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MUNICIPAL TRADING

The London, England, municipal elections, to take place the first week in March, are exciting great interest. A cable of last Monday's date says:—

"The independent labor party issued their manifesto in the pending London County Council campaign last week. They propose in effect to convert the capital of the British Empire into a fully developed commune, London to be governed by one central authority, which will be empowered to undertake any enterprise which the people may desire. This frank avowal of communism serves still further to arouse the London public, and the campaign promises to be the hottest in the history of the metropolis. The revolt against municipal extravagance in the management of industrial enterprises, which was first manifested in the November borough elections, is spreading rapidly, and it promises to culminate in the overthrow of the present system at the election on March 2nd."

A clipping from a London paper just to hand gives a report of an address by Mr. Robert Donald, in favor of one central authority, as follows:

"Having pointed out that the comparisons constantly made between national and municipal debt were utterly misleading, Mr. Donald went on to say that at present the people of London had no control over their expenditure. Apart from the local and poor rates there were eight different central rates levied in London. They wanted one rate for all London. —one rate which should fall first on the site value, and then on the house value. Equalisation up to now had put a new burden on the west-end. When an east-end parish discovered that it could get relief to its rates of 6d. in the £ from equalisation, instead of benefiting by the reduction, it proceeded to raise the rates to the old level. Therefore the county council should control the financial policy of the extravagant local bodies, which now spent so freely the money which comes from other districts."

Mr. Donald very vigorously upheld the principle of municipal trading, as will be seen from the following report:

"Mr. Donald said the outcry against municipal trading on behalf of the middle classes was founded on an entire misapprehension. Bolton had been cited as an example of a town which had run riot for many years with municipal trade, and had piled up millions of debt. The citizen of Bolton rode on municipal tramways to deal at municipal markets. He worked in mills lighted by municipal electricity, drank municipal water, and, let them hope, stuck to it. He bought meat which had come from the municipal slaughter houses and cooked it on a hired municipal gas stove with municipal gas. After refreshing his mind at the municipal libraries or museums he refreshed his body at the municipal baths. He listened to a municipal organ recital in the town hall, and finally would be laid at rest for ever in a municipal cemetery. Yet the people of Bolton, instead of groaning under the crushing burden of municipal debt which these services involved, had the satisfaction every year of knowing that the surplus profits of their co-operative enterprises relieved the rates to the extent of 46,000l., equal to about 25s. per family per year. Darlington raised over 23 per cent. of the whole town council's expenditure from its surplus profits on trading, and its enterprises would pay companies dividends of from 16 per cent. to 31 per cent."

Thus, in the view of Mr. Donald, municipal ownership is not a failure in London, but merely requires greater centralization of authority. The Bolton instance, if his statements are well founded, certainly upholds his contention that municipal operations need not of necessity prove either unsatisfactory or unsuccessful.

PACIFIC COAST POLITICS

The Vancouver World in a recent issue shows that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is taking a lively interest in provincial politics in British Columbia. There is trouble between the Canadian Conservative Club, of which Sir Hibbert is a member, and what is called the provincial conservatvie machine. The former, instead of attending the conservatie primaries, called a meeting to protest against machine methods. The World thus quotes the address of Sir Hibbert at this meeting:-

"I understand" said Sir Hibbert, "that this meeting has been called as a protest against the predominance of the 'machine' in the conservative party. I am certainly in entire sympathy with such a movement. I, for one, and I know there are many others, do not believe in the present system of selecting candidates. Delegates sent up from primaries to a convention cannot select men to suit the masses.

"I have been brought up a conservative but I am not a slave to the conservative party. If a voter does not approve of a candidate selected by the convention he should not be virtually compelled to vote for such a candidate just because he had attended a primary and had been asked to pledge himself to this effect in order to get past the door.

"Conservatives should be free from the slavery of the 'machine.' In order to get at the opinion of the great mass of Vancouver conservatives I think that the present meeting should be adjourned and a mass meeting of conservatives arranged. If the candidates selected by the convention are not men whom we wish to represent us a new ticket can be prepared and a new party organized. There is ample time if the work is commenced promptly.

"Some may think this a dangerous slip at such a time, but it must come some time, and the sooner we get clear of the 'machine' the better." (Applause.)

Other speakers endorsed the views of Sir Hibbert, and there was talk of an independent ticket. Curiously enough, all is not peace in the liberal fold, and we find the Victoria Colonist announcing:—

"The revolt of a large section of the local liberal association has taken definite form. A dissenting party has been organized under the name of 'independents.' They have taken as their motto, 'Better terms for British Columbia.' "

In this general turmoil "Fighting Joe Martin," is peacefully disposed, as may be judged from an interview. He was asked if he intended to be a candidate, what his views were, and finally if he thought the country prosperous. To all of these questions Mr. Martin blandly responded: "I do not care to talk."

BRUTAL SPORT

The Montreal Witness makes the following caustic but well-deserved comment on recent hockey matches in that city:—

"We who live in the twentieth century are somewhat inclined to boast of our civilization. We read of the amusements of the ancients—the man and beast fights—the gladiatorial combats—and we pat ourselves metaphorically on the back and think what fine folk we are, compared to those savage old heathen. Of the bull fights of the Spaniards we read with disgust that human beings can take delight in the sufferings of the poor bull and of horses being done to death. On Saturday night, in Montreal, nearly seven thousand people assembled to see a hockey match. What they actually saw was a compound of ruffianism and blackguardism from the effects of which three men required surgical treatment, and many more will carry marks for days. There is no need to condemn the game of hockey. In the opinion of some who have seen all sorts of games in all parts of the globe, it is the finest game in the world. Like most other games, it has its incidental accidents, but to these at least four of the players in the game spoken of above showed an unmasked desire to add intentional assault and battery. One might have expected civilized people to have risen from their seats and left the building at the first incident. But they did not. Ladies sat on and took their chance of seeing more blood spilled. Possibly, after all, our civilization is not so very deep."

An Ottawa despatch going the rounds of upper province papers, and dealing with the recent senatorial appointments from this province says:—"There may be an opportunity of satisfying one of the disappointed New Brunswickers shortly. Lieutenant Governor Snowball's term of office expires next month and Senator Ellis is mentioned in connection with the position. In the event of his receiving the appointment, a vacancy would be created in the upper house."

The fact that the aldermen of New York elected on the Hearst ticket last year have been caught selling themselves for $500 each in the vote on the election of the city recorder should put the finishing touch on the whole Hearst farce. The unscrupulous yellow journalist has posed long enough as the friend of the "People."

A two-cent passenger rate on railways and supervision of private banks were features of the message of the governor of Indiana to the legislature of the state last week. The governor of North Carolina, in his message, advocated a bureau of immigration to secure foreign labor.

The hardships entailed by the cold weather and coal shortage in some towns in the far west are illustrated by the statement that in the little town of Snowflake, Manitoba, they were reduced to the use of manure for fuel before a supply of coal was received.

The awful tale of small pox and famine in a portion of China appeals to the sympathy in the world. In the western world we can scarcely conceive of conditions under which hundreds of thousands are utterly destitute and dying of hunger and disease.

Director Low of the geological survey significantly remarks that there is danger in the Cobalt speculative boom, and the large capitalization of exploiting companies.

The president of the Regina Grain Growers' association estimates that the car shortage has cost western farmers $1,250,000. Large stocks are still awaiting shipment.

The latest reports indicate that the extent of the disaster at Kingston, Jamaica, was not over-stated at the first. The loss of both life and property is very great.

Perhaps labor is very scarce in British Columbia, but the Central Emigration board of London offers a solution of the problem.

There is much complaint that the street cars are not sufficiently heated in this intensely cold weather.

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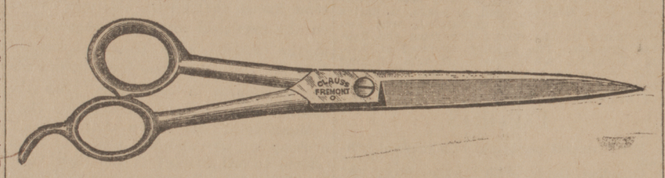
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THE FIRST SNOWFALL

The snow had begun in the gloaming,
And busily all the night,
Had been heaping field and highway
With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch-deep with pearl.

From sheds new roofed with carrara,
Came Chanticleer's muffled crow?
The stiff rails were softened to swan's down,
And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window
The noiseless work of the sky,
And the sudden flurries of snowbirds,
Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in Sweet Auburn,
Where a little headstone stood—
How the flakes were folding it gently,
As did robins the babes in the wood—

Up spoke our own little Mabel,
Saying, "Father, who makes it snow?"
And I told of the good All-Father,
Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snowfall,
And thought of the leaden sky
That arched o'er our first great sorrow,
When that mound was heaped so high.

I remembered the gradual patience
That fell from that cloud like snow,
Flake by flake healing and hiding
The scar of our deep-plunged woe.

And again to the child I whispered,
"The snow that husheth all,
Darling, the merciful Father
Alone can make it fall!"

Then, with eyes that saw not, I kissed her,
And she, kissing back, could not know
That my kiss was given to her sister,
Folded close under deepening snow.

—Lowell.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

NO MISNOMER.

"Wait a minute, I've got to buy something for The Big Noise."

"You shouldn't refer to your father as 'The Big Noise.'"

"I ain't; I'm referrin' to the baby."—Houston Post.

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NOT IN HIS CONFIDENCE.

"I'm very anxious to see Mr. Gailey," said the caller. "When will he be at home?".

"I'm sure I can't tell you," replied the woman at the door; "he never tells me that."

"Oh, I thought you were Mrs. Gailey."

"So I am."—Philadelphia Press.

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'TWAS EVER THUS.

Mistress—I suppose you know all about pastry?

New Cook—Yes, ma'am.

Mistress—What kind of pies are you most familiar with?

New Cook—Baker's pies, ma'am.—Chicago Daily News.

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CONVENIENT.

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PRACTICAL.

"Did she suspect his closeness before their marriage?"

"Oh, yes. He gave her her engagement ring as a Christmas gift." — New York Times.

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AN ECONOMIST.

"Billy, you've been fighting again."

"Yes, mum. I've saved half a crown, though. You know that tooth I'd got to go to the dentist's to have out? Well, Jimmy Sloggers has just punched it out."—Ally Sloper.

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IN THE FURNITURE STORE.

Irate Customer (energetically) — "I want a square deal in this establishment."—

Placid Proprietor—"All right, sir. Show the gentleman some kitchen tables."—Baltimore American.

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LIKE MAKES LIKE.

"Miss De Style used to be so awkward. How did she acquire that fine carriage?"

"She employed a society coach."—Baltimore American.

BUILDING ON A COLOSSAL SCALE

The Philadelphia Ledger points out that "Greater New York has during the last five years built 16,158 flat houses, furnishing homes for 585,021 tenants. The cost of construction has been $390,512,595. When the cost of land is included the total investment has reached $1,000,000,000. The investment to house eact person has been $1,710. If each tenant has paid on the average, 10 per cent. a year for housing accommodations, the annual rent which such an investment demands from each tenant is $171. From the figures of the past five years, and from current information as to the immediate future, it is believed New York reached the top of its flat-building wave in 1906. The construction of flats gained steadily in volume during the decade preceding 1905. It receded sharply in 1906. Brooklyn's rise as a flat-house center has been steady and rapid. It has met with no reaction. The growth has been due to the increasing accessibility of Brooklyn land to persons who have business in Manhattan. Brooklyn built 180 flat houses for 2,784 tenants in 1902. In 1903 the construction was 657 flat houses for 7,629 tenants. The next year produced 1,433 houses for 34,002 tenants. During 1905, 2,864 flat houses were built for 54,888 tenants. Last year the output was 3,230 flat houses for 67,383 tenants. Bronx and Queens boroughs have shown similar steady development."

ECOES OF THE CRAPSEY CASE

(New York Evening Post.)

Deposed Mr. Crapsey is wholly within his rights in agitating for such changes in the creed as will meet modern conceptions of the history of the universe, and thus retain a "hold over the modern mind." We doubt whether the Episcopal Church will cast out any more heretics of the type of Dr. Crapsey; one effort of the kind was enough—and more than enough. But if such men are henceforth to be tolerated, it is in the interest of intellectual honesty that the Church say so frankly and unequivocally. The weakness of the Church, says Dr. Crapsey, lies in its unwillingness to "face the fact." He adds:

Until the church organizations are ready to permit the intellectual freedom that now prevails in the outside world, the church organizations must be content to be without intellectual or spiritual influence, to have not the first, but the last place, in the great work of bringing man into the kingdom of truth.

These are sentences that we commend to the consideration of thoughtful Christians of all sects. Wherever clergymen are gathered together arises the cry that the Church is losing its hold on the community. This effect is not without cause. Thousands of serious men are asking why they should spend money, time and energy on the Church; whether most of the churches are really more than social clubs; whether the clergy are our intellectual and moral leaders. It may be easy to demonstrate that these skeptics are wholly wrong; but the mere effect of the widespread doubt is ominous. If in most of our towns and cities the leadership of the clergy were generally recognized, if the church were visibly going forth in might, conquering and to conquer, our theological schools would not be running down, our church conventions would not sound the note of hesitation and defeat, but of triumph. Do men, as Dr. Crapsey asserts, suspect the intellectual freedom and integrity of the church? If his diagnosis be right, the decline in power is inevitable.

COSTIGAN AND ROSS ENTER THE SENATE

Ottawa, Jan. 16—The senate met this evening. Two new senators took their seats. They were Hon. John Costigan, who was introduced by the secretary of state and Senator Coffee, and Hon. G. W. Ross, who was introduced by Secretary of State Scott and Senator Jaffray.

CRITICAL OPERATION ON GEORGE HAM

Montreal, Jan. 16—Geo. Ham, of the C. P. R., underwent a critical operation at the Western Hospital today because of complications following an operation for appendicitis a year ago. The patient passed well through the ordeal and his recovery is expected by the physicians.

Mrs. George Barnes

Hampton, Jan. 16—Mrs. George Barnes, relict of the late registrar of deeds, who has been an invalid for some years, this morning was attacked with a severe stroke of paralysis which proved fatal. Mrs. Barnes suffered from a similar but less severe attack some two years or so ago, and has been confined to the house ever since. Her family consists of four sons—J. Milton Barnes, St. John; Albert Barnes, Hampton; Victor Barnes, Boston, and John, at home; also two daughters—Mrs. George M. Wilson, Hampton, at whose home she died, and Mrs. J. Ernest Whittaker, of Pennsylvania.

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