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TWO VITAL QUESTIONS.

The livest question in Ontario to-day concerns the development of electrical energy at Niagara Falls and at other great sources of water power in this province. Of the Toronto newspapers, four or more want to have the municipalities authorized to go into the power business, either individually or collectively. In other portions of Ontario the same idea is prevalent. The idea is coming up with a rush and must now be settled. Furthermore, the Ontario government has just authorized a third company to develop power at Niagara Falls. In connection with the authority granted to this company, Hon. J. R. Stratton and Premier Ross have both made statements which are, in substance, to the effect that there is still sufficient power left at Niagara Falls for the municipalities, and that they see no reason why Toronto should not be authorized to go into the business. Public opinion is decidedly in favor of some kind of new and advanced legislation governing the development and transmission of electrical energy. This being the actual condition of affairs, the practical question is, What can be done to bring about the desired objects?

We do not desire to hamper the situation. We rather desire to clear the ground, and the first thing to be done, to our mind, is to get rid of the Conmee law, by which municipalities are bound to buy out at a valuation any existing company within their limits now engaged in generating power or distributing it for light or some other purpose. Under that law we believe Toronto would have to buy out the two existing companies here, altho when Toronto made its agreement with these private corporations there was no such idea, and that iniquitous law was thrust upon the city thru the instigation of the companies and in spite of the protest of the municipalities. It is a bad law, and because it is a bad law it ought to be repealed. There is no justice in it. No one can tell us of any other business that is protected from competition outside of these monopolies. A man embarking his money in a newspaper or any other enterprise is subject to all kinds of competition the next day, and no protection is given him. So should it be in the generation and distribution of electrical energy. It is therefore evident that the Conmee bill must be repealed.

Next, the city must be authorized to go into the power business, both generating it or purchasing it from some individual or corporation empowered to generate it and empowered also to distribute it thruout its limits for light, heat and power, irrespective of any franchises that may exist with companies already within its limits. All sorts of side issues will be discussed, and all kinds of lions will be placed in the way. But what the public must do is to keep the issue to these points and make every man, every alderman, every politician and every newspaper say where they are in regard to the Conmee bill, and if they are favorable to Toronto and other municipalities being empowered to generate or purchase and distribute electrical energy.

Toronto wants no advantage over any other municipality. It wants simply to be treated exactly as they are treated, and it has no intention of going into competition with them to draw manufactures to itself. This idea of Toronto competing with other municipalities was floated by the monopolists themselves, and is one of their old forms of obstruction. Whatever is good for Toronto is good for any other place. Toronto has rather the worst of it, as she is on the outer fringe of the area to which Niagara power can be carried. Hamilton is in a much better position and so are all the Grand River towns. What we desire to see and what we believe the people of the province desire to see is all the municipalities placed on an equal footing in this respect.

The ground should be cleared at once, for the reason that a session of the legislature will be held in a very few weeks, and unless the municipalities know exactly what they want the thing will be "jollied" over for another year, enabling the companies to strengthen themselves in the meantime. Toronto and all the other municipalities should therefore approach the legislature at the forthcoming session on these two distinct planks—repeal the Conmee bill, and authorize the municipalities to go into the development and transmission of electrical power. When this is done the problem will work out to the satisfaction of all.

MR. PATTULLO'S NEW LIGHT.

An evening paper states that Mr. Andrew Pattullo has altered his attitude towards the production and distribution of power by municipalities. Mr. Pattullo we remember as a gentleman who fought against the effort of the municipalities to obtain this power. He made the pretext that Toronto would injure smaller municipalities if she had such power.

We believe that Mr. Pattullo, who aspires for office in the Ontario government, has modified his position. He sees that public opinion is moving. But if Mr. Pattullo has any doubt on the question we advise him to read the report in his own paper of a discussion in his town the other night on public ownership, when the merits of that proposition were ably discussed. And if Mr. Pattullo wants any further proof than this let him send his reporter out among the manufacturers of Woodstock, Brantford and the towns in his locality and see whether the manufacturers and the people of these towns would like to get an unlimited supply of electrical energy at the cheapest possible rate.

Nay, more, let Mr. Pattullo go out among the farmers of Oxford County, who are within the area of distribution of power from Niagara Falls, and see whether they would not like an unlimited supply of electrical energy at the lowest possible cost for the purpose of working their farms, pumping water and some day dragging their plows and driving all their machinery. The World will be more than pleased to copy in these columns any information that may thus be obtained and give Mr. Pattullo and his paper due credit for the same.

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT.

The hollowness of Provincial politics is once more illustrated by the action of Mr. Gamey, member for Manitoulin, in going over from the opposition to the government. Mr. Gamey says that Manitoulin is his politics, and, as Mr. Ross' policy of building up Ontario will help Manitoulin, he will give the government "an independent support." Why is the announcement delayed so long? All thought the election campaign of the Ross government proclaimed that its policy was to develop New Ontario. Nothing has happened recently, except that the Ross government is now fairly well entrenched in power, and Mr. Gamey wants Manitoulin to be on the right side.

There is nothing new or surprising in this. The outlying regions of the Province are in special need of roads, public works and other things which are at the disposal of governments. Many of their demands are legitimate enough. They are for services which it is our duty to supply. The pioneers in these regions are doing hard, rough work, and enduring hardships such as the people of Old Ontario endured many years ago. It is they who are "building up Ontario," and they are entitled to recognition and generous treatment.

What is really objectionable is the notion that Manitoulin or any other constituency in New Ontario will not be fairly or generously treated unless its member supports the government. If the policy of the government is to "build up Ontario," it ought to perform that duty without regard to the politics of the representative. Yet, both in Dominion and Provincial politics, the idea is firmly fixed that constituencies, in the pioneer stage, are doing an imprudent thing when they support the opposition. "It is contrary to the genius of our institutions" was once humorously said.

It may be argued that there is not much difference between the parties, and that changing one's allegiance is not any worse than crossing over to the other side of the street. If so, why is the country thrown into turmoil every four years, and oftener, and why do the politicians and the newspapers give so much attention to a matter of no importance? The difference seems to be important enough to lead to the raising of big party funds, to corruption and charges of corruption, to the stuffing of ballot boxes and other frauds. If we could drop all this, and just say "Manitoulin is my politics," perhaps we should get rid of a lot of humbug, and not lose a great deal.

ANIMALS IN CARTOONS.

The Hon. Frederic Taylor Pusey has been endeavoring to persuade the Pennsylvania legislature to forbid the publication of cartoons depicting public men as dogs, roosters, horses, etc. The reports published by our American contemporaries are somewhat fragmentary, tho lively enough, and we are unable to say whether the objection is taken on behalf of man, or the other animals with which he is compared. Our own impression would be that the dumb brute requires the greater protection. The public man can explain, and point out that he does not resemble the dog, the owl, or the ox in facial expression, but the poor dumb brute is at a disadvantage. Tho honest, industrious and affectionate, he has no means of protesting against the cartoonist who identifies him with the most cold-hearted and treacherous of politicians.

On the other hand, a man has no particular objection to being compared with another animal, so long as he is allowed to make his choice. His vanity is tickled if he is called a lion; but he resents the name of ass, altho the ass has some admirable qualities that the lion lacks. Tho "dog" is a term of reproach, yet the average man is pleased if told that he possesses "bull-dog courage." The lady who regards "duck" as a term of endearment is offended by the appellation of "hen," yet is not satisfied with the remark that she is "no chicken." Then there are names that people, tho unwilling to bear themselves, are glad to hurl at their enemies—dogs, asses, owls, reptiles. In short, men desire to exercise their dominion over the other animals by picking and choosing comparisons for themselves and their enemies. They can look after their own interests. The dumb creatures are those which require the protection of the law.

CLEAN THE CROSSINGS.

Complaints against the condition of Toronto's streets are numerous, and they are well founded. Following every thaw, citizens must wade thru water and slush to pass from one side of a street to the other, or to enter a street car.

The answer of the Street Commissioner is, of course, that appropriations are not sufficient to give proper attention to the streets. It is true, moreover, that the Street Commissioner's Department has been put to an unusual strain this winter. Relieving the coal situation was an imperative obligation, and Mr. Jones did his work well.

But admitting that the department has neither the time nor the money to make the streets as clean as they should be, something more could be surely done to mitigate the nuisance of which the people complain. The chief complaint is the condition of the crossings. Would it not be possible to put men at work on say fifty important crossings following every thaw? The cleaning of the chief points of intersection would be a convenience to thousands of citizens, and the cost would be small. A settled policy should be inaugurated, by which the busiest street crossings in the city would be cleaned when a thaw has rendered them unfit for pedestrians.

NO BENEFIT IN THIS TRANSFER.

If there was any sound reason to hope that provincial subsidies would be expended wisely on deserving provincial institutions there would be more justification for the raids on the Federal treasury. Hon. G. W. Ross maps out an admirable program for the additional subsidies he hopes to secure. It is possible tho that the program will be revised beyond recognition before the subsidies are spent.

Money that comes easily goes easily. It goes easily and it often goes recklessly. The Ontario government is required to give only a general account of the subsidies it expends. The money is obtained in a manner which imposes no direct tax upon the people. For this reason it escapes that critical examination which would be given to the expenditure of funds that bore a more direct relationship to the pockets of the people.

Deserving institutions may get some of the additional subsidies. The enterprising subsidy hunter is likely to secure a generous share. It is unfortunate that the municipalities cannot be made the direct beneficiaries of the Federal subsidies that the provincial governments are after. The closer the people's money gets to the people the better for the people, so long as it passes beyond political control. It has not passed the possibility of expenditure for political considerations until it has reached the municipalities. There is a possibility that the people of Ontario will receive more benefit from the expenditure of the additional subsidy by the provincial than by the Dominion government. But the possibility is somewhat remote. Politics is politics in Queen's Park, even as on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. If the subsidy could only be diverted from the Federal treasury to the municipalities to improve roads, to build bridges, and assist in other local enterprises, the transfer would be distinctly beneficial.

There is a suspicion that the stoves in the Street Railway cars are not the chief contributors to the smoke nuisance.

It seems strange that coal, which is cheap in Buffalo, N.Y., should be worth its weight in gold when it crosses the frontier.

Now that a doubt has been raised as to whether Romulus founded Rome, it is up to the Oldest Inhabitant to state his recollections.

One of the clearest and best accounts of the Alaskan boundary dispute that we have seen was given by The London Free Press on Thursday.

The recklessness of the cable correspondents is shown in the news flashed across the Atlantic to The Mail that Romulus was not the founder of Rome.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte proposes to conspire with the weather to make the summer session of the Dominion parliament exceedingly hot for some people he knows.

The Scotch curlers have received a few intimations that if they use the ice on Sunday in this world they will run up against a rare line of ice famine in the next.

It is joyfully announced that the majority of the Ross government is increased from five to seven, thru the conversion of Mr. Gamey, member for Manitoulin. Mr. Gamey is now described by The Globe as a man of force. He was elected as an independent Conservative, it is said, but for the last few days he has been giving the subject deep thought, and has concluded that it is not right to oppose a government which will build up Ontario. Mr. Ross might, if he chose, chide his new follower for being so slow to discover the benevolent intentions of the government regarding New Ontario. He might have relieved the Premier of much anxiety by speaking sooner. But political leaders are never unforgiving in these cases. The extension of the glad hand to the convert is one of the most pleasing features of political life, let shallow cynics say what they will.

GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES.

Editor World: It is with no little surprise that I have become aware of the strange relations into which the University authorities have entered with the Greek Letter Societies. In my day the authorities did not view these societies with any favor. I for one have never felt it wise to take any particular action against them, but why should the authorities go out of their way to help them with land and money which the University needs so badly for other purposes? Especially improper is this course when the members of these societies, as is well known, belong, in Toronto at least, mostly to the wealthier class. The letters on this subject in to-day's World make really painful reading for the graduates and well-wishers of the University. Surely the authorities will retrace their steps in this matter and so enable us to give the University the support which we would like to give it but cannot in the face of such a compromising situation. I am anxious to learn what evidence respecting these societies is before the authorities. If it is damaging to the societies and the authorities are not giving to the evidence the weight which it deserves, I think the only proper course is to bring it before the public. Such discrimination between the students is wrong to begin with. But discrimination in favor of wealthy and unworthy (if they be such) societies is doubly and trebly wrong. I think the public should have the facts at once.

B. A.

Jan. 27.

WANTS CLEAN STREETS.

Editor World: You have a good, live and up-to-date paper, and I would like to ask you what is going to become of this naturally beautiful city, as the very moment any person makes a good kick for the improvement of this fair city he is told to shut up, and the result is we have more members of the oyster family than any city in the world. Last evening, coming into the city about 6 o'clock, it was most disgusting to see hundreds of men and women wading ankle deep in mud and slush at the corner of York and Front-street. The corner of Front and Yonge was equally as bad, at King and Bay worse, at King and York dreadful. Just imagine these men and women having to ride miles in the street cars with wet feet, endangering themselves in a great many cases, and the whole trouble could have been prevented if the person or persons in charge of the streets had exercised ordinary common sense and cut runways in the snow and ice a few hours before the thaw, and the only satisfaction when you phone or write the City Hall is we are out of funds and what is your name, and send us an official letter and it will be brought before the next meeting of the aldermen, when you run a good chance of getting a good roasting if they get your name. What can we do to keep this city up to date? and try and let us know if you cannot suggest some way of doing away with the thousands of flakes of soft coal floating about the city. Please see if you cannot get the ear of Mayor Urquhart.

Sufferer.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN AND THE CURLERS.

Editor World: If a canvass of Toronto citizens were made instead of confining it to local curlers, you would, I feel thoroly convinced, find a large number endorsing Rev. Dr. Milligan's comments about the curlers' jaunt to Niagara Falls last Sunday. There might have been a sort of an excuse had it been the last Sunday before the millennium, but the signs of the times are not just pointing thatway at present. But of course a person can always find an excuse, however ridiculous that excuse may be, for wrong doing. The Bible tells us distinctly that we are to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, and I contend that we are certainly disobeying the commandment of God by using Sunday as a day for pleasure excursions. When I used to live in Scotland people thought they were quite justified, the Sunday that the Lord's supper was celebrated going into the taverns during the interval and partaking of refreshments such as whiskey, ale and porter. So that a person can almost make himself believe anything, especially when it suits his taste. If some of the Scotch ministers were as original and brilliant as Rev. Dr. Milligan and could preach their sermons like that eminent divine instead of reading a rigmarole off a paper and almost sending a person to sleep, they would get better accustomed as to how to behave themselves on the Lord's Day, as the water keeps running over the Horse Shoe Falls just the same the other six days of the week.

W. Anderson McNeill.

THE McLENNAN PAINT CO.

Attention is directed to the prospectus of the "McLennan Paint Company, Limited," of Buffalo, N.Y., which appears in another column. This company, which is incorporated under the laws of Canada, has a capital of $500,000. They offer for sale $50,000 of 7 per cent. preferred treasury stock at par, on which dividends are paid quarterly. The terms of payment are 20 per cent. on subscription, 30 per cent. in sixty days, and the balance in ninety days. The McLennan Paint Company in Buffalo has one of the most modern plants of its kind in the world, occupying 300,000 square feet of floor space. The company was organized in 1892 by Mr. C. J. McLennan and has had a most successful business career. A very large amount of goods manufactured by this company are already sold in this country. Their object in building a branch in Canada is to not only save the duty, but also to largely increase the number of their Canadian customers.

POSITIVELY THE FIRST.

Editor World: The cartoon in this morning's World, anent the robin, induces me to lay claim to having seen the first robin for 1903, on Jan. 28. He was perched as large as life on a tree on Dowling-avenue, drawn there, doubtless, by the false pretences of the last few mild days, but where can "poor robin" be to-day?

He'll hie to the barn,
To keep himself warm,
And put his head under his wing.
Poor thing!

Jan. 30. Parkdale Resident.

IN HIS OWN DEFENCE.

Editor World: In the Police Court proceedings of yesterday I was charged with committing an assault on and robbing Charles Bean. Henry Nutley was found guilty of the offence and sent to prison for three years. I wish to assure my friends that I had nothing whatever to do with this affair. I was in Weston at the time the assault and robbery took place, and had a dozen witnesses in court to prove this, but the magistrate dismissed the charge after hearing the evidence offered by Bean and his witnesses, holding that there was not the slightest evidence given to connect me with the offence. Even tho I was proven entirely innocent of the charge on the evidence of the complainant, a gross injustice was done to me by bringing me into court on such a serious charge, as some may think I must have been in someway connected therewith or I would not be called upon to prove my innocence. I had nothing whatever to do with Bean or Nutley at any time, and I was never before accused of wrongdoing. I have always endeavored to conduct myself properly, and never associated with persons likely to be guilty of such an offence as that of which I was injustly acused and proved to be innocent.

Daniel Ryan.

928 Bloor St. W.

RAILWAY RESPONSIBILITY.

New York Herald: In the New York Central tunnel disaster there was an attempt to place the sole responsibility upon the luckless engine driver of the colliding train.

Investigation, however, revealed where the chief responsibility lay, and the railway company—corporations are said to have no souls, only pockets—is being made to feel it.

The Central of New Jersey officials lay the blame for the awful accident at Westfield upon the dead driver of the engine on that fatal train. From the statements printed it is clear that the company cannot thus make a scapegoat of the unfortunate engine driver.

It is plain that the engine driver who takes long chances and contrives to make time is the one who is given charge of these "flyers." He is a gallant fellow until the almost inevitable catastrophe occurs, and then—he is the criminal. If the story should be confirmed that Davis' engine was defective and that the attention that should have been devoted to signals was thereby diverted, the responsibility for the calamity will assuredly be placed "higher up."

In any event, it is little short of criminal to run a train at a speed of a mile a minute with only one man in the cab, and not even the fireman in touch with him. Suppose the engine driver is taken ill or drops dead at the throttle? Even when he seems in normal health are the lives of hundreds of persons to be risked on the condition of this one man's liver or of his sight or his nodding for a moment?

The causes of this catastrophe should be relentlessly probed and brought to light. What is already known proves that the unfortunate engine driver alone was not responsible, and that a reform of methods on the railway is imperative.

Much Municipal Coal Sold.

The Town Treasurer did a box office business this morning, and sold thru the wicket 21 tons of pea coal to 84 customers. The price paid was $1.85 for a quarter-ton lot, delivered. All was sold before 2 o'clock, and after that hour many persons applied at the office for more. Mr. Bond expects the next two carloads to contain nut and stove coal.

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