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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The meeting in this city tomorrow, to organize a union of provincial municipalities, is one of much or little importance, according to the spirit in which the delegates approach their task. If they form a strong union, whose members will keep in touch with each other and meet from time to time to discuss matters of mutual interest, they will form together a strong body of public opinion which must exert a strong influence in regard to legislation affecting the interests of municipalities. The movement has been successfully launched in other provinces, and there is also a Canadian union, representing in some degree all the provinces. The time worn adage that in union there is strength loses none of its significance when applied to the corporate interests of various localities. Tomorrow and Wednesday's meetings in St. John, therefore, should be fruitful of good. There are several very important matters of common interest which call for concerted action. There is also the benefit to be derived from an exchange of views on the part of leading men, who view these questions each from the standpoint of his own locality and its varied interests.

PATENT MEDICINES

The bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines, by compelling registration and government analysis, prohibiting free distribution of samples and preventing the use of cocaine in patent medicines, is a measure very much in the interests of the public health. One of the great evils of the day is the indiscriminate use of patent medicines, by persons who turn from one to another and keep on dosing themselves, to the injury instead of the benefit of their health. It has been possible for any quack to prepare and sell almost any sort of mixture, depending upon the credulity of the people to provide a market. Under the proposed bill to be introduced by Hon. Mr. Templeman, there would be an end of this sort of thing. The purchaser of patent medicine would be protected against many frauds, and the public health would be less endangered by indiscriminate use of harmful compounds.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

The assertion that municipal ownership is a failure is not endorsed by the town of Brockville, Ontario. For the benefit of the delegates to the municipal convention in this city tomorrow, the following statement from the Toronto News may be quoted; and it will be also of interest to the general reader:—

"For six years past the town of Brockville has owned and operated a light and power plant. It is under a commission of five members, and possesses a manager, Mr. C. T. Wilkinson, who seems to know his business. Both gas and electricity are produced, and since 1901 the prices have been reduced from \$2 per thousand feet for gas and 20 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity, to \$1.25 and 10 cents, respectively. During the six years the net profit to the town has been \$7,000.17. Last year alone the surplus was \$4,002.58, in spite of the fact that \$3,368.69 was written off for depreciation of plant. The total revenue has been increased from \$38,154.19 in 1900-01, to \$45,523.07 last year. A system which can make money while cutting the price of light and power in two is undoubtedly a success. Doubtless the record of Brockville's entry into the municipal ownership field will encourage other municipalities in Ontario—particularly at this time."

This statement is particularly interesting in regard to the reduction in the price of gas. Brockville is not a large city, and it is inland. It has greatly reduced the price of gas, and yet derives a profit from the reduced price. St. John aldermen should note this fact.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

London cables indicate that the fighting speech made by the British attorney general the other day, directed against the house of lords, expressed the feelings of the government generally. It is asserted that in the parliament which re-assembles today government measures will be introduced such as may lead to a revolutionary change, bringing the lords practically into a position subordinate to the commons. Of course such a change could not be wrought in a year, or in several years, since Britain is slow to discard time-honored institutions, and the constitutional changes necessary would require much thoughtful attention. It is remembered in New Brunswick, for example, how long a time it took to get rid of the legislative council, and how large the measure loomed in election contests before it was finally accomplished. That the British parliament will undergo changes, especially in regard to the constitution and relative power of the house of lords is inevitable, and the element of time must enter into the process much more than would be the case in most other countries.

Chatham people, stirred up by Mr. Tennyson Smith, have resolved to enforce the Scott Act. Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock, Norton, Newcastle have declared themselves of like mind. It is an interesting commentary on Canadian respect for law that the voice of an Englishman is necessary to arouse a sense of responsibility and regard for the law.

Mr. Henry Clews, in his weekly letter on the stock market, expresses the opinion that "the entire monetary outlook is still one that suggests great caution and conservatism." The market has been hammered down to a more satisfactory level, and the feeling is general that conditions, though subject to "the unexpected" are healthier than for some time past.

Nova Scotia is having a rather serious time with smallpox this winter. Carelessness on the part of the people is very frequently the cause of the rapid spread of the disease, and it is unfortunate that medical men sometimes disagree regarding the nature of an outbreak, as has several times been the case in this province. In the end there is panic, quarantine, and loss to the community.

The new Halifax and Southwestern Railway is making a bad record in regard to accidents. Three men killed and another injured is the latest tribute paid for the service of this line. A train "overloaded and insufficiently manned" was the cause, as stated by the coroner's jury. Presumably the matter will not end at this point.

In Toronto at least there is something to be said in behalf of the "Hello Girl." The royal commission has brought out the fact that the telephone company's officials treated their girl operators in a heartless fashion, to provide dividends for the stockholders.

The decision of the provincial government in the sewerage dispute brings the city of Fredericton face to face with a very serious financial problem. Proper sewerage it must have, in the interests of the public health, but the only system now apparently available would be a very heavy burden on the taxpayers.

The woman, who at Nictaux, N. S., wrecked a place where liquor was alleged to be sold were themselves law-breakers, and the interesting question arises:—Will violation of one law increase the general tendency to respect other laws?

'T WAS ONLY WHISKEY

John Dickson's Illness Was No Due to a Dose of Carbolic Acid

While intoxicated Saturday night, John Dickson went into John Hamilton's store on Union street, and after being in there a short time he toppled off the chair. Mr. Hamilton called in John Stewart and the two, not knowing what was wrong, searched Dickson, and found a small bottle of carbolic acid, and a bottle of bromo seltzer. Becoming alarmed, they notified Dr. Lewin, who ordered Dickson's removal to the hospital. There the stomach pump was brought into use, and slight traces of poison were found, but the doctors said that the sickness was caused by the liquor. Mr. Hamilton said yesterday that while in his store Dickson went to the sink and he believes that he took some of the carbolic acid instead of the bromo seltzer. The former he had gotten for his feet, which were sore.

CONDEMNED RACE SUICIDE

Rev. A. A. Graham, in the course of his sermon last night, strongly condemned race suicide and referred to it as nothing more or less than murder.

He declared it was unnatural for parents to kill their children, and yet the crime was not uncommon. He pointed out that life existed in two states, the natal and pre-natal, and when life in its natal state was destroyed we called it murder, and no other term could be applied to it when life in an unborn babe was destroyed.

"The history of the medical profession, said he, 'has many dark chapters hidden away that would horrify the world if made known.'

THE NEW THEOLOGY

Rev. John F. Floyd, pastor of Coburg street Christian church, preached last night on the new theology, taking as his text Colossians 2:10: "Ye are complete in Him."

The leading tenet that the new theology progressive and the present Christian faith not necessary to salvation was dealt with by the speaker at some length. He declared that the only new theology was that of Christ, which replaced the teaching of Moses, and needs no new revelation. The Bible is complete in itself and justifies no revelation outside the Scripture. Our standards are fixed at present and a changing theology would upset them entirely.

POLICEMAN RESIGNED

Chief of Police Clark announced yesterday that Patrolman W. S. Belyea has resigned his position on the police force. It will be remembered that during a heavy snow storm a few nights ago, Belyea, while on his way to central station to answer roll call before leaving duty, became conspicuous at the head of King street and was assisted to the guard room. He said he was struck by the street railway car and broke his leg. The chief sent him home pending investigation. It is not known definitely who will succeed him.

The police sports will be held at Victoria rink on Thursday evening, Feb. 21st. A good programme is being arranged, and a large attendance is expected. It is understood that prominent speed skaters will figure on the programme.

Ernest Shaw, the newsboy who had two of his fingers taken off Friday in machinery, is reported to be doing finely at the hospital. It was not in the St. John Iron Works, as reported, that the accident occurred, but in another foundry.

Planters of Louisiana are preparing to import a number of Spaniards for plantation work.

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IF THE HEART IS YOUNG

"Winter, and wild weather"—
But our hearts are tuned to Maytime,
We've been with you long,
And we sing the Maytime song.

"Winter, and wild weather"—
Not hopeless still we go,
For evermore we're dreaming
Of violets 'neath the snow.

"Winter, and wild weather"—
Ice dross like the pearls are strung;
What matter if the hair be gray,
So that the heart is young?

—Atlanta Constitution.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SCHOOL GOING RIGHT ON.
"Teddy, is there no school today?"
"Sure! Yer don't suppose dey'd close up de school, do yer?"

FOLLOWING THE SCENT.

From the reports we gather that Pittsburg has been left in charge of a night-watchman, while the inhabitants are in New York attending the Thaw trial.

A TERRIBLE FALL.

Charwoman (mending carpet) — "I never thought as 'ow I should come to this, mum. Me that was that well educated that afore I was married I couldn't even make a beef pudden."

LAST TOO LONG.

"One important thing about these cigars," said Stingiman, after handing a weed to his visitor, "is that they last so long." "Do they really?" asked the visitor, holding his at arm's length, "or does it merely seem long?"

CAUGHT HIM UNPREPARED.

A man driving along a country road saw the roof of a farm house ablaze. He gestulated and called to the farmer's wife, who was standing calmly in the doorway: "Hey, your house is afire!"

"I say your house is afire!"
"What did you say? I'm a little deaf."
"Your house is afire!" he yelled at the top of his lungs.
"Is that all?"
"It's all I can think of just now."

SHE DID HER BEST.

When the thermometer dropped below zero Mrs. Rogers was much disturbed by the thought that Huldah, the new kitchen maid, slept in an unheated room.

"Huldah," she said, remembering the good old custom of her girlhood, "it's going to be pretty cold tonight. I think you had better take a flat iron to bed with you."

"Yes, ma'am," assented Huldah without enthusiasm.

Mrs. Rogers, happy in the belief that her maid was comfortable, retired soundly. In the morning she visited the kitchen.

"Well, Huldah, how did you get along with the flat iron?"

Huldah breathed a deep sigh of recollection.

"Vell, ma'am, I got it 'most warm before morning."

EVIL OF WORSHIP

OF TRADITIONS

Canada a Holy Land—God As Near Us As He Ever Was to Canaan.

(Ottawa Citizen)

"Any Canadian who in religion discriminates against Canaan in favor of any Canaan of the past is in reality a traitor to the land which he lives," declared Rev. C. W. Casson in a sermon on The Religion of a Canadian Patriot, at the Church of Our Father, today that did not make for true patriotism, and that actually was injurious to the interests of the country.

"Any nation," he said, "having a division of sin and interest is doomed to ultimate failure. Where real religion does not mean real patriotism as well, there will sooner or later come disaster and death. In the dust of every perished nation may be traced the words, 'In disunion there is death.'"

I do not refer to either jingo patriotism or jingle religion, that parrots a phrase and goes into convulsions over a flag or a fettle; I refer to that religion which commands the real interest of the man, and to that patriotism that concerns itself with the real interests of the country. The religion of a Canadian patriot is that whose deepest impulses and influences tend also to uplift and ennoble the nation.

Its first essential is that it must find its highest and holiest here. It must know that Canada is the Holy Land of God, in as real a sense as ever nation was in the past. God as near the Gathieue hills as ever He was to Mount Sinai. The waters of the Ottawa are just as sacred as those of the Jordan. The home of the living Christian should be more holy to us of Canada than the tomb of the dead Christ. Would you not know God, get near God? Stay where you are. God is here.

RELIGION OF PRESENT.

"The points of interest in real religion lie not behind us, but here. Bethlehem? Wherever lies a new-born Canadian babe. The Gathieue hill? On whatever Canadian slope men and women seek and speak and live the truth. Geesemane? I refer to a countryman's agonies over a moral question or cries to God for strength to bear some trial or test. Calvary? Wherever sacrifice is made for the right, wherever soul suffers for or with other soul, wherever true man lays down his life for humanity, a great cause. 'Every inch of Canadian soil is holy ground. God's truth, temple, time, are here. No land ever had such a claim to being God's land than has Canada today. We dishonor our country when in religion we gaze across seas to catch glimpses of the Holy Land, or make pilgrimage to any shrine of the past."

CLEANING TO TRADITION.
"An incalculable harm has been wrought in Canada by this principle and practice in religion. It has been the custom to depreciate and present, and declare the wickedness and worthlessness of the world, and our part of it. Canada has been made the mere ante-chamber of the celestial, the camping out place, unworthy of our regard or affection or interest. Every revival is a hotbed of sedition and treason, where men are taught to scorn the Canadian present for the sake of the celestial future. The safeguard of the country lies in the fact that most of us do not take such statements seriously."

"Further, religion should enable us to concentrate our energy on the present. No man can concern himself with two worlds at the same time, and do his duty to either. Insofar as religion tends to concentrate interest in either the past or the present, it is distinctly injurious to Canadian welfare. We have no time to concern ourselves with either Palestine or Paradise. So long as we indulge in idle reminiscence or Phantasy, we cannot hope to solve the problems that press upon us and our country now. I believe the present apathy concerning the attraction of heaven to be of distinct advantage. It is enabling mankind to concentrate its thought and interest on present problems, and to aid in the uplift of the race."

FAITH IN CANADIANS
"The religion of a Canadian patriot must give him faith in his fellows. To think well of Canada, we must think well of Canadians. It matters little what may be the latent possibilities of her mines and mills, her fields and forests, if we have not faith in the inherent nobility of her sons. Without that faith there can be no real hope, wealth, patriotism."

The assumption, therefore, in religious teaching, of the depravity of man, is directly antagonistic to patriotism. Believing it, we must regard the average Canadian as depraved, a child of Satan, unworthy of confidence or respect. I resent any such imputation, and protest against any such vilification of Canadian manhood. We must have faith in our fellows if we are going to work with them or for them."

"And finally, the religion of a Canadian patriot should contribute character to citizenship. It deals with the strengthening rather than the saving of the soul. It makes a man able to govern himself. Religion in the truest sense is the development of the whole man. Real religion is the culture of character."

"What Canada most needs today is a religion that shall find its basis on Canadian soil, that shall have as its high aim the development of the divine in the Canadian citizen, and which shall enable each individual to give to his country the priceless gift of high character and whole-hearted service."

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Miss Kate Hemming, of Mt. Allison Musical Faculty, gave a vocal solo very effectively, and was heartily encored. A vocal solo by Raleigh Trites was excellently rendered. Misses Julia Ruggles, Jennie Rodden, and Lennie Linsby each rendered a violin solo, displaying admirable technique.

H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John, is in town today.

Miss Small, of Springfield, Kings Co., is the guest of Mrs. C. C. Ayard.

Dr. Hansen Allen, of Bayfield, N. B., was in town yesterday.

Miss Eunice Kinnear left today for Boston after a four weeks' visit at her old home, Cookville.

Frank Harper, of Sydney, C. B., is in town today.

Mrs. A. C. Smith was the hostess at a delightful bridge party last evening. Miss Greta Ogden and Mr. Saunders won the star prizes.

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