact is they are places for the few and not for the many; and we must face facts, and deal with them as they are, and not persist in proceeding as though they were as we think they ought to be."

"Some of these places, which would really be of the nature of free clubs, might be in connection with the free libraries &c., if that were convenient and thought desirable. They should provide news-rooms, smoking-rooms, rooms for billiards and other games, gymnastics and amateur concerts and entertainments of various kinds. They should be open to both men and women, and be sufficiently numerous to be easily accessible and to provide sufficient accommodation. No propaganda—religious or political—should be permitted. There would be no feeling of patronage or charity about them. They would belong to the people. Every one would feel at home in them. They would be free and easy, but severely and strictly clean and healthy, both physically and morally. The introduction of intoxicating liquors should not be permitted. Good order and good behaviour and obedience to rules, the sole object of which would be to secure general comfort and convenience would be stringently insisted upon. They would be an enormous boon. When once we get them we shall marvel that we were ever without them. They will come in time."

NOTABLE QUEBEC MOVEMENT

Following the example set by Archbishop Bruchesi in Montreal, a notable organization has been formed in the city

of Quebec to promote the cause of temperance. Last Friday evening, about two hundred citizens met with Mayor Garneau at City Hall to organize a league of laymen. A report says:

"The Rev. Abbe Eugene Roy, representing Archbishop Begin, opened the meeting by explaining the object, after which Mr. Justice Langelier furnished statistics taken from his own experience as a magistrate, showing the evils caused by intemperance. He was followed by the Hon. Messrs. Flynn, Robitaille, Chapais and Pelletier, the latter congratulating the present municipal council of Quebec for its energetic efforts in the interests of the temperance cause. It was decided to call the new organization the Quebec Anti-Alcoholic League, and the following officers were elected: Archbishop Begin and Sir L. A. Jette, patrons; Mr. Justice Langelier, president; the Hon. John Sharples and Dr. D. Brochu, vice-presidents; Mr. P. B. Dumoulin, treasurer; Ald. Paquin, recording secretary; Mr. E. Rousseau, corresponding secretary."

An organization composed of men so influential in Quebec affairs should produce marked results in temperance work. The campaign of Archbishop Bruchesi is said to have had a notable effect upon public sentiment as well as individual habits within the sphere of its operation.

John Graham Brooks, of the national child labor committee of the United States, declared in Boston this week that child labor in the states is increasing. He cited conditions, says the Boston Post, which exist in the manufacture of cotton, glass, silk and other goods and said that there has been a marked increase in the number of minors employed during the last year or more of years. Regardless of the fact that the census shows a decrease in the employment of children, he said that his committee had found a positive increase, and that on a large scale.

The Sun this morning made the following observations:

"Four of the city dailies are uncompromising in their censure of the aldermen who blocked the reform of the taxation system. And as further evidence of the strong public feeling of disapproval, The Globe supports the aldermen."

The Globe perhaps feels that it ought to do something in return for the great kindness of the civic authorities in giving the most of their advertising patronage to that journal of limited circulation.

A Jewish synagogue costing \$85,000 has just been dedicated in Toronto. At the dedication, says the World, "Mayor Coatsworth was called upon and said he was glad that so many Jews had settled in Canada and had become loyal citizens. The building redounded to the credit and generosity of the Jews in Toronto. As chief magistrate of the city, he wished them Godspeed, and expressed his appreciation of the splendid work accomplished."

It is clear from the extended reports of the Thaw trial that District Attorney Jerome is a master in the arena of public prosecution in the courts. He has evidently made the most careful study and preparation for his work in this case, the most sensational of any years in the criminal courts of New York.

The Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club would not be the splendid organization it is but for Commodore Robert Thomson. His re-election was a foregone conclusion, and his presentation of a piano to the club is but another one of a series of generous acts that have marked his connection with the club.

In order to show St. John people that the agitation in Halifax, designed to take business away from St. John is not a "hoax," as one St. John paper has cheerfully styled it, the Times reprints today an article spread in large type on the pages of the Halifax Herald. The Herald recognizes only one port and claims everything.

If the western states did not need railway extension so much, there would be less anxiety about the attempt to restrict the issue of new securities. As the case stands the people want railroads and the railroad companies want money.

The elections for the second Russian Duma are in progress, and do not appear to be marked by any serious disorders. It is said that a strong conservative vote is being cast in the country districts.

A meeting will be held in Halifax tomorrow to consider the organization of a Canadian Club in that city. St. John is first among maritime province cities in this respect. Its Canadian Club will be organized this afternoon.

This is the day Mr. Emmerson and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy are to confer on the question of running rights on the I. C. R. between St. John and Halifax.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World expresses the view that parliament will be in session all the second week in May.

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Oh! could ye see, and could ye see The great gold skies so clear: The rivers that race through the pine-shade So far they seem as near."

Then could ye feel, and could ye feel How fresh is a western night: When the long land-breezes rise and pass, And sigh in the rustling prairie grass; When the dark blue skies are as clear as glass, And the same old stars are bright."

But could ye know, and forever know The word of the young Northwest: A word she breathes to the true and bold, A word she whispers to the false and cold, But the one that knows is best."—Molra O'Neill.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

INSTEAD OF VILLAGERS. "I hear you are writing an American comic opera." "Yes, the hero is a senator." "Good! Great chance to work in a chorus of some merry, merry villagers."—Washington Herald.

LIKE A PEACE CONGRESS.

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WISE MAN!

Rosetti—"Yes, Sir, I'm a poor devil, but I've lost all my money, but he has retained all his friends." Signora Rosetti—"Well, that is strange."

Rosetti—"No, he died on the same day."

A TRIPLE APPELITE.

The composer Rossini was a great eater. He went one day into a restaurant and ordered a dinner for three. After a while the waiter said: "The dinner is on the fire, sir; when the people come, it is ready."

"Very well," said Rossini. "Serve it. I am the people."

MODEST HALIFAX WANTS EVERYTHING

Wants Government to Give C. P. R. Special Advantages to Take Business from St. John

(Halifax Herald). Halifax possesses the safest and most spacious harbor in Canada. Nature intended it as the eastern gateway of this great Dominion.

For want of any through trunk lines from ocean to ocean, with steamship connections to the great ports of Europe, its trade is limited to local shipments. The western terminus of the I. C. R. being in Montreal no traffic west of that point comes to this port.

Halifax needs railways possessing western connections, that will ensure the delivery here of western traffic. One of those railways is the C. P. R., and when completed, the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern will be others. With termini here, it would be to the interest of these railways to build up the shipping interests of Halifax.

In addition the trade would be stimulated by the rivalry and competition. Parliament has recognized the importance of making Halifax an ocean terminus for western traffic by its proposal to construct a new line from Quebec to Montreal, at a cost of twenty millions of dollars, under the belief that it would reduce the distance eighty miles.

If so large an expenditure is warranted in making so small a saving in running distance to ensure a traffic to this point, large concessions in the way of running privileges over the I. C. R. are justified to a railway that will bring traffic here, without any public expenditure at all—much less twenty millions of dollars.

The I. C. R. is of no value in itself apart from the results it achieves. As it fails to bring western traffic to Nova Scotia ports, and a section of it can be utilized by another railway that can bring such traffic here—would it not be folly twice over to prevent its use for such purposes and to deny this city and province such beneficial results?

One provision of the National Transcontinental railway contract was the granting of reciprocal privileges in the way of running rights between the I. C. R. and N. T. R.

If that is a wise arrangement and beneficial to the country, why should not the same principle be extended to the C. P. R.?

The Grand Trunk and C. P. R. are at present the two great trunk lines of Canada. The country cannot afford to discriminate between them to grant concessions or privileges to one that it denies to the other.

A denial may be effected in two ways; either by direct refusal or by imposing stipulations of such a stringent character as will prevent their acceptance.

Let the terms be liberal to the point of inducing their acceptance.

(Montreal Herald) Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will go to Ottawa on Wednesday for the purpose of conferring with the minister of railways, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, with regard to the terms upon which the company may obtain a lease of full running rights for the whole of its trains between St. John and Halifax.

Sir Thomas informed the Herald today that the whole question had been left open for discussion with the minister, but as to what arrangement might be made he could not give any definite information.

Some years ago the Canadian Pacific had full running rights over the Intercolonial between St. John and Halifax but these were abrogated during Mr. Blair's

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LOST LIFE TRYING TO SAVE HIS CHILD

Tragedy in Winnipeg Whereby Father and Child Were Burned to Death.

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—Norman MacDougall, a member of the real estate firm of Marshall & Company, and his little daughter, aged three years, were suffocated at their home in Sherbrook street last night. The explosion of a lamp caused the fire, and the father's life was lost in a desperate effort to save the child, who had been distracted by fear when the fire broke out and concealed herself in a room.

It is said that William Fox, of Faircliff; W. Dean, proprietor of the Scaview Hotel, Lorneville, and a city lawyer are interested in a project to establish an automobile route between the city and Lorneville.

T. M. Burns, of Bathurst, was registered at the Royal yesterday. Rev. Dr. W. H. Heartz left for Yarmouth yesterday.

FASTER THAN A MILE A MINUTE

Grand Trunk Laying 100 lb. Rails to Enable Them to Run Trains at Great Speed.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The first 100-pound rails ever laid in Canada are being placed on the Grand Trunk line between Toronto and Hamilton. These will enable the company to run trains faster than a mile a minute.

J. A. Patterson, of Apohaqui, was registered at the Victoria yesterday.