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TELEPHONE MONOPOLY

"1. That Section 1 of the act be amended so as to allow incorporated towns or municipalities to expropriate local telephone systems within their borders and to exclude as subjects of compensation franchises gratuitously conferred by the legislature upon the telephone companies.

"2. That Section 8 be repealed and a section substituted therefor vesting powers of revision over tariffs and regulations of telephone companies in the hands of the judges of the supreme court with right of appeal to the full bench from the judgment of an individual judge, and

"3. That on failure to obtain such legislation, steps be taken to authorize the installation by the city of an independent telephone exchange."

St. John is in the grip of a telephone monopoly. The recommendations quoted above are made by a committee of the board of trade which investigated the matter and was convinced that the increase in telephone rates was not justified; that statements made by the company were not warranted by the facts; and that a remedy must be sought in one of the three ways above suggested.

The board of trade will doubtless be called together without delay to consider this report and take further action. The subject is one of sufficient importance to demand prompt action. The citizens look to the board to follow up the work of the committee.

When the telephone merger was accomplished the people were given to understand that they would be treated fairly, but it is now made clear that they are being called on to pay the dividends on stock that was heavily watered, and to pay increased charges in this city to a company whose profits were already large.

There must be an end of the monopoly, or such protection of the public interests as will prevent an arbitrary and unfair increase in rates. The spirit in which the company approached the question is shown in the attempt to convince the people that telephone rates in St. John are low by comparison. The comparison was made with monopoly rates, and the board of trade committee has produced evidence to show that the rates in cities where monopoly does not rule are lower than those in St. John.

The question is one that comes home to every business man, and the agitation which has led to this enquiry should be continued until redress is obtained from the legislature. The committee deserves the thanks of the public for its work, which was made the more difficult because information concerning the inside affairs of the company was hard to get.

Among the things to be accomplished in St. John in 1910, in the interests of a busier city, is telephone reform. The board of trade must take the next step. It should be taken without delay.

BRITISH ELECTIONS

Yesterday's voting in England dashed the hopes of the Unionists, although they still profess faith in the rural constituencies. In this also they will probably suffer disappointment. The features of yesterday's contest were the election of Burns and Birrell, members of the cabinet; Hobhouse and McNamara, secretaries for Ireland and the treasury; Bonar Law, Baker and Joseph Martin, Canadians; Lord Charles Beresford, who with his Unionist colleague swept Portsmouth; and the defeat of Will Crooks, Labor leader; Sir John Gorst, an ex-minister; Hamar Greenwood, Canadian; Lord Robert Cecil and some others of note—not excepting the famous Mr. Jebb. Mr. Balfour's election was a foregone conclusion, and Rt. Hon. Walter H. Long and Sir William Bull, other Unionist leaders, were also returned.

While the Unionists gained 14 seats in yesterday's polling, and while Liberal majorities were everywhere reduced when compared with those of the landslide of 1906, yet the proportionate gain is not large enough to indicate the loss of a working majority by the government.

An interesting fact is the good nature with which the general result is received. The alarmists of the campaign were working for political effect, and now that the battle has practically been fought and won by the Liberals there is no further present cause for sensational tactics. The Liberals did not expect a repetition of the victory of 1906 and will be well content if they have a majority rendering them independent of combinations in the new house. Of that they seem today to be reasonably well assured.

Those Canadians who are shouting loudly for an immediate and immense contribution to the British admiralty will observe that the British people are not at all worried about the naval situation and the designs of Geramny.

THE FARMER'S OUTLOOK

The Times quotes on another page a very interesting article on the outlook for farmers in Ontario, with a comparison showing the advance in produce prices during the past year. The Toronto World, from which that article is copied, has also the following on the farmer's outlook:—

"Never during the past quarter century has the outlook for the Ontario farmer been so bright. The new year has opened up with her provision cellars very scantily supplied. The live stock from the farms is below the usual. Consequently there is no speculative element in the high prices ruling for pork and its products. Packers are clamoring to get even a decent supply and the shrewdest only succeeds in lowering by a few cents the prevailing strong prices. Farm grains and rough feeds are also on a remunerative basis. Hay seems to be high priced all over the country as well as in England. Many feeders in the country are purchasing supplies now that they will require by springtime, rendering the problem a serious one. Clover seed was not a prolific yielder during the past season. Thus it is we find country points paying $9 per bushel, although the Toronto buyers talk lower prices and pay as they talk. It is hardly likely that seed prices can be expected to surpass these figures. In the matter of alsike it looks as if the farmers got all that was due them, as the foreign demand was weak and plenty of Canadian seed lacked color. In the matter of horse flesh the average farmer knows that prices are up and he generally errs on the safe side in his demands. The one great lesson that is being learned is that farmers have not been breeding drafters fast enough or good enough. Ontario has been sacrificing her best on the altars of Western Canada so that today we cannot supply the demand. A team of farm drafters sold in Markham last week for $600. Quite common horses are bringing $200 and the demand is not at its acutest point yet. What are the causes for this stiffness in farm values? There are three main reasons, which show how closely we sail to the breezes that blow in the other parts of the country—the great and record-breaking wheat crop of the west, the inflocking of so many American settlers who know that development at once pays, and the immense activity in railroad building."

The statement of Mr. Ross, showing the growth of I. C. R. business at St. John in the last few years is a marked indication of progress in business. And 1910 will make a better record than 1909.

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The Ottawa Free Press says:—"The Citizen says many of the Conservative members were surprised that Mr. R. L. Borden should have laid down a definite policy for the party on the naval question on Wednesday. Was that why George Eulas Foster, sitting beside his leader, looked so glum during the reading of the speech?"

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Mr. Jebb is down and out. In a contest where the winner had 3,134 votes and the second man 1,905, Mr. Jebb received 702. This is very sad. Col. Denison of Toronto is sorely grieved. With some other rampant imperialists of the Queen city Col. Denison supported Jebb and told Mr. Balfour that Jebb should be elected. It was none of their business, but they backed Jebb. We may now expect the empire to totter, for Jebb has gone down to utter and inglorious defeat.

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The Montreal Gazette—"The immigration authorities of New Brunswick report that during the past year 300 new settlers were placed on provincial lands. There is prospect also that the present year will see the movement continued. In his address at the Bank of Commerce meeting, Mr. Walker referred to the improvement of agriculture in the maritime provinces as one of the encouraging features of the general situation; and he was well justified. As a producer of wealth the farm comes before all other industrial enterprises; and the more farms a province has the steadier and surer will be its general commercial progress. New Brunswick is doing well."

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A MORNING THOUGHT

Let me today do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

Let me not hurt, by any selfish deed,
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend;
Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need,
Or sin by silence when I should defend.

However meagre be my worldy wealth,
Let me give something that shall aid my kind,
A word of courage, or a thought of health,
Dropped as I pass for troubled hearts to find.

Let me tonight look back across the span
'Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say—
Because of some good act to beast or man—
"The world is better that I lived today."

—Ella W. Wilcox.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHAT KEEPS HIM BACK.

Many a man would climb higher up the ladder of fame if he didn't spend so much of his time trying to keep some one else from doing it.

THE CAUSE.

A meal of cold boiled ham at night,
I now am forced to feed upon;
Oh, sad and sorry is my plight—
The annual bargain sales are on.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

"I want the most daring and reckless chauffeur you have."

"Yes, sir."

"One who'll run over anybody and speed away with a laugh."

"Yes, sir. Are you going to enter a race?"

"Not much. I want him to come out home with me and tell the cook she has to leave."—St. Louis Star.

It DOESN'T FOLLOW.

A little nonsense, spiced to taste,
I take and relish with a zest;
But, hold on there—don't judge, post haste,
That I'm of men the very best.

—Bard of Benzie.

WHERE HE WAS CAUTIONS.

"That Arctic explorer wasn't successful in getting expert talent to manufacture records for him."

"No," answered the crudely mercenary lecture manager. "But you must give him credit for not taking any counterfeit money at the box office."—Washington Star.

IN THE PERFECTLY PROPER WAY.

"I trust," said the new minister, "that you are bringing your children up in the way they should go."

"Oh, yes," replied the wife of the man who had just got $1,000,000 for an improved pig scraper, "we've hired a teacher to give them dancin' lessons and quit sendin' them to public school." —Chicago Record-Herald.

THE EFFECT.

There was an earnest, hopeful youth
Who vowed to tell naught but the truth.
He put his vow into effect,
With such results as you'd expect.
Today, in one vast angry choir,
His friends and foes call him a liar.

—Chicago Post.

HER REASON FOR MOURNING.

William M. Fogarty has a story about a good old Irish woman whose son was about to start for a trip around the world.

She had watched him prosper with pride. To her he was a great man. In her fond vision she could see all sorts of terrible tidings coming to him, but she held her peace until he had started on the journey. Then she began to cry. A neighbor tried to console her, but to no avail.

"I'm afraid he hasn't the money to get back," said the mother, weeping. "He's got the money to go round the world all right, but how will he ever get back?"—Indianapolis Star.

AN UNCOOKED REVERIE.

Mother she has gone to visit,
Will be gone a day or two;
No, she didn't cook up nothing—
What is father going to do?
Sure she left a raw banana
And some nuts beside his plate;
When he sees what she has left him
He'll go on at awful rate.
Ma believes in uncooked fodder,
Says it's healthy as can be;
Then she says she will not worry
Over stuff for pa and me,
Says she'll have a chance to visit,
And a life of greater ease;
Mother's eating pie at auntie's—
Father, pass the pickles, please!

—Boston Herald.

MORNING LOCALS

C. J. Driscoll left last night for Montreal to take up his new duties in the I. C. R. office there. On behalf of the clerks, yesterday afternoon, F. Tapley presented to him a handsome calabash pipe. He also received a signet ring from a number of his friends.

In St. Andrew's church last night a large number heard Rev. D. Lang lecture on "The Canadian West." The lecture was illustrated with interesting lantern views and was greatly enjoyed.

In the chapel of the Holy Childhood, St. Peter's church, last night, Rev. A. J. Duke gave a delightful entertainment to the Sunday school teachers. Music was rendered by the St. Cecilian orchestra, and others who took part in the programme were:—Misses I. and R. Kiervin, Miss May Kelley and Rev. L. Jung and Father Duke. Refreshments were served.

Miss Edith Smith, employed in the office of the Cold Storage Co., was overcome by gas from the stove yesterday afternoon and had to be taken home. Dr. C. M. Pratt attended her.

The C. P. R. steamer Montreal, for London tomorrow, will take 300 head of cattle, the first shipment since Jan. 1.

About thirty couples were present at the I. L. B. assembly last night in their rooms in Union street. A fine programme of dances was carried out. The committee in charge was composed of John A. Barry, Walter Harris, Joseph Abbot, Fred L. Watters, M. T. Morris and W. F. Higgins.

Argument in the case of the H. H. Dryden Co., Ltd., vs. the Bank of Nova Scotia, was heard before Judge McLeod yesterday afternoon, G. W. Fowler for the bank and F. R. Taylor for the liquidators. Judgment was reserved.

Carl Lumsden, a Swede, jumped from the I. C. R. trestle draw-bridge into the harbor yesterday afternoon, as he feared he would be struck by an approaching locomotive. A boat was manned and he was taken out of the water.

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A SCOTCHMAN TO IRISHMEN

Professor Mayor Addresses Irish Protestant Benevolent Society on the Budget

(Toronto News)

A Scotchman talked to Irishmen on an English subjct at the meeting of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society last night at the St. George. Prof. Mayor, of Toronto University, addressed the assembled Irishmen on the British budget, bearing on its particular bearing in England. President Geo. B. Sweetman was in the chair.

"I did not have the good fortune to be born in Ireland," the professor said, "but I was born not twenty-five miles from Ireland, in Scotland."

The stormy weather affected the attendance at the meeting, but many attended, including Ald. J. A. McCarthy, Thos. Kinnear, Sam Armor, R. C. Hamilton, R. Boyd and others.

The society has a balance of over three hundred dollars after charity had been dispensed to the needy during the last month and many supplied with Christmas dinners. The receipts of $57 from the police of the city and a bequest from the Mary Ann Green estate were acknowledged.

"There is nothing very revolutionary or socialistic in the budget," Prof. Mavor said "and it need not disturb the ordinary tenor of affairs."

Th professor said that after the election the nation would settle down and would be surprised that so much fuss had been created previous to the election. If the Liberals go back the Lords will pass the budget with slight amendments, perhaps, and the effect will not be so great as is now anticipated.

The speaker threw cold water on the complaint that the Englishman has no opportunity of going back to the land because the Lords will not dispose of their estates. He said that but nine and a half per cent of the men in Englanud today are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and the feeling is that they do not want to go back on the land.

To charge heavy succession duties the speaker said, would discourage private charity. If such a course were adopted the government should take steps to provide for charitable purposes more liberally. Kindly charity, not officious, is the best.

The unemployed question in England and other countries is an incident of industrial organization, the professor said, and not the direct result of free trade or protection. Germany and England furnish instances to support this statement.

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