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FOR A COMMISSION

Ald Frink has changed the outlook with regard to proposed changes in civic government, by his notice of motion in favor of a plebiscite on the question of government by commission. If this proposition is to be seriously considered, as it should be, any reorganization of departments would have to be made with an eye to the possible result of such a plebiscite.

The Times has told the story of Houston, Texas, which under a commission reduced its debt, constructed public works, and increased the efficiency of every department. A number of other American cities have had a similar experience. Of course each city must approach its own problem in a manner suited to the conditions, but, as the Telegraph observed this morning, if Ald. Frink could produce five citizens in whom the people have full confidence, as to ability, integrity and devotion to their work, as a commission, the people would want the commission in preference to the city council.

It may be taken for granted that some of the aldermen will be vigorously opposed to any scheme for a commission, nor is the change one to be lightly undertaken. But Ald. Frink has raised the question, and it should receive the fullest possible consideration. The board of trade can be of substantial assistance in this matter. Nothing could be better for the business interests of St. John than to get rid of all matters of petty patronage, and conduct its affairs as a business man conducts his own.

Before any comprehensive plan of reorganization of departments is undertaken this question of a commission should be fully considered and disposed of. Its importance warrants any delay that may be necessary.

THE DEBATE

The debate on the address in the house of commons yesterday was decidedly interesting. The opposition leader made a vigorous attack upon the government and renewed his challenge to Dr. Pugsley. Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the most of the imperial conference and the French treaty, and felt constrained by Mr. Borden's taunt to enter into a long defence of his course in going out of the house to select cabinet material. His discussion of Mr. Borden's platform was more entertaining than effective, since he merely indulged in polished ridicule. He did, however indicate his opposition to the idea of public ownership. Mr. Foster's readiness in retort has seldom been better illustrated than in his reply to the premier's complaint that Mr. Borden formulated a platform himself instead of calling a convention. Mr. Foster observed that this was perhaps better than to call a convention and adopt a platform, to be promptly abandoned by the leaders, as had been done in the case of a famous Liberal platform. The debate on the address bids fair to be more than usually interesting.

THE EBB TIDE

The Boston Journal thus tersely sums up the industrial situation in the United States, where manufacturing concerns are steadily reducing their output and the number of hands employed:

"It has been an off year in the industrial world. One of the commercial journals estimates that no less than 200,000 people have been thrown out of work by the liquidation that has been under way since early last spring. The leading victim of these depressing circumstances, according to one table, has been the iron and steel industry; but in this case many of those discharged were foreigners who probably would have preferred to go home for the winter anyhow. The figure given in this instance is 40,800. Next in size has been the drop at the railroad terminals in Chicago, where, owing to diminishing trade and a let-up in extension work, 30,000 men have lost their jobs. About 20,000 are said to have been forced out of employment in the electrical industries, and some 15,000 in the textile world. The slump in copper has cost nearly 30,000 men their regular occupations, the greatest sufferer being the Butte district. What comes home to New England has been the shrinkage effecting railroads, textile mills and department stores chiefly. Gradually all sorts of business establishments are feeling the tug of the ebb tide and adjusting themselves to it."

RAILROAD GROWTH

The public are accustomed to think of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk as the great railways of Canada, but the rise of the Canadian Northern adds another wonderful chapter to the history of railroad extension in this country. Addressing the Empire Club in Toronto last week, Mr. D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian Northern presented some remarkable statistics of the growth and extension of that line. We quote from the Mail and Empire report:—

"Ten years ago the Canadian Northern Railway had one hundred miles of railway in the West. The equipment consisted of three engines and 80 cars, all told, a working staff of less than 20 men, and a pay roll for the year under $17,000, and the average revenue was under $50,000, more than sufficient to pay all debts. It carried 25,700 tons of freight, and 10,300 passengers. Ten years later, with the completion of the line rom Brandon to Regina, the Canadian Northern had 3,345 miles of tracks, an equipment of 237 locomotives, 219 passenger cars, of which 35 were sleepers and diners, 8,500 freight cars of all kinds, $10,300 employes, and an annual pay roll of five million dollars, and the gross receipts were ten million dollars a year. The lines carried 800,000 tons of freight and 704,000 passengers, and the Canadian Northern was the second largest railroad in Canada, having a total of 4,059 miles in Canada, while the Grand Trunk had 3,829 miles. Over 150 new townsites had been opened up by the railroad, and 70,000 people had found homes contiguous to the railroad, and one-third of the growth of Winnipeg was due to the Canadian Northern Railway."

Mr. Hanna paid a tribute to the great pioneer work of the Canadian Pacific, and recalled the fact that in 1881 when the first rails were laid west of Winnipeg, there were only 66,000 people in the entire Northwest, of whom 9,974 were whites. The record of the period since 1881 has been the most remarkable in world-history in the opening up and development of new territory.

In its "snapshots at parliament" the Montreal Herald says: "Mr. Emmerson, fresh from his interview with the beasts of Ephesus, was there in the front row looking better and fitter than anyone remembers to have seen him. Sir Frederick Borden, who seems to be marked out for the special attention of the opposition, if they can bring themselves up to it, sat there smiling, robust, hearty as if he hadn't a care in life, not exactly spoiling for a fight, but ready for it if need were."

Mr. J. Obed Smith, of the executive committee of the Western Canadian Immigration Association states that 46,000 immigrants from the United States came into Canada during ten months of this year. Four thousand came by public roads and 42,000 by railroads. Not less than thirty thousand land seekers, not included in other figures, also went through Western Canada. The figures for last year were 45,000 United States immigrants.

(recent cable states that the Amalgamated Radio-Telegraph Company, Limited, has obtained perfect communication by means of wireless telephony over fifty miles on land, between their laboratory near Berlin and a small station at Juterbog, the whole city of Berlin intervening. This constitutes a world's record for wireless telephony.

The Toronto News says that before Christmas vacation it is expected every rural school in Ontario will be flying its own Union Jack. Nearly six thousand of these schools will be supplied, and flags are going forward as fast as the department can get them away. New Brunswick schools are still without the flag.

Out in prosperous British Columbia the Victoria Colonist rises to remark:—"The funniest thing about the present financial stringency is the fact that many people in the United States firmly believe that the whole world has been shaken to its foundations by the failure of a few stock manipulators on Wall street."

It may be hoped that the Bay of Fundy or the approach to St. John will not be credited in British and foreign journals with the wreck of the steamship Mount Temple. Her experience was a thrilling one, and the escape of every passenger under the conditions described is really a wonderful feat.

Canada now claims to have the champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world. It has produced the best bacon for years past.

More delightful winter weather than prevails today it would be difficult even to imagine.

The appointment of a permanent auditor for the city was an imperative duty and the aldermen have made a good selection.

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BY JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

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were in days of yore,
Where the Colonels nightly mingled at the
corner julep store,
Where the tender mint-spears whispered to
the sugar cane and rye,
"We three soon again will gather, when
we're gathered, by and by."
Never more will your green blue-grass seem
the same to me again,
For your former flowing spirits now are
arider than Maine.

WEEP all day, dear MAYJAH,
But though you weep all da-hay;
You can't get a drink in your old Kentucky HO-home,
In your o-old KenTUCKy ho-home
f-a-a-har a-wha-a-ay!

From the hills of old Virginia to the fields
of Alabam',
Corn grows only for the corn pone, mint
decks only legs of lamb,
Though the moonshine softly lingers on fair
Georgia's rippling rill,
Not a vestige of it trickles through the long-
deserted still.
And the bat that wheels at nightfall from
the craggy cavern's mouth
Is the only bat permitted in the ex-tank,
excised South.

Away down South in de land ob cotton.
Old times there am not forgotten—
Look away! Look away! Look AWAY!
Dixie Land!
But in dese heah days dey ain't so frisky,
Foh there ain't no beeh, an' there ain't
no whiskey—
Deuce to pay! Deuce to pay! Deuce to
PAY! Dixie Land!

Away down South in Dixie! Away! Away!
In Dixie Land yo' can't get canned,
Or corned, or shot, in Dixie—
Away! Away! Away down South in Dixie!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

COMPENSATION

Johnny (sobbing)—"Does it really hurt you to whip me, mamma?"

Ma—"Yes, my son; very much more than it hurts you."

—"I'm so glad."

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AS YOU LOOK AT IT.

"I find I can wear my last year's overcoat again," chirped the optimist.

"I find I'll have to," growled the pessimist.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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A GOOD REASON.

Philadelphia Press.

"The idea!" exclaimed Mrs. Kadley, "I wonder why that woman is watching me so?"

"Probably," replied her husband, "she's trying to find out why you are staring at her so."

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TIME FOR PRAYYER.

(Toronto News)

The cannon on Nepean Point
Make all the country ring.
The bands are playing with a will
God Save Our Gracious King.
But what has caused this awful row,
This most alarming fuss?
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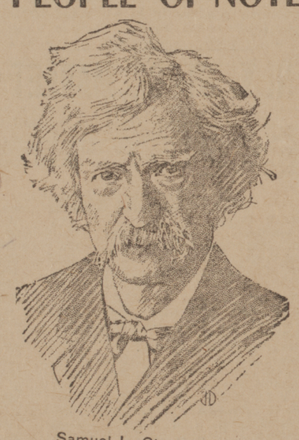
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Philadelphia Ledger.

The balloon trailed low over the farm. Its dragging anchor lifted a panel of fence, the roof of a cornerib and nearly achieved the capture of a cow.

"Must be one of them grab-bags," remarked the farmer, shaking a horny fist at the skies.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Samuel L. Clemens

Mr. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, so much better known by his pen name of Mark Twain, was born at Florida, Mo., on Nov. 30th, 1835. He was educated at Hannibal, Mo., but since his marked success in literature he has received many degrees from various institutions of learning. He went to work as an apprentice to a printer when only 12 years of age and then was city editor of the Mississippi Pilot. He married Miss Olivia L. Langdon of Elmira, N. Y., in 1870. Mark Twain despite his great success as a humorist failed in a printing business which he founded. Twain found himself facing a big indebtedness which he however managed to pay off after years of hard work. His "Innocents Abroad" and the Tom Sawyer-Huckleberry Finn series laid the foundation for his great success. He has been made much of abroad and is very popular in England.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

There was quite a large gathering of the members of the Epworth Leagues of the St. John district in Exmouth street church last night. Rev. Jacob Heany, president of the district, was in the chair. Papers on the work of the various departments were read.

W. A. Adams, of Exmouth street league, read one on the Christian Endeavor side of the work; Rev. Mr. Heany, of the Carleton league, on the missionary side; Mrs. Gronlund, of Queen square, on the literary, and Miss C. Leach, of Portland league, on the social side of the work. Each of the papers showed careful preparation and was well received. During the evening Miss Maida Baskin and Miss Ethel Cheyne sang solos.

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