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CIVIC AFFAIRS

The citizens of St. John should follow up their recent declaration for better provincial government by effecting a change at City Hall. Civic affairs call for business ability and moral courage on the part of those charged with the administration.

It is true that there have been some changes in the civic outlook since last year. The waterworks extension has been completed and there only remains in connection with it the work of strengthening the distribution system, which of course is a mattter of importance and calls for careful attention, but is not a work of great magnitude. Then the decision of the federal government to construct the additional wharves required on the west side relieves the city council of one great source of pressure, and simplifies its work.

But the negotiations with the federal government for taking over the harbor have not been carried on as they should have been, and they call for keen and careful consideration, that full justice may be done to the city in any agreement which may be made. This is the most important matter now calling for action.

There is also the question of reorganization of the civic departments, which the present council has apparently been afraid to take up in real earnest. So much depends upon a business-like conduct of the affairs of the departments that important changes should be made, and there should be a council with sufficient courage and independence to take the grip with the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

It is perhaps hopeless to expect that any changes in the direction of commission government will be made, and there is therefore the more reason for the existence of a vigorous, progressive and independent set of men at City Hall.

The question of the city's finances is one that calls for a thorough enquiry and a clear statement of actual conditions. There has been too much disposition to let things drift and adopt temporary expedients.

The citizens should therefore arouse themselves to a state of active interest in these matters, and prevail upon the most capable and energetic business men available to become candidates in the coming civic elections. The affairs of the city touch every citizen so closely that there is less excuse for general indifference than in the case of a provincial or a federal election. Let the search for candidates therefore continue till it bears good fruit.

"AN AMUSIN' CUSS"

The most amusing comment on the New Bruswick elections that has yet appeared is found in the editorial columns of the Charlottetown Patriot, which gravely says:—

"The result of the provincial elections throughout New Brunswick yesterday, will be a surprise to the whole dominion. That province has certainly taken a retrogade move, and set back the hands of the clock of time, at least for years to come. A province that is so distinctly and directly interested in the progress of the Liberal government, to cast it aside for a policy of retrogression and one that is pledged to retard the great works being constructed throughout New Brunswick, must have been blinded by the snow storm which prevailed all day. Although the contest had been a hot one, the people generally have shown a remarkable apathy and indifference during the whole campaign until the last few days. The opposition has resorted to a most disgraceful kind of slander to carry the country, and although their statements have been disproved beyond the shadow of a doubt, still they have no doubt had a certain effect on the electorate. It has always been held that promises not performances win elections, and it would appear as if this were correct. The Liberal government has been carrying on great railroad works throughout New Brunswick and it is the intention to make Moncton one of the greatest railway centres on the continent. Notwithstanding all this, the people have decided against them and evidently wish for a return to the days of starvation, hard times and general stagnation."

It will be news to the people that Mr. Hazen is pledged to retard great works that are being constructed throughout New Brunswick, or that "the Liberal government has been carrying on great railroad works throughout New Brunswick." The editor of the Patriot makes large drafts on the credulity of his readers.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Ontario will take vigorous action to stop the ravages of tuberculosis. At a conference in Toronto on Wednesday, at which Earl Grey presided, and which was called by the National Sanitarium Association, delegates were present from 44 municipalities and 17 counties. The conference passed a resolution asking that the provincial government materially increase the grants toward stamping out tuberculosis in the province. Next morning the delegates formed a deputation and waited upon Premier Whitney and his cabinet and presented the views embodied in the resolution. The Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, assured the conference that the government was very much disposed to assist.

Discussing the subject the Toronto News said:—

"Municipal representatives everywhere are beginning to realize what a burden on the community this disease is imposing, and how necessary it is that something should be done to stay its ravages. Undoubtedly, the sanitarium treatment is the only effective remedy, not only for the cure of individual cases, but to prevent infection. There is a general feeling that the provincial government might well be asked to aid the movement by increasing the contribution towards the maintenance of patients in sanitaria. Under the act of 1901 this contribution was fixed at $1.50 per week per patient. The actual cost of maintenance at Muskoka in 1902 was $6.02, anud last year $9.86. The increase is mainly due to the advance in the cost of living. It seems plain, therefore, that $1.50 in 1901 is not as much as $1.50 in 1908.

In Portland, Me., an interesting experiment is being made with sanitarium treatment of consumptives. The question is one that must soon be taken up and dealt with in an enlightened manner in the province of New Brunswick.

THE DRY DOCK

The Sun complains that Dr. Pugsley has been slandered by the assertion that he promised the construction of a dry dock as an inducement to the electors of Carleton on the eve of the elections. Here is the Sun's own report, on March 3rd, of what Dr. Pugsley said:—

"The minister also fully explained the new dry dock legislation and referred very fully to the provisions of the new act now before parliament, which he felt sure would bring about the early commencement of the work of construction. The provincial government was, he urged, entitled to great credit for the very liberal aid to this important work. With a large modern dry dock, such as this would be, well equipped with a ship repairing plant, employment would be given to a great many people."

This of course is not a direct promise of a dry dock. It is a promise of the Pugsleyian order, akin to those concerning the St. John Valley Railway, the sale of the Central, etc. The reference was made to influence the electors of the west side on the eve of a provincial election.

"Political independence is an admirable thing. But when it is used as a cloak for partisan attack — when it is proclaimed with intent to mislead the public into the belief that subsidized partisan yawp is honest and independent opinion—it becomes a despicable thing."—St. John Sun.

These, brethren, be the words of wisdom and experience. When the Sun was taken over by the present owner it declared itself to have become a fearless and an independent journal. Wherefore, brethren, hearken unto this testimony, in which there is no guile.

Premier Robinson had ample time to fill the vacant offices which are now the subject of discussion, but he did not do so because he feared the support of disappointed aspirants would be alienated. He evidently considered that there was no urgent need to fill them. Has anything occurred to create a more urgent necessity? This is a question his opponents at least will be likely to ask.

MONEY IN WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Man., March 6—The chief grain inspector of the Manitoba division has issued a statement embodying the amount of grain inspected by his department during the six months, September to February inclusive.

The report clearly sets forth the fact that though the standard of the wheat has not been the equal of past years, the farmers of the province have at least raised a large quantity of grain, and, with the splendid prices realized, are in an eminently prosperous condition.

The total wheat inspected was considerably more than for the same period last year, but, of course, there was a big falling off of the high grade grain. There is great scarcity in the higher grades of oats, while the number of cars rejected is 3,328, against only 148 for the same period of last year, a very discouraging condition.

UNDER ADVICE

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"In Europe."
"Back soon?"
"It depends on his lawyer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE LITTLE ONE UPSTAIRS

I

Did I fret because he scribbled sometimes on the walls?
Did I scold because his playthings littered all the halls?
Was it I that grew impatient when he kicked the door—
I that thought it hard to pay for what he ate and wore?
Silence that has grown oppressive fills the house today.
And I meet the doctor, fearing what he has to say.

II

In a trembling voice he calls me where he weakly lies,
From his bed he gazes at me with appealing eyes;
Was it I that had forgotten when his shouts were glad
That on him were based the dearest, highest hopes I had?
Surely memory has played me some unkindly trick—
Hark! He calls! Oh, guiding angles, let my strides be quick!

III

What is duty, since he wishes that I may be near,
Since he whispers what I only have the right to hear?
Let the eager crowds push onward through the noisy day,
What care I for calling chances while he bids me stay?
By his side I linger, holding his poor little hand,
With a fear the childless only may not understand.

S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE STRAP ELEMENT.

"Are all the people packed in that car coming from the theatre, society people?"

"Oh, no, the most of them are merely hangers-on."—Baltimore American.

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ONLY ONE DIFFICULTY.

Mrs. Benham—"Don't you thik I write as I talk?"

Benham—"I think you would if you had paper enough."—Pick-Me-Up.

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AN ENTHUSIAST.

"Oh, yes. Dubley's quite an enthusiast. He goes in for things in real earnest."

"Yes, he's the limit. If some one were to send him on a wild goose chase he'd speak of himself afterwards as a sportsman."—Philadelphia Press.

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NOT EQUAL TO WASHINGTON.

Landlord — "Washington once slept in that bed you occupied last night."

Guest — That's more than I could do."—Judge.

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THE SEDENTARY MAN.

Though there's some may like to wander
up and down and here and yonder
And to sail upon the salty, stormy seas,
Ther's something mighty bad about
A harum-scarum gadabout
And traveling's a kind of disease,
I can set all day
In the same old way,
In the same old place, you bet,
And I never take a notion for a bit of
rapid motion,
But I set and set, and set.

—Chicago Daily News.

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THE EVIDENCE.

Bobby—"I believe you are engaged to Mr. Snooks at last, sis?!"

Sis—"What makes you think so?"

Bobby—"Because he's stopped giving me pennies!"—London Opinion.

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A HARD QUESTION.

"That is a complicated question," said Senator Clay of a certain practical proposal. "It reminds me of a question that was once put to old Squire Briggs of Marietta. The squire was noted for his long, Solomon-like head, and he was frequently asked to settle disputes.

"'Squire,' said a farmer to him one day at the tavern, 'there's a difficult point I want you to settle, and whatever you say I'll abide by.'

"'Well, fire away,' said the squire good-humoredly, 'and I'll see what I can do for you.'

"'It's like this,' said the man. 'Blankson wants to trade farms with me, but we can't agree on terms. His land is better than mine, but I've got twice as many cranberry bushes; his corn is all stacked and mine ain't, but I've got screens to four windows and two doors to the shack. There's less stones in his meadowland than there is in mine, but there's more bog.'

"The man paused and took breath. Then he went on:

"'Now I won't tell you which is which, but one of us thinks Blankson's pointer dog ought to be thrown in, and the other one thinks that my heifer would just about even things up. Now what do you say is fair?'

"At last accounts the squire was still deliberating."

DEMANDS FAIR PLAY FOR THE SCHOONERS

(Charlottetown Patriot.)

We have received a letter from A. G. Baillie of Port Hastings, N. S. demanding equal rights for the schooner owners of the maritime provinces. It appears that coal companies, discriminate against sailing vessels. This is a long standing complaint. The effect of such treatment is disastrous to trade, to the owners and charterers of vessels and in many cases consignees of cargoes.

Very often it has been necessary for small schooners to wait for weeks to get a chance to load, although in some instances cargoes have been booked. The only excuse offered was the desire to load the steamers which were in port, some of which had come in long after the schooners.

It would appear that equal rights for rich and poor is not observed by these coal companies, and unless the Dominion Government takes the matter up, the schooners will ultimately be driven out of the trade to the great loss of the owners, and the people of the province. Hundreds of hard working seamen are being unjustly treated and the only appeal they have is to the government. This is a matter that the boards of trade should take into consideration and we trust that at the mass meeting to be held in Halifax on March 12th. inst, when the board of trade of the maritime provinces will be represented, as well as other business organizations, that this matter will be deliberated upon with a view to having the schooners get fair play.

THE PURITY MOVEMENT

(Montreal Star.)

It would be interesting to know just what part the purity movement played in the result of the New Brunswick elections. If it succeeded in preventing the corrupt use of money to any considerable extent, it probably weakened the efforts of the party with the most money. If we can be given details of their work, now that the fight is over, the rest of us may learn something from this New Brunswick experiment. There will be a feeling, too, that the result here, as in Ontario, establishes the reputation of the "quiet vote" for independence when the occasion comes. A change of government always means a change of opinion; and a change of opinion means, at least, that the people have been thinking, and are not debarred by party ties or political cowardice from acting upon the conclusions they have reached.

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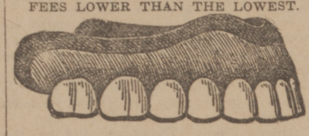
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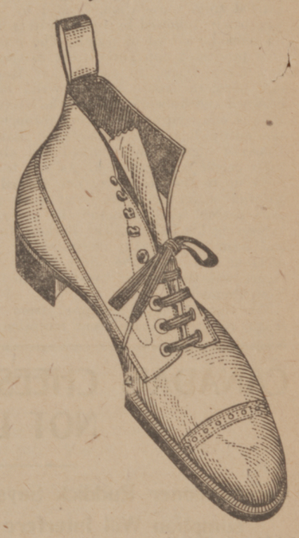
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