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PASSING RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McKenzie hit the nail on the head at Campbellton yesterday when he remarked that the Union of Municipalities had fallen into the habit of advocating government ownership, or municipal ownership, without sufficient study of the conditions surrounding whatever subject might be under consideration. Yet the Municipal Union is not a greater offender in this respect than many other bodies organized along similar lines for the discussion of questions of public interest. It is much easier to adopt a resolution than to take the trouble of looking up facts and figures connected with the matter involved, and very frequently it is found that bodies which believe themselves to be of some importance weaken their influence by hasty or ill-considered action in endorsing propositions brought before them.

The discussion yesterday in Campbellton on the telephone question was a very interesting one. It was apparent to all who have read the report that the almost unanimous adoption of the resolution offered by Alderman McDougall was not justified even by the information, or deficiency of information, before the convention. Indeed the hesitancy with which Mr. McDougall's suggestion was received would seem to indicate that the delegates were influenced to a very large extent by the individual sentiment existing against monopolies and against any advance in rate, and not by the true facts of the case. This is very natural and while the resolution adopted by the Union is not in itself to be regarded as unfair or inadvisable, it does seem that a better course might have been followed in recommending the creation of a properly constituted commission to deal with this and other questions of a similar nature which may from time to time arise. Yet the whole subject is so complex that the ordinary individual unacquainted with the telephone business, or indeed with operation of any public utility must be almost wholly at sea in discussing it.

COMPLICATIONS IN BRITAIN.

If any of the political parties in Britain contemplate the introduction of new and radical policies, this course can, in justice to the people, be adopted only after another general election. Just now there is some uncertainty as to the probable attitude of the Irish and Labor parties, with the intimation that unless Mr. Asquith submits to the dictation of the Nationalists he may find his government defeated by an anti-Unionist coalition. Apparently the question at issue is whether the budget or the reform of the Lords is to receive first attention. The Irish members insist on curbing the Upper House before anything else is undertaken. Mr. Asquith naturally desires that the new financial measure shall take precedence. A compromise may be arranged, but certainly the tone of conversation between Liberals and Nationalists is not what might be expected from parties so closely allied as these two are said to have been. Indeed it is clear that the Irish members instead of giving unquestioning support to the Liberal administration, realize their own power and are inclined to dictate the policy of the government, compelling acquiescence under threat of desertion. Such a situation is clearly impossible, and while an alliance might bring about a temporary solution of the difficulty, resulting of course in the overthrow of the present administration, Mr. Balfour could not long submit to the same dictation as to the Home Rule-Budget-Lords Reform issue. Mr. Asquith naturally desires that the independence which any administration ought to enjoy.

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PREMIER PROMISES VALLEY RAILWAY

Strong Legislation Will be Introduced

Also Forecasts Commission to Regulate Public Utilities and Penalties for Teachers—Tao Dahla.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 18.—The opening day of the Legislative Assembly was occupied with the debate in reply to the speech from the throne. Mr. Robinson followed the mover and second of the address and Hon. Mr. Hazen continued the debate. The address was read and Mr. Robinson moved that the Assembly do not pass the resolution.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

SAFE PROPOSITION

"Now, Willie," said the teacher, "if eggs were 50 cents a dozen and your mother had 20 cents, how many eggs would you have for breakfast?"

"No eggs," answered Willie. "We'd have muck."

WILL PAY EXPENSES OF FORMER REVOLUTION

MANAGUA, Feb. 17.—General Vasquez, who has 200 of his government troops, is reported to be battling against General Mena at the head of 12,000 volunteers in the city of Acapaya. It is rumored that Vasquez engaged Mena to prevent him from effecting junction in Chimaltepe with General Chamorro. The fighting began at St. Vicente, 18 miles east of Acapaya, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Darkness compelled the cessation of hostilities, but the fight was resumed this morning. No details of the engagement have reached here, but reinforcements are now on their way from the capital.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Do you know it seems to me to be a law of nature that the day which starts grey and cloudy and then clears off almost always ends by being more beautiful than the day that started out pleasant.

Isn't it true? Did you ever know anything more perfectly beautiful than the level days of spring and autumn that emerge from a morning shroud of mists and clouds and haze?

Did you ever see anything fairer than a clear-off sunset at the end of a rainy summer day?

Did you ever see a winter afternoon more magnificent than the one that followed a morning of storm?

Just contrast? Not wholly, I think. Partly a compensatory law of nature. And do you know I often fancy that this law of compensation, extends into human affairs as well as nature's.

Are you blue? Has the day, the week, the month, even the New Year itself been rather disappointing so far? Cheer up. Remember, it's the day that starts cloudy that ends by being the most beautiful day of all.

Do you allow your children to lag at drunkenness in any form? Again and again I have seen mothers actually joining with their children in smiling at some poor drunkard's antics and I have had one bit more in that room.

If you want to make a child hate anything, you do not teach him to laugh at it. If you want your boy to grow into the young man who thinks but lightly of the shame of drunkenness, smile with him when the drunkard on the street car says or does some silly thing.

Otherwise don't. The other day I had the privilege of being in a living room which, while it means the richest, seemed to me to be the most attractive I had ever seen.

In the first place there was an air of dignity without stiffness. The room had the appearance of being lived in although not lived in. In the second place every piece of furniture was evidently designed to give the sense of utility.

In the third place every ornament seemed to have a sort of significance, a peculiar dignity and personality about it. But the chief charm of all was the fact that there was just enough and not one bit more in that room.

I do not think that of one room out of a hundred that I enter I can say that. Whether it is that we live in too small quarters or have too many possessions, I do not know, but most of us certainly crowd our rooms altogether too much.

The Japanese have a interesting tale of a very wealthy man whose house was ornamented simply and solely by one beautiful vase. With this vase he lived, studied it and absorbed its beauties, and when he lived it, sent it away and had another one in its stead.

But never more than one at a time. Of course that is an extreme, but isn't it interestingly suggestive for a good many of us who live in crowded rooms and between-hung walls?

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.

"It was to gratify your extravagant tastes," cried the desperate man, "that I committed the forgery. The crime is upon your head." The woman started and gazed at him wonderingly. "Is my crime on firelight?" she asked.

HEARD AT A RECEPTION.

He—So that is the much envied Mrs. Ritchie? She hasn't a very graceful figure, has she?

She—No, you should see her magnificent automobile.

HE DIDN'T PROPOSE.

"Could you be content with love in a cottage?" timidly inquired the poor young man.

"Oh, yes," answered the girl with large ideas. "What we saved on the side of the house we could put into the automobile."

HANDICAP OF GOOD NATURE.

"If you'd assume a more genial manner you'd get along better in business."

"Rott! I tried it once, and everybody I met wanted to borrow money."

NEEDED ANOTHER FEMUR.

Excited Naturalist—Are you aware, my dear sir, that this gate post of yours is the femur of an ornithologist?

Farmer (apologetically)—I always thought it was something odd like that. It don't match the other post nohow.

Store closes at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18, 1910

Monday The Last Day!

We have still a large number of Boots we are anxious to sell and they are what is left of the lines we have been selling at reduced prices. We will have done with them on Monday, the 21st. So if you want your share come promptly.

18 pair Ladies' Boots, regular \$2.50, sizes 2 to 5 1-2, to clear \$1.65
32 pair Ladies' Dongola Boots, regular \$3.00, sizes 2 1-2 to 7, to clear \$1.95
27 pair Ladies' Patent Low Shoes, sizes 2 1-2 to 6, regular \$3.00, to clear \$2.20
45 pair Men's \$2.25 Boots, to clear, sizes 6 to 10. \$1.75

Other lines, of which will be good buying. See us today, Saturday or Monday.

PERCY J. STEEL, Foot Furnisher.

REMEMBER THIS STORE CLOSING AT 7 P. M.

Porter Says

Quality always is our watchword.

From the end of J. T. Porter to the other, every article, drug or commodity is of perfect class and quality and in goodly selection. No matter what you want from any drug store get it at Porter's and you will be pleasantly satisfied.

Frank E. Porter

Prescription Druggist, Cor. Union & St. Patrick Sts.

Lucky Collectors.

Five Dollar Prize Winners in Alphabet Contest

Among the names of those who during the few weeks past have won prizes of five dollars each for collecting complete alphabets from Union Blend Tea packages are the following from New Brunswick: Mrs. James Taylor, Edgerton Landing; Evelyn Edgett, Edgerton Landing; Miss Edith McDonald, Blackville; Mrs. Barbara Williston, Bay du Vin; Mrs. Gleaner Hawkins, Centerville; Miss Ella Edgett, Connelton; Mrs. Nelson Collier, Elgin; Mrs. William Steen, Hampton; Isaac Selick, Gillshoro; Mrs. H. W. Burnett, Hawshaw; Miss Martha Nicholson, Hawshaw; Mrs. Anna F. Chase, Lakeville; Mrs. Robert McKee, Lorneville; Miss M. J. Tower, Monton; Mrs. P. J. Murphy, Newcastle; Mrs. Archie McEachern, St. John; Mrs. John H. Wallace, Reynolds; Miss S. Heatherington, St. John; Perena Johnston, Tabusaint; Miss Estelle McKinnay, Woodstock. The list of New Brunswick winners of one dollar prizes in the same contest includes: Miss Lizzie A. Donohue, Blackville; Vata M. Low, Canterbury; L. A. Tait, Chatham; William Edgett, Edgerton Landing; Miss E. Adams, Golden Grove; Annie Adams, Golden Grove; Mrs. Orca Alexander, Hammondville; Mrs. Chas. Gies, Lepreux; Harry Gough, North View; Mrs. Henry McAllister, Tatamagouche; Alice Carr, Upper Woodstock; L. White, White's Mills; M. White, White's Mills.

ST. JOHN DEFEATED.

AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 17.—A slim crowd at the Aberdeen rink tonight saw the amateur Ramlers beat the All-St. John team, 6 to 4. There were in all about one hundred paid admissions, although the game was one well worth witnessing. Although all the Ramlers had been seen in professional or are under suspension, yet a strong amateur team was put on the ice.

"REGAL" BEEF WINE & IRON

If you are run down or tired out, if you take cold easily, have no appetite or have other evidence of lowered vitality try "Regal" Beef Wine and Iron.

It aids digestion, tones up the system and gives quick and permanent results.

50 CENTS E. CLINTON BROWN DRUGGIST

CORNER UNION AND WATERLOO STS.

In "Abe" Lincoln style

Some bread is VERY good some of the time, other bread is fairly good ALL of the time. BUTTER-NUT BREAD is VERY good ALL of the time. Butter-Nut Bread is a favorite bread because it is a flavor-right bread.

Beware of imitations. Examine the label.

DEATHS

GUNNINGHAM.—In this city on February 17th, Arthur Gunningham, Funeral Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late residence, 94 Sherbrooke street, to St. Peter's Church. High Mass at nine. Friends invited to attend.

BUSHMAN.—In this city, on February 17th, Philip Bushman, in the 99th year of his age. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 3 Union Alley.

McSHANE.—In the Mater Misericordiae Home, on the 17th inst., Sarah, widow of the late James McShane, in the 95th year of her age. Funeral from the home, Saturday morning, at 8.30, to St. John the Baptist Church for high mass of requiem. Mass and acquaintances invited to attend.

McDONALD.—Suddenly, in this city, on the 18th inst., Daniel McDonald, aged eighty-three years. Funeral from his late residence, 33 Golding Street, at 2.30 p. m. Sunday. Friends are invited.

(This notice and San Francisco papers please copy.)

Only Ten More Days

left and then our big furniture sale will be over. Everyone looks for these annual events, as they save money by doing their shopping ahead.

Goods purchased now can be put aside for future delivery by leaving a deposit.

Handsome Extension Tables

14.00 Couches now \$15.00
15.00 Couches now 11.75
15.00 Couches now 11.00
11.50 Couches now 8.00

Cobbler Rockers

\$3.50 Cobbler Rockers now \$2.35
5.50 Cobbler Rockers now 4.00
6.00 Cobbler Rockers now 4.25

Bargains for All

A DOLLAR SAVED IS A DOLLAR MADE

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19 WATERLOO STREET

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Household : Hints

Old-fashioned mutton tallow, which can be performed with a few drops of essence of rose, is very healing for chapped hands or lips or rough skin, made so from high winds or frosty air.

Varnished furniture should be rubbed with silk occasionally, when a little sweet oil may be used. If rubbed on and wiped off carefully, it will remove all spots and preserve the brightness of the veneer.

A few spoonfuls of left-over mashed potato can be used to form a foundation of rice soup. If mixed with cold chopped meat and rice and an egg and suitable seasoning, they make appetizing croquettes.

A careful handress always uses a wooden spoon in preparing starch, and never makes starch in a tin utensil. These precautions taken, there is no danger of the starch imparting rust spots to the clothes.

Curtains, ottomans and sofas covered with worsteds can be cleaned with kerosene, rubbed on with flannel. It is surprising how fresh and bright this process of cleaning will render such articles if done in the proper manner.

Some cooks always add a little potato to the mashed turnips, while others dredge it a little flour before seasoning. When the turnips are large, they will have a more delicate flavor if the water is changed at least once during boiling.

Star Fashions

To obtain STAR patterns of accompanying design, fill out the following coupon and send it to PATTERN DEPARTMENT, THE STAR.

Including 10 cents for each pattern desired. Orders filled by mail. Several days usually required. When ordering patterns, write name and address, size and number of pattern, carefully.

Star Patterns (On Centre Back)

No..... Size..... Amount Inclosed..... Name.....

Street and No..... City..... Province.....

Price of pattern, 10 cents.

Fashions and Fads

Russian blouse coats increase in popularity. Plaiting is seen in many of the new skirts.

The plaid-striped serges are particularly smart. Hand bags of black velvet are wonderfully smart.

Jewelry is now made especially for daylight wear. Some deep cuts on handsome waists have been seen.

Plain Princess dresses in velvet are very popular. Wide leather belts will be worn with linen dresses.

Great knots of black or white lace trim large hats. Many of the new leghorns are faced in black velvet.

The kid and suede gloves show a wide variety in colors. Linens for the coming season are heavy and pliable.

Ribbons in silver and gold, also in copper, are at hand. Everything that is offered in Irish linen is now popular.

Heavy Russian lace of linen is to be much used for trimming. Scarfs are as popular as ever, and their kinds are numberless.

Most of the pretty wraps are of museline with fur trimmings. The newest veillings are the six-sided mesh ones, of heavy tulle.

Never were real laces more valued from a standpoint of correct fashion. For the coming winter season there are charming hats with huge crowns of tulle.

IMMENSE GROWTH OF CANADA'S TRADE

Last Month Shows 30 per cent Increase—Figures for Ten Months Also Break Records.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—Canada's trade for January totalled \$1,600,102, an increase of \$1,525,427, or nearly 30 per cent, over the corresponding month of last year, and constituting a record for the month. For the first ten months of the present fiscal year the total trade has been \$563,986,790, an increase of \$68,010,361, or about 20 per cent. Imports last month totalled \$321,233,852, an increase of \$7,140,225 over January, 1909. Exports of domestic products totalled \$242,752,938, an increase of \$4,871,934.

For the ten months imports have totalled \$202,690,297, an increase of \$69,745,446. Exports of domestic products for the ten months totalled \$241,375,219, an increase of \$31,494,708. Of this increase about \$18,000,000 was in exports of agricultural products and seven and a half millions in exports of fish and forest products.

Exports of manufactures show an increase of nearly two millions. The customs revenue for the month was \$4,066,402, an increase of \$44,037. For the ten months the customs revenue has been \$48,826,410, an increase of \$10,241,411 or a little over a million a month.

Had Weak Back. Would Often Lie in Bed for Days Scarcely Able to Turn Herself.

Weak back comes from the kidneys, and when the kidneys are out of order the whole system becomes deranged. Those who have never been troubled with kidney trouble do not know of the suffering and misery which those afflicted undergo. Doan's Kidney Pills are a specific for all kidney troubles.

They begin by helping the kidneys to flush out all the acid and poisonous impurities which have collected, thus clearing out the kidneys, bladder and all the urinary passages and carrying away the uric acid, the chief cause of rheumatism, from the blood.

Mrs. Arch. Schure, Black Point, N.B., writes:—For years I was troubled with weak back. Oftentimes I have lain in bed for days, being scarcely able to turn myself, and I have also been a great sufferer while trying to perform my household duties. I had doctors attending me without avail and tried liniments and plasters, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I was about to give up when my husband induced me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and after using two boxes I am now well and able to do my work. I am positive Doan's Kidney Pills are all that you claim for them, and I would advise any kidney sufferer to give them a fair trial.

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