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HYDRO WINS AGAIN.

There is no mistaking the significance of yesterday's verdict in the civic elections. Mayor Schofield, whose policy was distribution of hydro through the New Brunswick Power Company's system, was next to the lowest man at the polls. While he had a small majority over Mr. McLellan in each of three wards, he was in a minority in every section of the city, east, west, north and south. The people in unmistakable terms declared for civic distribution. That was the issue, and it explains the mayor's defeat.

What may be termed the corporation interests were never so well organized or so active in a civic election, and they have their answer from the people. Despite the unfounded assertion that civic distribution would increase taxes, which, as this journal pointed out, was used without scruple in canvassing voters, especially women who were property owners, Mr. McLellan increased his majority. The ranks of the United Organizations remained unbroken. As remarkably large vote was polled, but the increase over the vote at the primaries did not help Mr. Schofield. Many of his friends had predicted that this new vote would change the result, but they were not well-informed.

The way is now clear to proceed with the policy which the old city council should have had already well advanced. It is settled that the benefits of hydro are not to be handed over to a private corporation but are to be reserved for the people. It may be hoped that the majority of those who opposed the popular will, when they have scanned the election returns, will decide to lend their aid in carrying out the policy as significantly endorsed. It may be taken for granted that the city council will be a unit for that policy, since any other result would be a challenge which the United Organizations would not be slow to take up. The city has asserted its independence of corporation control. Hydro is for the people.

It was taken for granted that Mr. Wigmore would increase his majority yesterday, and he did it to the extent that he led the poll. He returns to City Hall pledged to civic distribution of hydro, and to that pledge he owes his large vote.

Commissioner Bullock was re-elected by what must be regarded as a narrow majority over Mr. Corbett, who was an entirely new man in the civic field. The strength of the sentiment in favor of civic distribution was shown by the vote for Mr. Corbett. Mr. Bullock had also declared for that policy, but at a date so late as almost to bring about his defeat. Commissioner Jones was less fortunate. He, too, had latterly declared in favor of civic distribution, but between Messrs. Bullock and Corbett he fell by the way. His organization evidently did not equal either of theirs in efficiency.

THE NEW MAYOR.

In extending his thanks to the people last evening for the splendid support he had received, Mr. H. R. McLellan must have disappointed a number of his critics. He said nothing harsh concerning his opponents, gave the people the full credit for the victory gained, said frankly that City Hall belonged to the people and not to their representatives, and intimated that there would be no autocratic methods so far as he was concerned.

No mayor has been elected to office in recent years with such an opportunity to render the city a great service. The people have indicated the policy they desire to have carried out, and as the candidate of the United Organizations Mr. McLellan has received a mandate such as is seldom given to a mayor in this city. He is able to look back upon a campaign fairly conducted, and forward to a field of usefulness such as must appeal to any man who has at heart the interests and the welfare of his native city. The struggle against corporation influence is not over. The way is clear, however, to proceed with the policy which will give the people the benefit of the development at Musquash. The new council will hardly be disposed to regard the provincial government with suspicion, or to believe that it seeks to over-reach or victimize the city. Negotiations should proceed in a rational way, always remembering that there has been far too much delay already, and that, as Mr. Phillips pointed out months ago, delay means loss to the city. The council and the citizens will look to the new mayor for the leadership which will bring results within a reasonable period.

It was not Mr. A. E. Schofield the citizen who suffered so severe a defeat yesterday, Mayor Schofield who stood for handing over the distribution of hydro to the power company.

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The Ross report may now be consigned to the limbo of past curiosities, or filed away as one of the curiosities of engineering literature.

THE NEW FORCE.

A new force in civic politics in St. John has come into being. To the Hardware Clerks' Association goes the credit for this very important new development. That organization, looking beyond the mere matter of the welfare of its members, saw the opportunity to serve the community, and began a study of the result of the introduction of hydro in Ontario cities and towns. It gave the people the results of its enquiries, and aroused local interest in the question of the distribution of the hydro-electric current from Musquash. Other organizations became interested, and as a result we have the body known as the United Organizations, which declared for civic distribution of hydro and carried on so effective a campaign that a great triumph for its policy has been won. Older organizations looked askance at this newcomer, and members of some of them protested that it was prematurely forcing an issue and it was even suggested that these young men were not competent to decide so important a question, but should leave the matter in the hands of the city council, board of trade, and those older business men who had a larger financial stake in the city. The men of the United Organizations felt, however, that all the stake they had was in the city; that its progress and prosperity meant much to them, and that it was their duty as it was their right to assert themselves. They knew that St. John is about the most expensive city in Canada in which to live, and that if corporation interests were to have their way it would remain so. They discounted the gloomy predictions made by interested parties who stood with and for the power company, and determined to strike a blow for better conditions and better prospects. One of the brightest minds among them, who had never before taken an active personal interest in civic affairs, said to this paper a few days ago that if the "solid business men" of St. John, who should give leadership, were all of the calibre of some he had encountered in this campaign he could have no sort of respect for their breadth, their judgment or their public spirit; and he could only feel that the time for a change had come. He was right, and he and his co-workers have rendered the city a very great service. Their work, however, is not ended. It is well to recall for their benefit the story of the Citizens' Committee which won the commission form of government. After the victory had been won and the first city council under the new system elected, the committee met and solemnly decided to continue in existence, in order that it might confer with, advise, and even admonish the council from time to time. The decision to continue was unanimous and enthusiastic, but that committee never held another meeting. It is easy to keep up a lively interest when a fight is on. The United Organizations will do well to remember that the fight for emancipation from corporation influence and control is not yet over, and that Mayor McLellan will need the strongest backing in the struggle just ahead. They have roused the city as it has perhaps never been roused before on a civic issue, but sustained vigilance must be their watchword.

THE "SOLID" MEN.

The Standard says:—

"A noticeable feature of the voting yesterday was that Mayor Schofield led in Kings, Queens and Dukes wards, the wards wherein the solid business men of the city vote. One man, one vote is a rotten principle; for it places as much power in the hands of a \$10 a week stenographer as in the man who is assessed on \$50,000."

The "solid business men" have made St. John about the most expensive place in Canada in which to live. They put it in the clutches of the New Brunswick Power Company, and would have kept it there. However, this is not a time for recriminations. In the words of some of these same solid business men let everybody get together. It is now up to them to show their sincerity in regard to co-operative effort for the public good.

Apart from the winning candidates the man who has most reason for satisfaction in the result of the civic elections is Mr. Herbert Phillips. His vindication is complete. He accepted the invitation to campaign for a principle in which he ardently believes, and the people were with him yesterday when the issue was to be decided. He has rendered the city good service.

FOR PRESERVING MILK.

An unusual method of preserving milk for long-distance shipment is recommended by French scientists as the result of a series of experiments conducted at Paris recently. The directions read: "Press one-third of the volume of the milk to be transported into blocks large enough to go into the can. Place one of these blocks in each can, and fill with pasteurized milk, cooled almost to the freezing point."

The originators say that milk can be kept from two to three weeks and transported almost any distance without any other treatment.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Agreeable.

"If I lend you ten dollars, what security will you be able to give me?"

"The word of an honest man."

"All right, bring him along, and I'll see what I can do for you."—Banther.

Years of Discretion.

"I asked to send me young lettuce."

"Yes, ma'am. Wasn't it young you got?"

"Young— It's almost old enough to wash and dress itself."—Boston Transcript.

So Silly.

Mother—I do wish, Constance, you would dress more sensibly. What must people think?

Constance—But, mother, dear, I should look so silly if I dressed sensibly.

Waiting.

"I've been looking for my husband for the last two hours," said an agitated woman to a calm one.

"Don't get excited, madam," replied the latter. "I've been waiting for a husband for the last twenty years."—Spare Moments.

IN PARLIAMENT

Long Debate on Crown Ministers Holding Directorships—Loan in New York.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Canadian Press)—In the Commons yesterday production of all correspondence between the Canadian and British governments in preparation for the conference of empire premiers last summer was ordered. First reading was given a bill to amend the criminal code. It applies to the sections which provide that in cases of fraud in connection with the transfer of half-bred script, prosecution cannot be undertaken after three years from the time the offence was committed.

A bill to amend the naturalization act of 1914 given first reading. It has reference to the five year residence clause for aliens.

J. S. Woodsworth, (Labor, Winnipeg Centre), moved that the federal government should find some means for dealing effectively with the unemployment situation. After a lengthy debate this carried.

A resolution moved by A. B. McMaster, (Liberal, Bronte), that in the public interest it is desirable that all ministers of the crown on their appointment as such, should resign all directorships held by them was adopted 11 a. m., when it was lost by 59, nays 142, majority against, 83.

The Conservatives voted with the government as did the Progressives, and an Independent, A. W. Neill, (Comox-Alberni). The Labor members voted with the Progressives. Mr. McMaster was the only Liberal voting for the resolution.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announced that the government had sold to New York syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan and Co., one hundred million dollars five per cent. bonds at par. The loan is to meet maturities during the year.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, APR. 25.

A.M. P.M.

High Tide...10.39 Low Tide...4.46

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Today.

Str. Chignecto, 2943, from Bermuda and the West Indies.

Str. C. Buchanan, 3288, Gray, from Philadelphia.

Coastwise—Str. Keith Cann, 177, McKinnon, from Westport.

Cleared Today.

Coastwise—Str. Prince Arthur, 923, Crosby, for Digby.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Clan Buchanan arrived this morning from Philadelphia to load for Buenos Ayres.

The steamer Manchester Importer sailed from Manchester for St. John on Sunday.

The steamer Canadian Conqueror will sail for Liverpool via Halifax tomorrow night.

The steamer Canadian Mariner is discharging her cargo at Lunenburg. It is expected that she will proceed to Montreal to load. No orders have yet been received in regard to the Canadian Runner and Canadian Trapper, which are lying in port.

THE GLOBE'S THEOLOGY AND THE HYDRO ELECTION

(Chatham World.)

We thought that the denominational organs and French weeklies were the only newspaper confidants of the Creator, but here is the once precious Globe in this role. It says in a leading article:—

"There are two destinies awaiting mankind. One is Heaven, the other is Hell. To attain to these destinies two ways of doing things are laid down. One is the right way, the other is the wrong way."

"That is the situation which faces St. John, which faces the newspapers, which faces every elector. The right path must be followed, the right men must be chosen."

The inference plainly is that those who vote for the side of the hydro-electric question it favors in the pending election will go to Heaven and those against it to Hell.

But the intelligent elector will want to know how the Globe knows this and what it knows about Heaven and Hell anyway. Where are they? One up and the other down said the theologians of long ago, before it was discovered that there is no up or down in the universe, that which appears to be down today being up tonight, and vice versa. The Globe can shed more light on the question. It is surely its duty to do so if it has learned anything more than the Bible tells us.

Believe what we tell you to believe, say the theologians, if you want to go to Heaven. Vote as we tell you to vote, intimates the Globe, or you'll go to Hell.

The St. John civic election must be a very hot one!

OAT SPROUTS IN MAN'S EAR. VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL.

New Haven, Conn., April 24.—An oat kernel which sprouted in the right ear of Peter Everson two weeks ago brought on meningitis from which Everson died at a hospital here. A doctor at the hospital said that the oat kernel had lodged in Everson's ear two weeks ago, finally causing severe pain and delirium tremens.

LOCAL NEWS

VIOLIN RECITAL TONIGHT.

In Centenary Hall, 8.15, by Mrs. T. J. Gunn, assisted artists, Mrs. J. M. Barnes and J. Bayard Currie, in duo piano selections. Tickets, 50 cents. 26172-4-26

This is housecleaning time. We specialize in painting, whitewashing and paper-hanging. A. R. Milton, 206 Newman street. 26173-4-26

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Douglas Ave. Christian Church vestry, 6 to 8 p. m. Tickets only 25c. 4-26

"LINE BUSY."

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Send your rugs and carpets to Ungar's Laundry, Main 68. 6-7

Tickets for the annual Y. M. C. I. exhibition in St. Vincent's auditorium on Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28, may be exchanged at the Y. M. C. I.

No rug or carpet too small to receive careful attention, nor too large for us to handle.—Ungar's Laundry, Ltd. Main 68. 6-7

Mrs. Curran, Miss Blenda Thomson, Mrs. George Lockhart and other soloists will be heard in Centenary concert on Friday evening next. Admission 50 cents. 4-25

Select dancing tonight

Prentice Boys Hall, West St. John. 4-26

CARNIVAL NIGHT AT RITZ.

An evening of enjoyment at the popular Ritz favors and fun for everybody. Tuesday night, as usual, reserved for the club. Watch for the Wednesday novelty. 4-25

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CANADIAN CLUB

annual meeting with lunch and address at 6.00 p. m., on Tuesday, 28th inst, in Bond's. Tickets at Nelson's as usual. 26051-4-25

Your rugs or carpets sent to Ungar's Laundry will receive careful attention and prompt service.—Main 68. 6-7

Regular dance Lily Lake Pavilion Tuesday and Friday nights. 26018-4-26

VIOLIN RECITAL

by Mrs. T. J. Gunn in Centenary Hall tomorrow evening. Tickets 50 cents. 26222-4-25

Son hit of the season "Why Can't We Women Play Baseball" by Prof. McCallum. Hear it at the Royal Baseball Benefit Concert tonight at South End Club. 4-25

Don't forget entertainment in City Hall, West Side, tonight. See amusement column. 26116-4-26

We make a specialty of wet cleaning rugs or carpets.—Main 68. 6-7

SUBURBAN SERVICE, ST. JOHN-WELSFORD.

Effective May 1st partial suburban service will be established between St. John and Welsford; times of departures and arrivals given below:—

May 1st to May 20th:

Train 180 leave Welsford 5.40 a. m., Westfield Beach 5.59, Grand Bay 6.13, arrive St. John 6.45 a. m.

Train 106 leave Welsford 6.36 a. m., Westfield Beach 6.53 a. m., arrive St. John 7.50 a. m.

Train 127 leave St. John 5.15 p. m., arrive Westfield 6 and Welsford 6.20 p. m. On Saturdays, May 6th, 13th and 20th, train 127 leaving 5.15 p. m. other days, will be cancelled and sent out at 9.20 p. m., arriving Welsford 10.25 p. m.

On Saturdays, May 6th, 13th and 20th, train 125 leave St. John at 12.20 p. m., Welsford 1.25 p. m., and returning on the same days, train 128 leave Welsford at 6.55 p. m., arrive St. John at 7.15 p. m., arrive St. John 8 p. m.

From May 1st until May 20th train 106 will leave Fredericton one hour later than shown in printed time tables.

The above service will be in operation until May 20th, and after that date practically the entire suburban service will become effective, but midday train will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays only until July 1st, when it will run daily except Sunday.

Canadian Pacific desires to have patrons note that when daylight time becomes effective in St. John city suburban trains will be adjusted to conform with Daylight Saving Time.

Eastern Time covers all figures shown herein. c. o. a.

To the Electors of The City of St. John: Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to express my thanks for the splendid expression of confidence given me by you at the polls yesterday. To the workers I desire to convey my heartfelt appreciation of their wonderful efforts on my behalf and hope at some future date to ask for the same hearty co-operation.

Yours truly,
ALEXANDER (SANDY) CORBET
A LEADER WITH A SQUARE JAW.
(Toronto Globe)

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legislative representative for the Illinois miners, which work led to his being appointed a general organizer for the American Federation of Labor. He was chairman of the organizers in the campaign to unionize the steel industry in 1913, which was not carried through to success. Three years ago, as Acting President of the United Mine Workers, he led the bituminous strike which won a 27 per cent. wage increase, and for the past two years he had been the miners' president.

Lewis has an impressive appearance, having one of the most determined jaws in the United States. It was close contemplation of that sort of a few that probably led to the coining of the phrase, "Discretion is the better part of valor." He is an impressive speaker, above the average Labor leader in education, and with a certain amount of magnetism. He is described as "one of the most able leaders that the labor movement has yet produced, shrewd, adroit, resourceful, and a dangerous opponent either at the bargaining table or on the industrial field of battle."

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