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A CIVIC PROBLEM

The old question of appointing one engineer for the civic departments has been raised again, and the aldermen are again in a state of hesitancy and indecision. The question arose yesterday on a motion to reappoint Engineer Peters. There is no disposition on the part of the citizens any more than of the council to deal ungenerously with a man who has given the city so many years of service; but that phase of the question may be left to be considered when we come to it. The present question is whether the city is getting as satisfactory service now as it would if there were one vigorous and otherwise competent engineer in charge of the engineering work of all departments. If we are not getting that service, then we must make a change. Ald. Baxter frankly states what has long been apparent that the council lacks courage and independence when there is any apparent conflict between the public interest and the interest of an official. This remark is not to be construed as having reference only to engineers. It applies to the whole civic service. There are, however, no vested rights in public office. A long-time servant in any department deserves generous consideration, but the service should be kept up to the standard. Therefore, if a thorough reorganization is necessary, as most citizens are firmly convinced, the aldermen should proceed with the work without delay. It is true, as Ald. McGoldrick observed, that since the work of wharf-building is to be done hereafter by the government the pressure on the city engineer's department will be much relieved, but in a city of the physical formation of St. John there will always be work requiring the skill and the energy of a clever and vigorous man.

The whole question of the competency of directors of departments and of other officials should be approached with a fearless determination to produce good results. It would be better to start a pension list than burden any department with incompetents.

THE EVERY DAY CLUB

The Every Day Club represents the effort of a group of men, practically all of them working men, to establish an institution on broad lines "to help men to be men." This is the club's motto. In the two years of its existence enough men have enrolled to make it an institution very strong in numbers, but for one reason or another the great majority soon fell away. Some found it too broad. Others thought it was not broad enough. Others lost interest when their own views did not always prevail. Others valued it for just what they could get out of it in free heat, light and entertainments. But the organization has steadily held its course, and in last night's wild storm nearly forty men gathered to renew their assurances of fidelity and lay plans for another year. There have been criticisms of this club. There have been insinuations on the part of that class of persons who cannot see a man devoting attention to any cause without imputing a mercenary motive. Men have gone out from the club and spoken unkindly of its members. They may have created some prejudice against it. But it has survived and prospered. Perfect men in a perfect society will not be found in our time. Neither is the time at hand when all men will be found willing to subscribe to or live up to the motto of the Every Day Club. Those who try will not always succeed. It is to their credit if they at least try. The club in its new quarters should be able to rally many more earnest men and do a work of no little value to the city.

GREAT FORGETTERS

The New York American is disposed to be sarcastic in its comments on the subject of the examination of Rockefeller and

Archbold in the Standard Oil enquiry.

We quote:
"Other trust magnates are jealous of Rockefeller and Archbold. Many gentlemen of questioned millions would like the same opportunity to advertise their greatness and forget their records of evil report. The government examination of Rockefeller and Archbold gave them the whole country as their audience. They were enabled to unfold their own version of Standard Oil history in a way even the almost limitless resources of the world's richest corporation could not have bought. Thanks to the government examination, they occupied the centre of the stage with the stories of their own wonderful activity, enterprise and sagacity. Thanks to the proposed government grilling, they were able to flood the newspaper columns with their songs of self-praise. But when it came to the grilling, they forgot. Their mighty minds, so rich in reminiscence useful to their side of the case, went blank. Rockefeller and Archbold remembered everything that could redound in their favor—and then forgot! And, thanks to the government examination, they posed as having their own story of their fine achievements wrung from them. To be sure, the people know the cause of the failure of memory. But the magnates got the Standard Oil side of the controversy where they wanted it! Other men no doubt can equal them in self-praise. But as free advertising getters Rockefeller and Archbold broke the bank. And they established a record as the world's greatest forgetters, which will hardly be beaten in many years."

PEOPLE THE FARMS

The board of trade has raised once more the question of immigration to New Brunswick. To every thoughtful citizen of this province it is a source of great regret, not only that new settlements are not being formed on crown lands, but that there are throughout the province, in settled districts, so many abandoned farms, which should be the homes of contented and prosperous families. It is realized, moreover, that there is too great a tendency on the part of people settled on farms to give them up and take to the more diverting but also more precarious life of the city. There are people in St. John today who made a mistake when they left the country, and there are people city born who could hardly be worse off in the country than they are at home. It is perhaps not sufficiently realized that under present day conditions the farmer who puts brains as well as hands into his work is the most independent man of us all. If he does not possess or use his brain, he must fail on the farm as well as in the city. And here is suggested the importance of agricultural education. It is worth while to spend effort and money to secure a good class of immigrants, but it is worth while to spend much more to induce our young men, bred on the soil, to become successful farmers. Conditions on the farm have changed. The farm is at least true in the case of intelligent farmers. The growth of towns, the extension of railways and other means of communication, the opening up of outside markets for some lines of produce, the establishment of cold storage, the development of dairying, have all contributed to a very marked change in a quarter of a century. The experience of many who have left this province to make fortunes elsewhere has also led to comparisons and has revealed the fact that the man who devotes intelligent energy to agriculture in this province is as well situated, all things considered, as if he journeyed to what have been described as more promising fields. Whatever, therefore, the board of trade or the provincial legislature may do to elevate agriculture to its rightful place in the estimation of young men and women will be of benefit to the province and to all concerned. Along with this effort may well go a definite policy of securing a desirable class of immigrants to form new settlements or scatter in communities already settled, to bring into play new ideas, new energy and the ambition to establish comfortable homes. A prosperous and contented farming class lies at the base of national prosperity.

The contract has been awarded for the construction of steamship berth No. 7 on the west side. The work will begin at once. This wharf is to be constructed as a government work, and the city is relieved of the burden. Looking back to the time when there was no wharf at Sand Point, and forward to the time next year when we shall have there seven fully equipped berths for large steamships, one is able to realize how much has been accomplished in a comparatively short period. And that which has been done is but the beginning.

NEW I. O. G. T. LODGE

Michael Kelly, of St. Martins, I. O. G. T. lecturer, has organized Southern Cross Lodge at Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan, with eighteen members and the following officers:

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So on through the days of existence. All mingling in shadow and shine. We may count on the every day hero. Who haply the gods may divine. But who wears the smart grime of his calling. And labors and earns as he can. And stands at the last with the noblest. The commonplace, average man.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

VERY APPROPRIATE
A portrait of the Kaiser, as to be reproduced in Gobelins tapestry. Of course they will use Berlin wool—John Bull, London.

INTOXICATED
I like the little girl who wrote home from Venice, "I'm sitting at a window overlooking the Grand Canal, drinking it all in, and life never seemed so full before."

WHAT SHE WAS DOING
I asked her what she was doing: "Sitting about. And yawning, she turned about. And said, as a matter of course, "Why, I'm letting the tired out."

WENT DOWN ITSELF
Young Hephzibah: "Mummy, have gooseberries got legs?"
Mother: "No, dear."
Young Hephzibah: "Then I've swallowed a caterpillar,"—the Tailor.

A COMMON COMPLAINT
You're such a wretched writer: it's a wonder you wouldn't be a typewriter. I would, only that I would show what a miserable speller I am.—The Catholic Standard and Times.

A FISH STORY

John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, third of that name, who died about ten years ago, was very fond of fishing, and not especially fond of his legal profession.

One day, the story runs, a case in which he was counsel was down for trial in a Massachusetts court. Mr. Adams did not make his appearance, but sent a letter to the judge, postponing the case with the announcement: "Mr. Adams is detained on important business."

It was afterwards learned by a colleague of Adams that the letter read as follows: "Dear Judge: For the sake of old Isaac Walton, please continue my case till Friday. The smelts are biting, and I can't leave."

THE MOURNERS

At the unveiling of Robb's bust of Henry in Westminster Abbey, a number of good stories were told about the great poet. H. G. Wells praised Henry's conduct of the "New Review." Of course, this periodical failed during the war, but the editor, H. G. Wells, yet it was undoubtedly the best edited magazine of the last century. In it Henry introduced the last century. In it Henry introduced the last century. In it Henry introduced the last century.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick

The marriage of Miss Frances Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Harris, of Sackville, to Mr. D. Stuart Campbell, of the Enterprise Foundry Company's travelling sales agency, was solemnized in St. Paul's church on Tuesday, December 16th.

Announcement is made of a change in the management of the Royal Bank at Dorchester. G. H. McKenzie having been appointed to succeed the present manager, Mr. J. W. Bantford, who will be sent to another branch of the bank. Mr. McKenzie has lately been accountant in the bank's office at Halifax. He will take over the management of the Dorchester branch very shortly.

On Friday next the Sackville Sunday School Convention will be held in the Main street, Baptist church. Part of the business to be dealt with in the afternoon will be the election of officers. Some of the speakers before the meeting will be Rev. E. L. Steeves, Rev. J. L. Dawson, Rev. J. B. Ganong, the field secretary of the Sunday School Association, Mr. Geo. A. Fawcett and Professor A. D. Miller, of Mount Allison University.

Nova Scotia

The French brig Rene, whilst entering Louisbourg harbor on Sunday morning, drifted on the Mad Moll and anchored among the wharves. A tug towed the vessel to a wharf and a survey will be held to ascertain the amount of damage done to the brig's hull. The keel is partially torn away and the rudder irons have been lost and the brig is making water fast. The same brig went ashore at Barrack Point, Sydney harbor, about a year ago. Capt. Gardine lost his schooner Amelia Andrews last summer at Little Lorraine Head.

Leo Murphy, a boy who, while working in a bottling factory at Halifax, was struck in the eye by a piece of glass from a bottle, is expected to lose the eye.

In the supreme court at Halifax yesterday a case was begun in which a woman sues her husband for \$1,300, with interest, alleged to be due under a separation agreement.

Edward Garde, of Halifax, aged 70, slipped and fell from his house steps on Saturday night, sustaining internal injuries. He died on Monday.

On Saturday afternoon in Mint River, five miles from his home on the New Road, in Hants county, Levi Conrad, a young man, was drowned. He and his two brothers were returning from the woods between 4 and 5 o'clock, and he separated from his brothers to look after his traps. Half an hour afterwards they heard cry for help from the river, but when they arrived on the scene they saw their brother's cap floating on the water in the hole in the ice where he had broken through while venturing on the covering. The body has not been recovered.

A seaman named Davis swallowed poison on Sunday night at Halifax, but a physician succeeded in saving his life. The Eddie Dempster liner Yola is out of the Halifax drydock and is scheduled to leave St. John for South Africa at Christmas or slightly before. Capt. Purdon has a huge tortoise on board. He presented two to McGill University. The steamer was 48 days on the voyage from Mauritius to Sydney. Her hull was covered with barnacles and after returning to Halifax from Montreal she was placed in dry dock and scraped.

James Downey, second engineer of the West Indian liner Oceanic, has resigned. Alfred Young succeeds him. George Murray and Stephen MacDonald have also severed their connections with the steamer as first and second mate respectively.

Nine of the Grampian's passengers were detained at Halifax for trachoma, and ten for measles. James Keane, a ticket-of-leave man, was arrested at Sydney on Friday on a serious charge. He makes a counter al-

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"Yes," said Penn, with a pleased smile. "I am the man who was mightier than the sword."

"Ah, yes!" said Confucius. "You are also the man who invented sleep, are you not?"

"Oh, yes," said Confucius. "I knew it was something of that kind."

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