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IMPORTANT STATEMENTS

The Ottawa correspondence on another page of this issue, confirmatory of yesterday's despatches, and going into the matter more fully, makes two points very clear. The first is that it is the settled policy of the government at present to continue Halifax as the mail and passenger port. The second is that nationalization of this port is not regarded at Ottawa as something to be accomplished soon, but that in the meantime the government may be induced to do the dredging required, while the city goes on constructinig new wharves as needed, and charging wharfage to cover interest and sinking fund.

With regard to the latter proposition, it may be hoped that the government will be disposed to give such assurances respecting the future as will warrant the city in feeling that it may safely go on with the work of wharf building. There would necessarily also have to be the assurance either that the transportation companies would pay enough to cover interest and sinking fund, or that the government would look after any deficit, since the people of St. John obviously cannot carry any new burden of local taxation for the benefit of what is a national work.

The views entertained at Ottawa emphasise most clearly the importance of sending up a strong delegation prepared to present the case of this port in the most clear and comprehensive way. It does not follow because certain views appear to prevail now at Ottawa that these may not be subject to modification on a complete presentation of the city's case.

One thing is clear, the work of construction of new berths must be proceeded with as fast as the growth of trade warrants the work. This port by virtue of its geographical position, and other advantages, must get the freight business if the wharf facilities are provided. How these shall be provided is the question to be decided, and much will depend on the work done by the delegation when it goes to Ottawa.

HOW DO WE SPEND?

People in St. John are considering to what extent they should contribute to a monument to Champlain, and a work of art that would be an ornament to the city. The Boston Journal has a remarkable article on the general subject of spending money and the motives that underly such action, making a comparison between the sympathy shown for a spendthrift prize-fighter and a great musical composer. Possibly there may be in it a lesson for all of us. We quote:—

"Over in New York the other night there was held a benefit for a broken-down little prizefighter who for years had not done a day's work except that involved in training for encounters with other bruisers. The man had earned thousands upon thousands of dollars in the art of pounding somebody else into insensibility, all of which he had squandered through the dissipation of drink and other sorts of excesses. He should now have been independently wealthy, and would have been had he exercised even the common sense of a squirrel. Instead of which he was a battered and poverty-stricken derelict and his friends—with a loyalty for which we cannot help honoring them—arranged a performance to help him and in one way and another actually got together, it is said, $25,000 for his maintenance.

"In a litte country town of New England there lives in poverty and the pitiful gloom of a darkened intellect the greatest composer that this western land has ever produced. He is Edward A. MacDowell, whose splendid orchestral works have delighted music-lovers both here and in Europe. He labored for years in the interests of art at salaries that never adequately paid for his genius. But he gave freely the best there was in him, and that best was glorious. Then came a mind diseased and now there is hope only of a long and peaceful twilight. A fund is being raised for him, too, but with all the work of a year or more it has not reached the proportions of the prize fighter's reward.

"Are the people who pretend to love the 'higher things' of life less willing to translate that love into dollars and cents than those who regard a 'mill' as the height of human enjoyment? They have far more money in the aggregate than those who rallied to the support of Terry McGovern, but they have colder hearts. It is a disgraceful commentary upon the alleged regard for culture and the fine arts in this country that men and women all over the land should not at once pour in upon the promoters of the MacDowell fund all the money that the stricken maker of beautiful music can ever need. Certainly the 'dead game sports' have set them an admirable example in liberality and appreciation."

GOVERNED BY COMMISSION

Houston, Texas, is a city governed by commission, and the experiment has proved a remarkable success. Two years ago the city changed from the city council form of government to that by a commission, made up of a mayor and commissioners of finance, streets, police and water. These five persons have for two years conducted the affairs of the city, and at the end of December a monster petition was presented to them, asking that they permit themselves to be re-nominated for their respective offices. Perhaps no better tribute to administrative ability and civic integrity could be offered than the address of the spokesman of the petitioners when they went to the city hall to ask the members of the commission to consent to succeed themselves in office. He said:—

"When nearly two years ago the people of this city, with great unanimity, concluded to change their form of local government from that then obtaining to a commission form of government, they had a right to believe, and did believe, in view of the abuses which had grown up under the former system, that much would be accomplished for the public good. While the people expected much of you, yet they were not wholly prepared for all the good things in store for them. Since you have taken charge of the public affairs of the city the records of your administration will show, and all the people know, that you have not only put the city on a cash basis, but you have anticipated and actually paid every dollar of the city's floating debt; you have not only kept the streets cleaner and better maintained, but you have paved more streets with better material than any of your predecessor administrations; you have not only creditably maintained, improved and bettered the school service, but you have built a number of fine school houses, and all these things have been done without increasing the public debt. You have not only passed wise and wholesome ordinances, but you have fearlessly, without fear or favor, enforced existing ordinances and closed those places of iniquity that prey upon an unsuspecting public; you have not only collected more taxes than any of your predecessor administrations, but you have actually reduced the rate of taxation; you have not only settled the water question and insured to the people of this city for all future time wholesome water, in abundance, but you have actually purchased and paid for the water plant which you could sell today for a half million dollars more than you paid for it. You have not only carefully looked after and maintained the public parks of the city, but in the last few days, by cash purchase, you have presented to the city for public purposes what promises to be one of the most beautiful spots in the city; you have not only suppressed graft in every department of the city government, but you have so honestly and efficiently administered the affairs of this city that Houston and its commission form of government has become a household word in every state in the union.

"Under these circumstances you cannot be surprised that the citizens, with great unanimity now call upon you to continue to administer their public affairs. I hold in my hand petitions signed by all classes and conditions of men; by the banker and the wage earner; by the merchant and his clerk; by the lawyer and the physician; in fact from every nook and corner of this city comes up the cry: 'Well done, good and faithful servants, continue in the administration of our affairs.'

"In calling you again to this work, we are not unmindful of the fact that each and every one of you are making not only a personal, but pecuniary sacrifice for the public good, but, I assure you, the people of Houston appreciate more than you will know the extent and value of your fidelity to the welfare of all the people; they know that in your honor they have the best official head this city can secure; that they can find no one more capable than Mr. Gaston to manage its financial affairs; that no better street commissioner than Mr. Marmion can be found; that no better police commissioner than Mr. Appleby can be had; that no better man in charge of the water plant and the duties incident thereto can be found than Mr. Thompson, and hence it is that the citizens call upon you, one and all, to serve them again. What greater reward can a public official desire than the consciousness of duty honestly performed and the public acknowledgment of his constituency of full appreciation of his work. We know that yours is the sacrifice, but we believe that each and all of you are so devoted to the public interest and the city's welfare and prosperity that you will heed the voice of the people.

"In behalf not only of all the good citizens who have signed the petitions which I now hand you, but in behalf of all its citizens of every degree, high and low, rich and poor, I ask you to continue the great work you have commenced, resting assured that a grateful and appreciative constituency will support you in all you undertake."

There has been at various times talk of government by commission in St. John. If any such results as those achieved in Houston were within the range of possibility, the citizens would not hesitate long before adopting the system.

A BASE BALL CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 29. — A conference between Presidents Ban Johnson of the American League and Harry Pulliam of the National League, looking to harmonizing the playing schedules of the two associations, so as to avoid conflict of dates or games in cities where both associations have clubs, was begun here yesterday. It was said last night that the schedules were gone over and that the proposed changes will now be referred back to the meeting of representatives of the two leagues in New York on Feb. 25. The two presidents said that nothing would be given out now concerning proposed changes in the schedules. They will remain here today to discuss minor details. It was stated last night that Messrs Pulliam and Johnson found about sixty conflicting dates in their schedules, and that it is expected this will be reduced to about twenty-five before they finish their conference here.

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As oft I had walked before;
But my heart was heavily laden,
And with tears my eyes were dim,
But I knew I should lose the burden
Could I get a glimpse of Him.

It was more than I could carry,
If I carried it all alone;
And none in my house might share it—
Only One on the Throne.
It came between me and pleasure,
Between my work and me,
But the Lord could understand it
And His touch could set me free.

While yet my courage wavered
And the sky before me blurred,
I heard a Voice behind me,
Saying a tender word;
And I turned, to see the brightness
Of Heaven upon the road,
And sudden I lost the pressure
Of the weary, crushing load.

Nothing that hour was altered,
I still had the weight of care,
But I bore it now with the gladness
That comes from answered prayer.
Not a grief the soul can fetter,
Nor cloud its vision, when
The dear Lord gives the spirit
To breathe to His will, "Amen!"

Oh, friend! if the greater burdens
His love can make so light,
Why should His wonderful goodness
Our halting credence slight?
The little sharp vexations,
The briers that catch and fret—
Shall we not take them to the Helper
Who never failed us yet?

Tell Him about the heartache,
And tell Him the longings, too,
Tell Him the baffled purpose,
When we scarce know what to do.
Then leaving all our weakness
With the One divinely strong,
Forget that we bore the burden
And carry away the song.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

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"Why is it that married men live longer than single?"

"Well, most of them don't know they're living."

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HAD A STEADY JOB.

"How did you come to be a professional beggar?"

"I ain't no professional beggar. I's employed to get up statistics on how many heartless people there is in this town."

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THE DIFFERENCE.

"The child is father to the man."

"Not much; the baby who rouses the neighbourhood at night grows up into the man who takes off his shoes so as not to waken his wife."

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MOTHER-IN-LAW JOKE.

Mrs. Smith—"Monday is mother's birthday, John. I'm thinking to send her a nice travelling-bag."

Mr. Smith—"Don't for Heaven's sake. She may take it for an invitation."

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ON THE LINKS.

Bertie (to caddie, searching for the lost ball): "What are you looking there for? Why, I must have driven it fifty yards farther!"

Diplomatic Caddie—"But sometimes they hit a stone, sir, and bounce back a terrible distance."

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STORY OF THE "HERD LADDIE."

The late James Wyllie, the "Herd Laddie," whose name is synonymous with all that is popular in the game of draughts, received a box of cigars from a German enthusiast during the course of his last battle with ex-champion Martins.

"Mit dose cigars," said the donor, "you can beat all der vorld."

"Ah, weel," said Wyllie in his canny Scots manner, "I have to play Martins this afternoon."

"Never mind, my poy, mit dose cigars you will play vere goot."

Later in the day they met again and Wyllie informed his friend that he had won a game off Martins that afternoon.

"Vere goot, I tells you it vas der cigars."

"I hardly think that," said Wyllie.

"But vell, did you not schmoke der cigars?"

"Me smoke them!" cried Wllie. "Na, na, I dinna smoke, ye ken; but I gaed one to Martins!"

TROUBLE OVER THE MONTREAL MEET

Skating Associations and Athletic Unions at Variance Over Championship Skating Races in Montreal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—The board of directors of the National Skating Association at a meeting last night decided to comply with the ultimatum of President James E. Sullivan, of the Amateur Athletic Union, that unless the National Skating Association rescinded a resolution it recently adopted giving support to the Amateur Skating Association of Canada in preference to the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, he would break off the alliance between the Amateur Athletic Union and the National Skating Association. The directors' meeting of the National Skating Association was called last night at the request of President Sullivan of the other association, who asked that they reconsider their former action. On the motion to rescind the motion the vote stood 7 to 6. The trouble was caused by the endorsement which the National Skating Association gave to the meet which is to be held in Montreal next Saturday under the auspices of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, and in opposition to the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, which attempted to assume control of the sport. The Amateur Athletic Union does not sanction the Montreal meet.

THAT MINE FIRE

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28 (Special)—The fire in the Hub colliery, Glace Bay, is now thought to be covered. Air is being forced down the old air shaft, which enables men to work their way down the travelling road. It is expected now that work of pumping out the mine will be started in a few days.

Among the passengers on the C. P. R. express last evening was P. A. Gastonquay, M. D., of Quebec, who was returning after two years' study of surgery in Paris, Vienna and London.

SKIRTS

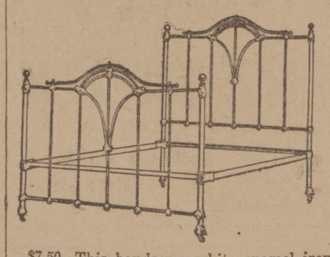
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