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MUST RE-ORGANIZE

The public works and other civic departments must be reorganized. The members of the city council may as well face the situation now as later. The Sun this morning intimates that a group of aldermen got together yesterday and decided to re-appoint the present officials, pending the report of a committee of enquiry. Such a course is open to two interpretations. It may mean that the aldermen have decided to comply with the wishes of the people, or that they desire to evade their responsibility and kill time until after the civic elections.

The citizens are not in a mood to brook delay. Their views are voiced by the council of the board of trade, which has sent another communication to the council, urging immediate action. The temporary aldermen are face to face with a demand for reform, which they would be very unwise to ignore. Facts brought to light prove that the public works department is not conducted in the best interests of the city. Monday's meeting of the council is awaited by the citizens with a determination to hold every alderman responsible for the course he pursues in this matter. The time for vote-catching by artful expedients which cause delay has passed, and the man who really wants popular approval will get it by throwing himself into the fight for reorganization and reform. The public works department is not the only one. St. John, in civic matters, has been in a rut for years. The time has come for a thorough reorganization.

HINTS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Speaking at Guelph winter fair this week, Prof. E. J. Zavitz, who spoke on forestry problems, pointed out that there were hundreds of square miles of land in Ontario to attempt to cultivate which is a waste of human life. He congratulated the provincial government on the decision to grapple with the forestry question, and to return to the Crown such lands as were incapable of agricultural development, to be devoted to reforestation in perpetuity. In addition to the tracts taken over in Norfolk, Lambton, Simcoe, Durham and Northumberland, he declared that districts in Parry Sound furnished an "awful problem." During the last year much practical work has been done. Over 400,000 plants were distributed, the most popular being black locust and white, Scotch and Jack pines.

In connection with this account of what is being done in Ontario, we may properly refer to what is being done across the border. A Washington despatch says:—"To Florida goes the distinction of getting the first national forest created east of the Mississippi River. President Roosevelt has just signed a proclamation setting aside and naming the Ocala National Forest in Marion County, in eastern Florida, and another proclamation creating the Dakota National Forest in Billings County, N. D. Inasmuch as the last named forest is the first in North Dakota, the two proclamations add two more states to the list of land wherein land will be put under scientific forest administration. There are now nineteen states and Alaska having national forests."

CHURCH UNION

A long step toward the organic union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches was taken in Toronto yesterday when the representatives of the three churches agreed upon a finding which will be submitted to the courts and congregations of these three denominations. It is hoped to have the union in effect within three years. The event will be one of vast significance, and will enormously strengthen the united church for effective work. There has been a truly remarkable change in the sentiment among the de-

nominations with regard to each other during the last decade. There is more of tolerance, more of desire to get together and face the problems of the time. Not only so, but the views of the church as a whole with regard to the mission of the church have undergone a great change, and are still in process of evolution. There is a keener perception of that for which the Founder of the church stood, and once this is gained the minor differences with respect to creeds and forms become matters of very little importance. To get close to the life of the people, and influence their conduct, the church must concern itself with their problems, and so we have the institutional church steadily growing in favor. What George Eliot termed other-worldliness is giving way to an intense desire to improve conditions in this world, and to seek to realize the Kingdom of God here and now. It is only a question of time when the barriers between the Anglican church and the denominations named will be so lowered that far more sympathy and far more union of effort will result. The change that has occurred in religious history in recent years amounts to a revolution, and the movement is still in progress.

Reviewing the annual address of Sir George Drummond, president of the Bank of Montreal, the Toronto News observes that it is calculated to inspire confidence in business circles. We quote:—"He notes that as compared with a year ago, the present situation is much better. Pessimism has largely disappeared, credit is restored, and money rates are easy the world over, although this last development is due to a slowing down in general business on two continents. The shrinkage in the excess of the nation's imports over its exports is a healthy contraction. The most favorable feature of the year 1908 has been the great Western grain yield, which will bring the farmers a cash return of \$125,000,000. This is no time for launching out into dangerous speculations. But the outlook for legitimate business enterprise is reassuring."

No less than four federal ministers were present at the cable conference in London yesterday. They were Hon. Messrs. Lemieux, Fielding, Fisher and Sir Frederick Borden. The report shows that Hon. Mr. Lemieux delivered a striking address in favor of a state-owned cable across the Atlantic, and that his statements were heard with marked approval. His intimation that with such a cable the cost of messages would be greatly reduced is a strong reason in favor of the project. The present high rates prevent freedom of communication which makes for closer union of sentiment and for closer business relations.

Speaking at the Guelph Winter Fair this week Prof. Zavitz made the statement that the output of Ontario farms has doubled within the past fifteen years. "When we realize," said he, "that the market value of the farm crops grown in Ontario every year is \$40,000,000, some idea is secured of the influence and effort of the Farmers' Association."

There is still no effort to solve the problem of the unemployed in this city, or to make it possible for all destitute strangers to earn board and lodgings. The Salvation Army alone endeavors to meet the conditions, and its resources are too limited.

The people placed on farms in British Columbia by the Salvation Army proved to be a good class of settlers. The like will doubtless be true of those they propose to bring to the province of New Brunswick.

Montreal theatres will try to follow the example of cheaper places, like moving picture shows, and give Sunday performances. The clergy vigorously protest, and the law will be tested.

The roads committee of the Montreal city council has decided to ask for \$30,000 to be used in providing work for the unemployed. It is proposed to set them at breaking stone.

The city council should not convert mud ballast into dust to throw into the people's eyes on Monday. They must get down to the bed-rock of reform.

The aldermen and engineers are now talking about bridge plans. The subject this time will not be dropped.

McGill University makes an appeal for two million dollars for building and endowment and general purposes.

A VAN DYKE EVENING

St. John Teachers Had a Pleasant Meeting Last Evening.

The St. John Teachers' Association held a very pleasant meeting last night. Beautiful souvenir cards had been prepared for distribution. On the front were the words, The Footpath of Peace, while an extract from the works of Henry Van Dyke was printed on the inside. The gathering was known as An Evening With Van Dyke. Miss MacBougall first read an essay in which she sketched in an interesting manner the life of the great writer. Miss Kavanaugh and Miss Lingley gave readings from Van Dyke's works. Solos were sung by Miss Drake and Mrs. R. T. Worden and Mrs. Gunn played a violin solo.

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Sledding, serene in the highways of God!
Oh, how my heart aches here in its scorching,
Weary I challenge the path I have trod.

Somewhere I missed it—the joy and the sadness—
The fingerboard pointing the way of the heart;
Lured by the song of the bird in its gladness—
The gleam of a wing that led me apart.

Or maybe the wild reeds blinded my seeing—
I stooped to their perfume, but found not the trail;
The highway was broad, the daylight was feeling,
And singing south's lyrics I passed down the vale.

But I lost it! And now there is no more returning;
Light-hearted and joyful I went to my fate;
I followed the lure while the false lights were burning,
Then woke from my day-dream—but outside the gate.

Oh, how the stars in their courses are swinging—
Sledding, serene in the grip of the law!
And I, foolish pilgrim, groped out but keep singing—
Yes, baffled, I live by the vision I saw.

Lo, there from the zenith a bright star is falling—
A pathway of glory that ends in the dark;
I see, the I've lost—and the vision's exhilarating
One law for the planet, or star-dust, or lark!

—Robert Bridges in the Atlantic Monthly.

IN LIGHTER VEIN NOT TO DISAPPOINT

Ellis—I'm going to hang up my stocking on Christmas.

Stella—What for?

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FIRST IMPRESSION.

While in the country last summer Bertha listened in astonishment to the clucking of a hen to her brood of small chickens.

Mamma, she said, the old hen has got the hiccoughs.—Chicago News

GOINGS ON.

Mamma, what is a biped?

Anything, Willie that goes on two legs. A pair of stockings, mamma?—Boston Transcript

HIDDEN IN HAT.

A young lady who wears one of this season's big hats has endured all the jokes and jeers cast at her chapeau in dignified silence. The last straw, however, was the remark that friend makes every time he meets her: Come out from under that hat, he calls. We all know you are there.—Boston Record

NEEDED REPAIRING.

"The coach awaits without miss."
"Without what, James, tell me now?"
"Without both ears, without both eyes—
Without all of his belongings, without his teeth."
And, ere she could reproach,
The butler said, "Tis but the truth—
He is a football coach."
—Chicago Daily News

MONEY AND DISEASE.

Howell—Do you believe that money transmits disease?

Powell—I know that I'd have a fit if Jones told me that \$5 he owes me.—Harper's Weekly

UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

James T. Powers tells of a musical comedy fighting its way through bad business on tour during the financial crisis last fall. Things were so bad that the company, said Mr. Powers, left each town without paying the company's hotel bill, and from each town took with them the landlord—induced to follow the company's fortunes in the hope that prosperity would bring payment of the money due. To make matters as pleasant as possible, the manager put all the landlords in the chorus, but one day, at the end of a month or two, when he discovered that they were all haves, he sent a telegram to his advance manager, "Please arrange for us to stay at a tenor hotel next town.—Argonaut

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Nova Scotia

Many improvements have been made to the Middleton-Digby division of the Valley Telephone Company's line. The line from Digby to Westport is 45 miles long with 2 submarine cables and as the passages of each are noted for swift running tides and rough water it is expensive to maintain.

Two locomotives could not handle the big D. A. R. freight which left Digby for Yarmouth on Thursday.

Christmas trees are being forwarded in large quantities from Yarmouth to Boston.

A large number of sheep came through Digby by the S. S. Yarmouth last week to St. John.

Shelburne may secure a lighting system for the town.

Bernard Heaney who left for Los Angeles, Cal., a few weeks ago has returned to Weymouth. His family will remain in California until spring.

The physicians of Pictou county who have been hitherto enjoying reduced rates for telephone service are complaining at the action of the company in increasing the charges to the normal level.

The barn of Duncan English was burned at Pictou on Friday night.

Ten informations for liquor selling preferred against a Yarmouth man by a Halifax justice were dismissed at Yarmouth on Wednesday.

The new Burrill-Johnson Iron Co., are constructing a steel tug at Yarmouth and it is reported that the firm will build a small dry dock.

A new skating rink will be erected at Halifax, south end, adjoining a curling rink. The cost will be \$15,000.

Mrs. Isabel Story, aged 80, died at Halifax yesterday, suddenly, from heart failure. Her husband was buried a week previous.

The stipendiary magistrate of Halifax gave judgment for George and Frank McGarry yesterday for \$45 and costs amounting to \$13.15. The McGarry brothers who are a vaudeville team playing the various Maritime motion picture theatres under the style of Mack Brothers sued J. A. Gagner, manager of the Orpheus Theatre in Halifax for the amount of a weeks engagement which the defendant refused to pay alleging that the plaintiffs act was poor. Twelve witnesses were examined.

It is claimed that a man has been placed in a prisoned meat through the country at Leitch Creek, C. B., for the purpose of killing foxes and the meat has been the means of the death of several milk cows and other valuable animals.

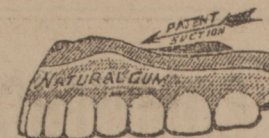
Owing to the cessation of work at the Glace Bay collieries many families are suffering. An official of the Dominion Coal Co., states that on application to the managers of the collieries the families of old employees will be provided for. It is expected that work will be recommenced soon.

Frank McMinnamin of Fredericton is on the finance committee of the Glace Bay hockey club.

About a dozen plates have been removed from the steamer St. Pierre-Miquelon. They were damaged on two occasions when she touched bottom. The steamer will come off the slip alone Monday and will sail from Halifax on Tuesday for St. Pierre.

The repairs to the sand bar at Big Glace Bay have been completed by contractor Wm. Curry, and the breastwork and road is now in first class condition. R. G. Milledge, inspector of the department of public works with Mr. Curry has visited the work and the inspector expressed himself as being much pleased with it.

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