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Day Take Vote Here  
On Matter of Time

Plebiscite Likely Is  
The Opinion At  
City Hall

MANY PLACES CHANGING

Post Office to Follow Trains in  
Adhering to New System—  
Petition by Suburbanites— Re-  
ports From Other Cities

It is probable that the citizens of St. John will be given an opportunity to express their views on the subject of the local adoption of daylight saving time. The board of trade and other organizations have expressed their desire for the change while the trades and labor council has taken the opposition position. The decision of the railways to run their trains on the daylight time has brought the matter to an end and the action of the post office department in announcing their intention to follow railway time makes a local decision still more urgently required.

Under legislation adopted at Fredericton in 1916 each municipality was given authority to adopt the change in time in connection with all matters over which it has jurisdiction. The city council adopted the act that year and the city council adopted a by-law bringing the daylight time into effect from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September. At the end of the season the by-law was amended to end the daylight time on the first Sunday in September. During the summer the new time was found to work out satisfactorily with regard to purely local matters, but that the local time did not agree with that under which the railways operated caused some confusion and the next spring the by-law was repealed. Last year when daylight saving was general the disadvantages were eliminated and the majority of the citizens expressed their appreciation of the change.

It is proposed that the city council should this year to follow suit in the confusion of time which existed in 1918 is to be avoided and the next step is to bring to the attention of the city council the differences of opinion among citizens it is regarded as an upward problem for the council to settle on its own responsibility. A plebiscite seemed to meet with the approval of the city council members when the matter was discussed informally this morning.

If this course is adopted there would be a certain amount of delay, possibly two or three weeks. Meanwhile, as many of the principal establishments find it necessary to operate their business with due regard to railway timetables, it is probable that a great number of them will adopt the changed time on their own account and it is possible that a general observance of the change will develop before official action is taken.

Postmaster Edward Sears has placed the schedule of work among the city servants in his department under the unofficial daylight time in conformity with the arrival and departure of trains. He has sought confirmation of his action from the Deputy Post Master General and at noon today was momentarily expecting a reply. The local postmaster will doubtless receive general commendation for his public spirited attitude and it is hoped he will be sustained in it by Ottawa. To confuse the transportation and delivery of important mail after midnight would result in only one more drawback resulting from Canada's non-participation in the daylight saving plan.

At 2:15 this afternoon Postmaster Sears received a reply from Ottawa confirming his action in switching the local postal hours to daylight time, as elsewhere noted.

Suburbanites' Support.  
The daylight saving scheme received much support from the suburbanites, as was shown by a petition passed around yesterday and today to ask the city to adopt the new time. K. S. Kennedy, of Hampton, was given the petition, and secured more than 300 signatures. He passed it from person to person on the Sussex Suburban and Maritime express trains and everyone seemed anxious to have the new time, as nearly every person coming into the city in the morning and going out in the evening signed the petition.

Moncton Has It.  
Moncton, N. B., March 29.—At 9:35 a. m. the I. C. R. authorities here were advised that daylight saving would go into effect on the railway at 2 a. m. tomorrow (Sunday). It is understood from General Superintendent Brown that the same system will apply to the I. C. R. shops. The application of the principle to the railway shops has compelled the public schools to follow because the railway employees form such a large proportion of the total.

Quebec Wants It.  
Quebec, March 29.—At a meeting of the city council on March 21 the following resolution favoring daylight saving was unanimously passed on motion of Alderman Bedard, seconded by Alderman Lantier:

"That this council, acting upon the experience made last year and in view of the decision taken for this year by the government of the United States, is of opinion that a strong pressure must be exercised on the government of Canada in order to revise for this year the statute concerning the saving of light."

Quebec, March 29.—The Quebec city council next Friday will adopt the daylight saving time.

Sherbrooke Adopts It.  
Sherbrooke, Que., March 29.—Sher-

CRITICIZES THE  
INCREASES GIVEN  
TO THE DEPUTIES

A Word at Ottawa For Low  
Salary Man  
CIVIL SERVICE AS PROFESSION

Prince Edward Island Member  
"Wouldn't Put a Dog in It"  
Increase in Number of Illicit  
Stuls

Ottawa, March 29.—In the House of Commons yesterday the House then went into committee of supply on the estimates of the department of customs and inland revenue. An item of \$408,287 to provide for salaries caused some discussion. Dr. Reid, acting minister of customs, explained that the salaries of deputy ministers had been increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 during the year.

Edmond Proulx wanted to know if deputy ministers weren't earning enough before this increase. The government, he said, had plenty of employees earning salaries of about \$1,500 a year who needed an increase, and it did not seem anxious to grant them assistance. It looked as if the government was more anxious to help the high than the low salaried men.

An item of \$4,000,000 for salaries and contingent expenses of the several ports service commission also drew some comment.

J. A. Robb said that, as this was the first occasion on which parliament had been asked to vote supply, he thought the government should present to the House a statement of the financial condition of the dominion.

Edmond Proulx wanted to draw the attention of the minister of finance to Mr. Robb's request. He said he had no doubt that the minister would make such a statement when the House was considering the war appropriation vote of \$850,000,000.

Captain Read of Queen's P. E. I. expressed grave doubts of the value of the service commission. "Who," he said, "is to be in charge of it? My ambition is gone. His career is finished. He commits economic suicide. By proposing you have got to put a dog in it."

The House laughed and proceeded to discussion of the way in which the civil service commission was to be organized. Two applications for positions as custom officers.

Dr. Reid said that since prohibition came into force the seizures of illicit stills throughout the dominion had increased from one hundred per cent in 1917 to one hundred per cent in 1918. He said, "This year it has grown to more than 100, as follows: Ontario, thirty-seven; Quebec, twenty-five; New Brunswick, one; Nova Scotia, three; Manitoba, six; Alberta, thirteen; Moosejaw, seven; Vancouver, eleven, and Victoria, twenty-two."

Guarding Premiers  
AND PRESIDENT WILSON  
Paris, March 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Increased precautions have been taken to safeguard the premier and President Wilson in their daily conferences. So carefully have the plans been made that not even the chiefs of the secret service squadrons are informed of the exact time of the meetings.

H. G. P. GRAHAM TO  
RUN IN SOUTH ESSEX  
Essex, Ont., March 29.—Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways in the Laurier government, was yesterday afternoon nominated as Liberal candidate for South Essex for the House of Commons at the next general elections.

Greatly in Need of Food.  
Paris, March 29.—(Havas Agency)—The need for food in Armenia is urgent and thousands are threatened with starvation, according to a telegram from Mr. Helms, an American relief worker in Tiflis.

Phelix and  
Flourished  
WEATHER  
REPORT  
Issued by Authority  
of the Department  
of Marine and  
Fisheries, R. F. Stewart,  
director of  
meteorological service

Synopsis.—The Atlantic coast storm is now centered near Yarmouth and is dispersing. The weather is cold throughout the dominion and falling in falling in many parts of Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Street or Snow.  
Maritime—Strong gale, east, shifting to north and northwest, cold and with occasional sleet or snow today and Sunday.

Snow March 29.—New England—Snow tonight, colder in east Maine; Sunday, partly cloudy, not quite so cold; strong northwest winds.



Ottawa Rumor  
Of Elections Here  
Has Polling Set For June; Matter Not Considered by Government, Says Premier Foster

Montreal, March 29.—The Montreal Star publishes the following from Ottawa: "A general election is to be held in New Brunswick, probably in June, according to a rumor received in high political circles. 'While the term of the Premier government will not then be out, its plans are to go into the country, and the present excitable session of the legislature is a recognized precedent to this effect.' The Montreal Star submitted this despatch to Premier Foster this morning and he replied: 'The government has not considered the matter of a general election.'"

THREE STRIPPED  
OF THEIR PEERAGES  
ONE IS COUSIN OF KING GEORGE AND  
OTHER WAS COUSIN  
OF KING EDWARD

London, March 29.—The Duke of Albany and the Duke of Cumberland and Viscount Taffe, who adhered to the cause of the Kaiser, have been deprived of their British peerages by a king's order-in-council.

The Duke of Albany, who is a cousin of King George, and the Duke of Cumberland, a cousin of the late King Edward, both served with the German forces for a part at least of the late war. Each man was a royal duke of Great Britain. Both were British born.

Viscount Taffe is a member of an ancient Irish family. He was living in Silesia at the outbreak of the war and fought with the Austrian army as a captain.

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POLICE CLAIMS  
ARE \$2,265.05  
OWNERS IN THREE  
STREETS ARE AGAINST  
THE PAVING POLICY

Claims filed by city policemen who were dismissed from the force last fall and hired again at the first of the year show a total loss of \$2,265.05. These claims are for money lost as a result of being dismissed. According to the recommendation of the board of conciliation the city was required to make good the losses sustained by the men and policemen were required to file sworn statements of their earnings during the period of duty, in order that they might be deducted from the police pay they would have received if on duty.

Thirty-one men were dismissed; two of them earned nothing during the two-and-a-half months; eleven earned more than they would if they had been on police duty, and so have no claim. The sum of \$2,265.05 is the total of the claims presented by the eighteen others.

THE FOUNTAIN  
In connection with the changing of the location of the fountain at the foot of King street, it has been suggested by a citizen who was invited to give his opinion that instead of erecting it on the proposed site which has been enclosed by a rack, it should be built at the northwest corner of the Market square garden plot inside the plot. This site would not interfere with the traffic. More than one protest against the site fenced off now has been received.

Railway Strike In Austria Extends

Copenhagen, March 29.—The strike in Austria was extended on Friday to the northern railway, and as a consequence traffic between Vienna and the outside world is almost at a standstill, according to Vienna advices received here. It is said that if the holding up of food trains continues today, the bread ration will be reduced by one-half everywhere next week. Reports received here state that employees of the state railroads have also struck, but said that negotiations between the government and the railroad men's unions continue.

Disarmament  
Is An Essential

Necessary to Discuss  
By League Of  
Nations

Vimy Ridge Gift Of  
France To Canada

London, March 29.—(Canadian Press Despatch from Reuters' Limited)—General Monash of the Australian army in France, in paying tribute to the generosity of presenting Vimy Ridge to Canada, suggested that it would be a noble action if France similarly honored Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, thus establishing an everlasting fraternity between the dominions and the great republic.

General Monash expressed the hope that the war office authorities would find it possible to arrange for the march of a representative body of dominion troops in London before the end of May, as the troops were repatriating rapidly.

ARMOUR & CO.  
ALSO HAVE  
PLANT HERE

A property at 69 City Road has been leased by Armour & Co. for the purpose of opening a large plant in this city. A branch office was started in the city last December and at that time it was generally supposed that the firm was here but temporarily. Mr. Dever, general sales manager, said this morning that it was here to stay, as he had not seen any city in the dominion with a better field for this kind of business than St. John.

He also said that the large increase in the business made it necessary for this company to also have an increase in staffs. Mr. Dever said that it was at present the intention of the company within the next eighteen months to erect a large building to handle the entire maritime trade. Mr. Dever is from Hamilton, Ontario, and has been connected with the firm for years. He expects to go to Halifax on business in a few days, when he will return to start the fixing up of the new plant.

CARDINAL MERCIER  
TO VISIT STATES;  
TELLS K. C. CHAIRMAN

New York, March 29.—Cardinal Mercier, famous Belgian prelate, is planning a visit to the United States during the next few months, according to a statement by William J. Mulligan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities.

Mr. Mulligan, on a recent trip abroad, visited the cardinal and invited him to be the guest of the Knights of Columbus in the United States. The cardinal said his visit was certain and expressed a keen desire to make the trip.

INDIANS OF FORMOSA  
ARE IN REBELLION

Buenos Aires, March 29.—A general Indian uprising in Formosa province is reported, and it is said that one tribe has sacked the fort at Yunka, killing the garrison of two non-commissioned officers and fifteen soldiers. It is said the Indians escaped, taking horses, munitions and supplies from the fort.

National troops are being hurried to the province, where many settlements are said to have been attacked by the outlaws.

Formosa is in the northeastern part of Argentina and is bounded on three sides by the Paraguay, Pilcomayo and Bermejo rivers.

COMPEL HOUSEHOLDERS TO  
GUARD AGAINST FIRES

Ottawa, March 29.—In the senate today a government bill to amend the insurance act was given a second reading. The amendment is designed to compel householders to take greater precautions against fires.

The senate adjourned until Monday, when important measures are due for consideration.

NEW POLICY OF  
MONTEAL HERALD

Montreal, March 29.—The Montreal Herald, recently in liquidation, made its first appearance under new management today with a signed announcement by Alfred Leithhead, president of the company publishing it, that it will henceforth be independent of party politics and devoted to the best interests of Montreal, Quebec and the dominion. The paper, Mr. Leithhead states, will be devoted to the educational work of promoting family loyalty between class and class and show all to the work of interpreting labor to capital and capital to labor. He says no strings whatever were attached to the subscriptions which helped him to buy the paper.

WRESTLED FOR  
HOUR

North Adams, Mass.—Nelson of New wrestling champion Britton Green, of Andover Acad., and his opponent wrestled for an hour without a decision, according to reports.

Nothing is more important than that public opinion should inform itself on this subject. All our hopes of saving the world from a repetition of the unfathomable cataclysm of 1914, centre upon our working out practical means by which the nations of the earth can conduct the common affairs of the world in friendly co-operation instead of jealous rivalry. The league of nations represents the greatest attempt which ever has been made to substitute reason and justice for force and intrigue as the governing principle of international relations.

The principle of a league of nations has been accepted, but the league will prove fruitless if it is to be no more than a new piece of international organization. What matters is that the units which make up this organization shall be inspired by a real determination to work in close harmony together for the betterment and liberty of mankind. Nations must not let themselves be misled by having drawn up a paper constitution while at the same time they have made no effective instrument for the solution of every international problem by their own readiness to make sacrifices in its behalf.

"The United States and Great Britain, which have taken such a leading and honorable part in promoting this beneficial scheme, must give a practical demonstration of their belief in it. "Disarmament is an essential condition of success. We cannot expect the nations ravaged by the war to trust their loaded hands to the protection of the league if its advocates hesitate to show any confidence in themselves in its guardianship. To set up a society of nations to insure fraternity among the peoples of the earth, while at the same time increasing the armies and navies to insure effective fratricide, is to make mockery of a great ideal."