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ENOUGH  
Even the long continued debate on the  
Autonomy Bill, followed by the adoption  
of the measure by an immense majority,  
has not convinced everybody that the  
troublesome question may well be dropped.  
In Toronto and other cities the newspapers  
still thunder away, and in each issue add  
something to the ill-feeling produced by a  
long and acrimonious debate in which in-  
sults foreign to the real question occupied  
much of the time. There was excuse for  
discussion so long as the vote was to come,  
and it cannot be doubted that the very ex-  
tent to which the debate was prolonged  
has helped to restore the public mind to  
something like its normal condition. Fiercy  
newspaper utterances which commanded  
some attention as long as there was some  
novelty about them today attract little  
notice, the public having had enough.  
It may be hoped that there will be com-  
paratively few attempts to revive the least  
sensible features of this controversy. To  
appeal further to passion and prejudice  
will not advance the cause of Protestants  
or Catholics in the East or in the West.  
The new provinces, which are most affected  
by the measure, are not at all excited, nor  
is it likely that they will be. In the end  
the legislatures of the new provinces will  
decide how the schools within their limits  
shall be conducted, and no one believes  
that federal interference is likely. The  
country will now expect that its representa-  
tives at Ottawa will turn their attention  
to the serious practical business before  
them. There are great questions affecting  
the growth and prosperity of Canada which  
call for action. The people of a busy,  
thriving, ambitious and happy Dominion  
can get along very well without any further  
controversy over Separate Schools.

THE MEN AND THE GUNS  
As throwing some light upon the coming  
naval battle in the Far East, the London  
Times reviews the sea-fight of last  
August when the Russian fleet made a  
desperate sortie from Port Arthur and  
was beaten and scattered by Admiral  
Togo. A correspondent of the Times has  
forwarded a complete account of the ac-  
tion, having secured additional informa-  
tion from official sources. Now for the  
first time we have a definite explanation  
as to why the Russian squadron, shattered  
as it was, proved able to get away. The  
fighting occupied about three hours, dur-  
ing which period the big guns of the Ja-  
panese fired three shots for every one fired  
by the Russians. The range was very  
great and only the 12-inch guns were of  
use. The 12-inch shells of the Japanese  
were practically all used at the end of  
the third hour, and after consulting his  
captains Admiral Togo thought it  
would be necessary to steam back  
to Saebao, his base, and get an  
other supply of ammunition. About  
this time the Russian admiral,  
whose fire had been slow and ineffective  
as compared with that of the enemy,  
handed the signal to return to Port Ar-  
thur—an acknowledgment of defeat, as  
escape from that port had been his prin-  
cipal object. Had the Japanese been bet-  
ter supplied with big gun ammunition the  
defeat of the Russians would have been  
much more decisive, and perhaps few  
more have reached any port.  
Gunners experts find in the August bat-  
tle reason for belief that the coming con-  
flict between Togo and Rojstevsky may  
not be decisive. On August 10, when the  
firing was at extreme range because the  
Japanese commander could not afford to  
risk the loss of one of his top few battle-  
ships, the Russian shells were not fired  
fifteen times by 12-inch projectiles, but  
none of them penetrated her armor belt.  
At half the range she must have been  
pierced again and again. The Putava and  
Parsievit were struck very frequently, but  
their armor saved them at long range.  
The failure of the ammunition and the  
necessity for caution, then, explain why  
the Russian fleet was not more severely  
punished. The sinking of a Japanese bat-  
tle-ship on that occasion would have made  
an immense difference in the chances to-  
day. At present Togo has just as much  
reason as he had in August to engage at  
long range, and now, as before, having  
the faster vessels he will be able to  
fix the range for the enemy. There is no  
reason to believe that in speed or pre-  
cision of firing the Russians will be bet-  
ter than the Japanese. It is not prob-  
able that the Japanese will be better  
than the Russian men than those  
who fired three in August, and it is not

likely that the Japanese will again find  
their supply of big gun ammunition in-  
sufficient when the hour to use the 12-inch  
guns arrives.  
Rojstevsky's fleet, if the latest reports  
are accurate, has still some 3,000 miles to  
steam before it can reach Vladivostok.  
Even if the direct course were followed,  
the fleet is nearly three weeks from its  
destination. During that time, and per-  
haps within a week, the world may hear  
of night attacks by destroyers and light  
cruisers upon the large and heterogeneous  
collection of vessels upon which Russia's  
late depends. In discipline, gunnery, and  
the grim daring which counts for so much in  
the hour of battle the Japanese have  
marked advantages. Well may the world  
wonder, as a London newspaper has ex-  
pressed it, how many of the Russian ships  
which made such an impressive showing  
as they steamed past Singapore will ever  
draw another furrow through the Straits  
of Malacca.

THEATRES, SAFETY, AND MORALS

In another column is printed a review  
of the action of the special committee on  
buildings and of Judge Forbes and the  
grand jury with respect to the St. John  
Opera House. In the face of reports and  
recommendations, and of the grand jury's  
presentment, the Opera House manage-  
ment was able to secure a license. In-  
stead a resolution of the Council intended  
to prevent this playhouse from opening its  
doors until the suggested improvements  
were made, has been ignored by the Mayor,  
who seemingly feels himself able to ignore  
judge, jury, and Council.  
Until this playhouse has been improved,  
as the laws suggested by the various  
persons who have declared it unsafe, and  
until the Council has had an official re-  
port to the effect that the changes have  
been made and are satisfactory, its man-  
agement has no right to a license. Still  
less has it a right to do business without  
a license, as was the case some days ago.  
At, or before, the next Council meeting  
this whole matter will call for attention  
and satisfactory action. The Mayor's  
course in the matter should be explained  
not only to the aldermen but to the pub-  
lic.  
The Mayor, a few days ago, required a  
legal opinion as to his right to prohibit a  
certain theatrical performance. It was not  
necessary for him to ask for the opinion  
of a legal gentleman who is not only the  
city's counsel but who is personal solicitor  
for one of the proprietors of the Opera  
House, if not also for the Opera House  
Company and the citizen who holds a  
mortgage on the building. It was the  
Mayor's privilege under such circumstances  
to have consulted another lawyer. One  
feels that he would have acted wisely had  
he done so.  
A bad play is doubly bad if it is pro-  
duced before a large audience in a build-  
ing which has been the subject of such  
reports as are on record against the Opera  
House. Both the play and the theater,  
in such a case, become proper subjects for  
enquiry and comment. Mr. J. E. Fraser,  
who remembers the so-called "Opera  
House gang," writes a letter to the Sun  
in which he deals with crime-breeding per-  
formances. He says in part:  
"Do our readers remember, a few years  
back, a great attraction on the hillside  
beyond Rockwood park? It drew twenty  
times—yes, a hundred, times more audi-  
ence than De Vondra's plays will which  
in this city. What was it? Why, simply  
the place where a boy was murdered by  
two of his companions. All belonged to  
a class, or gang, that reproduced, liter-  
ally, what they had learned at the Opera  
House which they frequented. Dime novel  
and murderous plays are pernicious  
food for the young mind and have ruined  
many."  
He might have added that a large audi-  
ence is not proof that any play is fit to  
be produced. This city which not long  
ago was wrestling with the "boy problem"  
is pretty well convinced that public moral-  
ity would be improved if cheap sensational  
plays that appeal to a gallery of ignorant  
boys were not again produced here. The  
fact that they pay, is, of course, no ex-  
cuse for their continuance.  
Whether the duty be performed by the  
Mayor, the Council, or the grand jury,  
the Opera House should be closed until it  
is made absolutely safe, and thereafter  
the licensing authority should protect the  
city against anything further in the line  
of the nightmare drama.

A BIG STEAL DEFEATED

Only a short time ago when Philadelphia  
was denounced all over the United States  
as hopelessly corrupt, the city clerk  
united in prayer for Mayor Weaver. It  
was said at that time that if a strong  
corporation had "properly approached" the  
mayor and had asked him to sell the city  
on easy terms they could have put the  
deal through. The clerkmen were ridic-  
uled by people who said Mayor Weaver  
was past praying for, yet the prayers, or  
the attitude of the newspapers, or signs  
of a general revolt by the citizens, have  
evidently had some effect. A gas trust  
proposed to lease the city gas works for  
seventy-five years, and fix the price of  
the light at an exorbitant rate until nearly  
the end of the century.  
The city council, which is notoriously  
corrupt, favored the deal, and defied pub-  
lic opinion. Then followed mass meetings  
and plain speeches by the foremost busi-  
ness men. A big manufacturer made  
sworn charges that he and others had been  
offered stock at less than par if they  
would make no further protest against the  
job. The people in the streets began to  
wear buttons on which were such mottoes  
as "No Gas Deal," "We Mean It," and  
"The Last Resort," together with the pic-  
ture of a gallows. The mayor became  
convinced that the people were in earnest,  
and in a message on the gas situation he  
finally said: "On general grounds I am  
opposed to the bartering away of the valu-  
able franchises and public utilities pos-  
sessed by the city." This attitude is said  
to have been dictated by a private citizen  
who is known as the "boss" of Philadel-  
phia, and who evidently felt that the deal  
was too perilous to be undertaken under  
the circumstances. The obedient aldermen  
have halted and advertised for new bids.  
But the city had a narrow escape from  
seventy-five years of bondage. Of course  
had the deal gone through the people  
would have paid only about half as much  
for gas as we pay in St. John, and they  
would have had better gas.

DECISIVE ACTIONS AT SEA

News that the Russian squadrons have  
effected a junction quickens interest in  
the war, and will excite expectation that  
the Japanese admiral will be heard from  
before the East's forlorn hope covers much  
more of its long journey towards Vladiv-  
ostok. As if news of the approaching  
naval action had stirred the armies to  
new activity, Oyama is pressing Linvitch  
who must stand at Kirin if he would pre-  
vent the isolation of Vladivostok by the  
cutting of the railroad between the port  
and Harbin. The Japanese are conduct-  
ing a flanking movement like that which

he said it could not come too soon. Britain,  
he pointed out, would win now, whereas  
the increase of the German fleet might  
alter the situation later on.  
The London newspapers express surprise  
that anyone in Germany should regard the  
retired admiral's article as worth serious  
notice, forgetting that the utterances of  
German jingoes have been gravely dis-  
cussed in England very recently, and that  
some public men of prominence have  
spoken pretty plainly of the necessity for  
such a distribution of British naval power  
as would prevent German mischief. King  
Edward's public course will apparently be  
accepted as likely to quiet the nerves of  
Europe and to give his royal nephew of  
Germany food for serious reflection.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

The land campaign in Manchuria seems  
practically suspended until the fleets meet,  
but in reality Japan is taking advantage  
of the lull to send across this water fresh  
troops, more guns and immense quantities  
of supplies for the use of her armies on  
the mainland. The invaders now have  
manned lines as far north as Mukden,  
and there has been as yet nothing to inter-  
fere with the passage of their transports. How-  
ever the naval battle goes, the Japanese  
army will be in a position to sustain  
themselves throughout the summer.  
But while these preparations will be of  
immense value hereafter no matter what  
may be Rojstevsky's fate, the Japanese  
are supremely confident that he will be  
beaten decisively or that his fleet will be  
weakened in battle and afterwards con-  
fined to such ports as it may reach. If the  
event justifies their confidence, as seems  
very probable, the position of Russia when  
an active summer campaign is begun, will  
be hopeless. The defeat of Rojstevsky,  
the military writers agree, would soon be  
followed by the isolation of Vladivostok  
and the investment of Harbin, Japan, it  
is believed, already has in Manchuria an  
army powerful enough to accomplish these  
objects. She would then hold all of the  
territory affected by the original dispute,  
and Russia's inability to expel her from  
the captured country would mean the end  
of the war.

NOTE AND COMMENT

A very report on the Grand Trunk Pa-  
cific route from Moncton to Winnipeg  
comes from Ottawa. If the grades are as  
favorable as the report indicates the coun-  
try will be lucky.  
The verdict in the Nan Patterson case  
follows the precedents of Molinoux and  
Dr. Kennedy," says the Boston Traveler.  
There is the case of Patrick, also. Con-  
victed of an atrocious murder some three  
years ago, his lawyers are still able to  
ward off his punishment.  
At a meeting of Presbyterians in Brook-  
lyn last week it was stated that of the  
1,250,000 people in the city, half were not  
attached to any church or denomination.  
Of the other half many do not attend any  
religious service, although they are regis-  
tered as church members. And Brooklyn  
is called the City of Churches.  
There has been anarchy in Chicago for  
more than a week, but the governor of  
Illinois still hesitates to send troops,  
although he may do so whenever he deems  
it necessary. Many murders will be  
charged up against this timid official.  
Governor Stone made the same mistake  
in Pennsylvania, and the worst of the coal  
strike riots followed. It is the man who  
is prompt to enforce public order who  
serves his state or city best.

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Fresh as the breath of the morning,  
In nooks and crannies installing,  
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Cometh the Spring flower glowing,  
Setting in green against the masses,  
Bushing in pink and white showing,  
Dusting the snowflake it crosses,  
Redolent zephyrs exhaling,  
Sensuous, fragrant, instilling,  
Gently with power unfolding,  
All that is best in us filling;  
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trolled, if not owned, by Mr. Carvell, M.  
P., for Carleton, agrees with the Gleaner  
that Mr. Emmerson is soon to be removed  
from the government as minister of rail-  
ways and canals; and it nominates Mr.  
Carvell for the portfolio. Mr. Emmerson  
will go out when reconstruction of the  
cabinet takes place, which will be shortly

preceeded the great struggles at Liao-Yang  
and Mukden, and numbers give them a  
greater advantage than they have enjoyed  
at any time hitherto.  
The war reviewers, regarding the coming  
battle at sea as likely to decide the war,  
are reviving some of the other decisive  
sea-fights of history. A contemporary has  
the following concerning the expected con-  
flict and some others which it serves to  
recall:  
"If the Japanese succeed in destroying  
the effectiveness of the Russian ships,  
they may with reason hope for such an  
issue of the war as will ensure the pri-  
mary objects for which they entered upon  
this tremendous undertaking. If, on the  
other hand, the Russians should regain  
control of the sea in the east it is the  
general opinion that Japan would have to  
reign herself to definite exclusion from  
the Asiatic mainland.  
"The significance of the present situa-  
tion seldom has been paralleled. At Lep-  
anto, in 1571, the combined fleets of  
Spain, Venice, Genoa, Malta and Pius V.  
defeated the maritime force of the Turks.  
The Spanish armada, however, even if it  
had succeeded in its initial purpose, could  
never have successfully invaded England in  
1588.  
"Perhaps the battle of Salamis, in 480  
B. C., when the Greeks with only 136 sail  
defeated the Persians, with 2,000 sail, af-  
forded a more exact parallel for the im-  
pending struggle in the east, for the vic-  
tory of the Persians would have meant a  
blow to Greek civilization that must have  
altered the whole subsequent history of  
the nation, and possibly of the world."  
The Japanese know how much depends  
upon keeping control of the sea. And, in  
this war, the world has not yet heard of  
a Russian victory. It does not expect to  
hear of one now.

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after the prorogation of parliament. We  
are satisfied, however, that the new min-  
ister of railways and canals will not be  
called from New Brunswick. There is a  
belief that this portfolio will go to On-  
tario, where the government are anxious  
to strengthen their position. We have  
had the opinion that in the changes to be  
made, Hon. C. S. Hyman, ex-acting min-  
ister of public works, will be asked to  
take charge of railways and canals, and  
another Ontario man called "public  
works." There is little doubt that Mr.  
Fitzpatrick, admittedly one of the ablest  
members of the Canadian parliament, in-  
tends for reasons that have not been given  
to the public to abandon public life with-  
in the next few months. And it may be  
that this portfolio will come to New  
Brunswick, although there is a belief in  
some quarters that New Brunswick will  
be asked to provide a head for the public  
works department. The public will cer-  
tainly be interested in the developments.

SOCIALISM IN PRACTICE

(Louisville Courier Journal.)  
Once, as the story goes, two Irishmen  
were engaged in a discussion, when Pat  
asked Mike what Socialism was.  
"Well, Socialism is sort of an equal di-  
vision of property," declared Mike.  
"What's mine is yours, and what's yours  
is mine. That's the idea."  
"If you had \$2,000,000," asked Pat,  
"would you give me \$1,000,000?"  
"I would that," said Mike. "That's ac-  
cording to my principles."  
"If you had two houses would you give  
me one of them?" was Pat's next question.  
Mike insisted that he would.  
"And if you had two fine horses would  
you give me one?"  
Mike declared that he would follow his  
principles.  
"And if you had two goats would you  
give me one of them?" finally asked Pat.  
"I would not; I have them," declared  
the Socialist disciple.  
And there is not in the books, be it re-  
membered, in these days when so many  
men are pretending to be Socialists, a bet-  
ter definition of Socialism than that.

ANXIOUS ABOUT H. J. LOGAN, M.P.

Amherst, N. S., May 6.—(Special)—Much  
anxiety is expressed here as to the con-  
dition of H. J. Logan, M. P. Dr. C. A.  
McQueen has been summoned to Ottawa  
to consult with the attending physicians.  
Dr. McQueen left yesterday and will prob-  
ably remain with Mr. Logan until danger  
is passed.

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cabinet takes place, which will be shortly

ANXIOUS ABOUT H. J. LOGAN, M.P.

Amherst, N. S., May 6.—(Special)—Much  
anxiety is expressed here as to the con-  
dition of H. J. Logan, M. P. Dr. C. A.  
McQueen has been summoned to Ottawa  
to consult with the attending physicians.  
Dr. McQueen left yesterday and will prob-  
ably remain with Mr. Logan until danger  
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