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CIVIC FINANCES

Ald. Baxter's review of the chamberlain's annual report is a concise statement setting forth with admirable clearness the financial position of the city. The amount of the funded debt is shown, and while it is large the chairman of the treasury board observes that on the whole the city has good assets for all of its bonded debt incurred since the union. He further says:—

"While the funded debt of the city is large in proportion to the assessable real estate it must be remembered that nearly two millions represents expenditures for water service and the winter port. The rest of the debt is not large for a city such as St. John though it will be necessary to proceed with extreme care in making any further additions. During the year the council adopted a resolution by which before any work can be undertaken which will require to be paid for by bond issue, there must be a two-thirds vote of all the members in its favor. This will do much to check rash expenditure and it may be well that this provision should be enforced by legislation. Another alternative would be to limit the bonding powers of the city to a definit proportion of the value of the assessed real estate."

The sinking funds are shown to be in a fairly good condition, and the system of civic bookkeeping has been so altered that it is much easier to keep the council fully informed concerning the city's financial position. Ald. Baxter warns the city against further increase of debt. The city last year kept the expenditure for the departments within the assessments, and this is a habit worthy of cultivation.

BAND AND CLUB

If it had been the rule of the city council to exact rent from the band which has been using rooms in the west side city hall, there might be some semblance of excuse for its action in regard to the proposed Every Day Club on that side of the harbor. As a matter of fact, however, the council has been more than generous in its treatment of the band. The proper thing to have been done in the present case, would have been for the band to identify itself with the new club, and the council give the club the use of the hall at a nominal figure. Then the band could have been in a position, with the club at its back, to conduct entertainments and raise funds for itself, and at the same time aid in a work that makes for better citizenship. The Every Day Club must raise funds for furniture and running expenses. Those who will be behind it must give freely of their time and money to keep it in active operation. The council's action has caused further delay in getting the work started. That is surely an important civic work which seeks to give back to his family and to productive industry the man who is down and almost out, and which further aims to arouse among men a deeper interest in the welfare of their fellows. The city chamberlain fears that drastic measures must be taken to collect the taxes. There would be more money to pay taxes if the spirit of the Every Day Club prevailed more largely among the men who spend in dissipation that which should go to support those dependent upon them, and to pay those very taxes of which the chamberlain speaks.

It is to be hoped that the parties will get together, and that the safety board, which has power to act, will act promptly, and give the new club an opportunity to organise without delay.

TURNED DOWN

The Hazen government, which, to the regret of his friends, includes among its members the Hon. Robert Maxwell, has definitely allied itself with the liquor interests. Of course there will be the customary talk about honest differences of opinion, and professions of belief that really it is much better to move slowly in this matter; but the people are not deceived. Premier Hazen knew when he and his colleagues met the temperance delegation what his answer to them would be, and the long delay in answering has had for its chief object the confusion of the temperance forces, to the end that the session of the legislature would be upon them before they could properly formulate a new programme. The government still clings to the fallacy that what is termed the liquor vote is worth striving for, although Mr. Maxwell could have told his colleagues that in the constituency where the liquor interests are most strongly entrenched he got along very comfortably without their aid. That was when he was a prohibitionist. If he is to remain a prohibitionist his resignation will doubtless be placed shortly in the premier's hands.

The government, in its reply to the prohibitionists, endeavors to show that the comparatively small number of signatures to the petitions indicate a lack of interest on the part of temperance people. As a matter of fact, those petitions were called in last fall, when it was expected that they would be presented, but Mr. Hazen did not give the temperance federation a chance to present them. The work of securing signatures lagged somewhat after this; but, after all, the government are only looking for an excuse. Were a systematic effort made to secure signatures all over the province, the members of the government know that an overwhelming majority would petition for prohibition, just as a great majority would vote for prohibition today in St. John, if they were but given the opportunity.

In commending the Scott Act, the government commends a law which it knows is not as capable of enforcement as one which would have behind it the legal machinery of a determined provincial government. Hon. Mr. Maxwell has publicly expressed the conviction that the Scott Act could be carried in St. John. So, then, could prohibition be carried in St. John. In the course he has pursued, therefore, he has run counter to the wishes of those who elected him.

The promise is made that the license law will be amended, and the statement is gravely made that the government desires the license law enforced. The latter statement, in view of the notoriously common violation of the law in St. John city and county, is not impressive. The government has made no real attempt at rigid enforcement. The same old machinery operates in the same old way. When the temperance federation wanted to show what could be done it set a detective at work for a few days, and ample proof of violation of the law was at once forthcoming. But Mr. Hazen is not looking for trouble with his supporters in the trade.

With regard to the amendment of the license law, the government will be asked to make such amendments as will make it possible for the majority to rule in St. John. At present the minority occupy the seats of the mighty, and the representatives of the majority, hat in hand, must humbly go from door to door with petitions begging an opportunity to be heard in regard to the making of the laws which govern them.

The government has shown its hand. It is now the turn of the opposition. The government goes upon the theory that a prohibitionist is a Hazen man first and a prohibitionist afterward. Assured of the support of the liquor interests, the premier believes "soft sawder" and party feeling will give him enough of the temperance vote to make the straddle serve his turn. If the opposition leaders show that they have more faith in the sincerity of the people, they will not go unrewarded.

In the meantime St. John demands that the license law be amended and a secret ballot taken this year in the four wards in which petitions were circulated in December.

The heresy hunt in Toronto has ended in a handshake, but the St. John keepers of other people's consciences are said to be furbishing up their armor. Perhaps if, instead of asking a man on pain of excommunication to tell what he believes, he were asked to show what he is doing with what he does believe, to help his fellowman, the final result would be quite as satisfactory.

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Halifax merchants are naturally opposed to St. John competition on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. The people of the shore towns, however, find trade with St. John very satisfactory. They would like the steamer service from St. John continued.

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The civic elections in Fredericton bid fair to result in the hottest fight seen there for years. It is the Scott Act fight over again. Where the Scott Act prevails the friends of temperance must do what the law of the land should do.

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Berth No. 6 has been properly dredged. Berth No. 6 has not been properly dredged. Engineer Scammell says it has; Ald. McGoldrick, contra. We seem to have heard something about this matter at some former period.

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The city council yesterday decided that the time its members had devoted to the study of plans of reorganization of the departments had been wasted.

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A wireless message from Glace Bay has been received in Paris. Men may now talk across the Atlantic.

P. E. I. RHODES SCHOLAR

Charlestown, P. E. I., March 1—(Special)—Joseph Daley, son of the late James Daley, Iona (P. E. I.), has been nominated Rhodes scholar for Prince Edward Island. He is a sixth year student at St. Dunstan's College.

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Dreaming away the weather, gloom isn't gloom to me,
For only the roses are raining down under the dreamland tree;
The tinkle of silver fiddles, and, oh, for an elfin air,
Sweethearts together
In all sorts of weather,
Windy, or rainy, or fair.

Dreaming away the weather; why, back the gray is the blue,
And clouds can't hinder the hearts whose tinder has struck and is striking true;
The laughter of lilied people in fairied and fancied dell,
All tenderly clinging
Where bluebirds are singing,
Adrift in the dreamland spell.

Dreaming away the weather, and what is the rain for those
Who dance where the rivers of silver run and the rain is raining the rose;
The singing of sweetheart spirits in valleys of blossom blue,
Sweethearts together
In all sorts of weather,
Love and the April dew.

Dreaming away the weather; what do we care what they say,
Here in the valleys of dreaming, dear, sweet is the dream of May;
Light are the viols of morning, sweet are the lips of gleam,
Winding and flashing,
Dancing and dashing,
Sleep, and the shores of dream.

—Baltimore Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HIS COCOA

"My cocoa's cold," sternly announced the gruff old gentleman to his fair waitress.

"Put your hat on," she sweetly suggested.—New York Observer.

A GLEAM OF HOPE

Mother—Johnny, your Uncle Henry will be here for dinner, and you must have, your face and hands washed.

Small Johnny—Yes, mamma, but s'posin' somethin' happens and he don't come, what then?—Everywhere.

CLEVER OFFICE GIRL

"That pretty girl wants a place in the office. Can't we give her a job?"

"What can she do?"

"Well, she earned a prize in botany, and she can make fine welsh rabbit and Battenburg lace."—Cleveland Leader.

A DARK PROSPECT

"I'm all in the dark about how these bills are to be paid," said Mr. Hardup to his wife.

"Well, Henry," said she, as she pulled out a colored one and laid it on the pile, "you will be if you don't pay that one, for it's the gas bill."—Scottish American.

HAD GUESED IT

"My mistress isn't at home, ma'am," said a domestic to a caller.

"Oh! indeed," was the sweetly sarcastic response. "Will you please tell her that when I saw her peeping from the front window as I came up I felt very much afraid that she was."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

LETTING ITS LIGHT SHINE

"How's your new kid?"

—"Fine."

"Don't you find that a baby brightens up a household wonderfully?"

"Yes, indeed. We have to have the gas going most of the night now."—Cleveland Leader.

MIKE TOOK THE HINT

The lawyer told Mike Dolan, his client, that he had a good fighting case. Mike mused and moment and then said, tentatively: "Do you think it would do any good to send his Honor a couple o' ducks?"

"No, no!" replied the lawyer; "I know him too well. If you did that he would decide the case against you, sure as fate."

Two days afterward the case was heard and Mike won it out and out. So he called on his lawyer, and in the course of settling up affairs remarked: "Well, you see, sir, it was just as well, I sent his Honor those ducks."

"What!" exclaimed the astonished counsel "you sent the ducks after what I said?"

"Yes, I did," replied Mike; "only after you told me, I thought it just as well to send them from the man on the other side."—Dundee Advertiser.

SUDDEN DEATH OF SPEAKER OF THE P.E.I. HOUSE

Hon. Matthew Smith Passed Away Yesterday—His Death Reduces Liberal Majority to Three

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 1—(Special)—Hon. Matthew Smith, speaker of the provincial legislature, died this afternoon from pneumonia. He was in his place when the house adjourned on Saturday at noon but was suffering from a severe cold. He had been ailing since the general elections in December last.

His death reduces the Liberal members to sixteen in a house of thirty, the government having had a majority of three, exclusive of the speaker.

Mr. Smith was sixty years of age and represented the first district of Queens since 1900 and was a member of the government without portfolio for four years. He was a prominent farmer and proprietor of the Sea View Hotel, a summer resort at Hampton Beach.

Within a year the Liberals have lost two speakers, Dr. Douglas having died at the close of the legislature last April.

The new speaker will likely be John Agnew, of Alberton, or Dr. Warburton, of Charlottetown.

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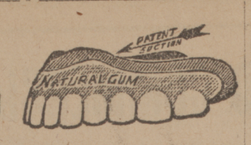
You can't go to this ideal spot, of course. You haven't time, and possibly not money.

Ask Chas. Wasson, druggist, 100 King street, about Hyomei, the Australian dry air cure. Get an outfit, which includes inhaler, for $1, breahe the same air that you would find in Australia, and if it does not heal the raw membrane and cure you of catarrh, snuffles, cough, cold or asthma, you can have your money back.

Miss Ethel Pidgeon

Miss Ethel Pidgeon, daughter of Robert and the late Mary Anne Pidgeon, died in the hospital Monday. She had been sick since Christmas with a complication of diseases. The family formerly belonged to Windsor (N. S.), and a few years ago Miss Pidgeon moved to this city, while her father, with five of her sisters, went to Vancouver. Besides her father, she leaves six sisters and two brothers. They are: Mrs. Harriet, in Windsor; Elena, Minnie, Nellie, Pearl and Ina, in Vancouver; Harry, in Quebec, and Claude, in Saskatoon. The body was taken to Windsor Tuesday morning for burial.

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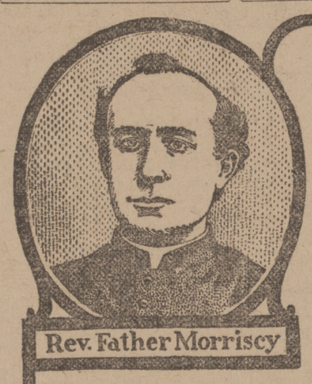
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THE DETAILED SCHEME FOR AN IMPERIAL ARMY

The London Standard Gives Particulars of the War Office Proposal, to Which a Reply From the Oversea States is Awaited.

(London Standard, February 16.)

In these columns last year attention was drawn to the government plans for consolidating the forces of the Empire into a common army on definite scientific lines, and this month official reference has been made to the subject by Mr. Haldane and Lord Lucas. It is understood that most of the Oversea States have agreed that a better war plan than that which existed at the outbreak of the South African war is necessary, in view of any future occasion when an imperial field force may be called into action under one commanding head. In short, machinery is to be provided for methodically utilising the services, on a pre-arranged plan, of men who volunteer in war time.

As will have been seen by our Canadian and Australian cablegrams of recent date, the War Office proposals have been received by the various governments concerned, and are now having full attention with a view to the framing of definite replies.

The home proposals, framed on colonial suggestions largely, aim at a consolidation both for peace and war. For the former it is suggested that each state should organize its units on the lines of the regular army plan, and, instead of having a miscellaneous collection of horse, foot, and artillery, should organise these into regimental units, brigades and divisions, as is the case with our own troops. They would then have ammunition columns, field engineer companies, supply and transport companies, field ambulances, and all the services to place troops directly into action. By this means the military organization would be identical all over the empire, whilst each colony would be self-contained, in addition, and this would ensure an absence of confusion when colonial contingents are thrown together with regular troops in war time. This plan would provide regular model divisions, made up as follows:—

A COLONIAL DIVISION.

3 Infantry Brigades of 12 battalions.
12 Batteries of Field Artillery.
4 Field, etc., companies of Engineers.
3 A. S. C. companies.
3 Field Ambulances.
General hospital and army troops.
1 Mounted Regiment.

This would be the home defence organisation, and in war time it is proposed that such units as are required should be taken to make up complete brigades and divisions for service under their own trained leaders. Thus, if England and India put in the field fifteen regular divisions, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa might supply one each, made up entirely of men who offer their services for war. Service would be purely voluntary, but, in view of past experience, no difficulty is apprehended as to numbers. The units selected would move, complete for service, from their homeland, and would drop into waiting places in the war machine.

In the case of a war of secondary importance, the Oversea States might furnish one division voluntarily, and if all the various forces were formed on a common plan there would be no obstacle to creating instantly a complete ready division after the following manner:

1 Canadian Brigade.
1 Australian Brigade.
1 South African Brigade.
3 New Zealand Batteries.
3 Canadian Batteries.
3 Australian Batteries.
3 South African Batteries.
Engineer units from the Straits and China.
A. S. C. units from South Africa.
Medical units from Canada.

The regiments of a mounted brigade would be similarly furnished. It is proposed that there should be a common plan of mobilisation as well as organization, and that each state would find its own recruits, horses, supplies, and transport, equivalent to the strength of the force sent into the field. These points, if agreed to, are, however, of reduced value without a common standard of training anr education, and the negotiations to this end are of a very favorable character. The outcome will be the establishment of a general staff for the empire, interchanging its personnel throughout.

The Australian special representative now in London, Major-General Hoad, who has been received by the King, returns shortly to advise his government on the proposals, after consultation with the War Office officials. Sir Frederick Borden has already talked the matter over at Whitehall on behalf of Canada, and is now discussing the subject with his fellow ministers, having recently left London.

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