

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1907.

A HINT TO SAINT NICHOLAS

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THE WARD SYSTEM MOST PERNICIOUS FEATURE OF CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

Monetary Times of Toronto Discusses Aid. Frink's Proposal for Government by a Commission.

Aid. Frink's notice of motion concerning a plebiscite on the commission plan is attracting notice in other places. The Monetary Times, Toronto, says of the matter:

The subject of the government of cities by commissions, consisting of a small group of competent and trustworthy business men, is prominent in the minds of many throughout the continent of America. The existing system of government by mayor and council, numbering from twelve to twenty, or the system of so-called controlship—a controller being a sort of glorified alderman—does not always commend itself as the one needed for the best interests of a large city. The best men for the places will not offer themselves, and the people frequently choose mediocre men as their controllers or aldermen. Far better results have often been attained where from two to six first-class business men are placed in charge of a city's affairs and paid good salaries.

Ald. J. H. Frink, one of the progressive members of the civic board of St. John, N. B., has given notice of a motion suggesting the submission to the people of the city at the next city election the question of administration of the city by a commission of five. It is practically impossible under existing conditions to get men of prominence in the community to undertake civic work, and Ald. Frink thinks that better government would be attained by appointing and paying five good men to manage affairs. As the proposal is to submit the question to the people, it is likely the aldermen will endorse it. No body can predict what the St. John folks will say.

Objection is being taken here and there in the United States to municipal government by commissions. This arises because the term is misunderstood, or because the proper method of procedure is not used. A New York journal shows what differences exist in the character of municipal commissions of a right or wrong kind. The government of New York, it says, is an effort to graft the commission idea upon the old-fashioned plan of governing American cities, in which the national government is more or less closely copied. One function after another has been taken from the board of aldermen and vested in the smaller board, but that does not amount to trying the experiment of commission government in New York.

SOCIETY

The residence of Mrs. James Millican, 72 Summer street, was the scene of an exceedingly pretty social event on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, when Mrs. Walter H. Millican (nee McCannell) was at home to a large number of her friends for the first time since her marriage. The bride looked particularly charming in her wedding gown, an artistic creation of white Louisiana silk and baby Irish lace. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Millican who wore a beautiful gown of moire antique. In the dining room which was artistically decorated in pink Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett and Mrs. H. H. James presided, on Tuesday and Mrs. Mabel Beverly and Mrs. James on Wednesday. Those who assisted were Misses Elkin, Cowan and Millican and little Misses Janet Sheven and Kathleen James, (niece of the bride) acted as ushers. A feature of the event was the number of beautiful costumes worn by the guests. Among these may be mentioned the following:—

Mrs. Crockett, a lovely gown of grey crepe de Chine, with trimmings of ribbon and lace, and large white Marguerite hat with ostrich plumes. Mrs. Beverly—a dainty creation of cream lace. Mrs. James was attired in a lovely gown of blue cloth with hat of corresponding color. Miss Elkin's costume was an exquisite creation of cream crepe de Chine. Miss Cowan, pale blue with large hat with trimmings of ostrich plumes. Little Janet Sheven looked very sweet and dainty in a costume of white, white and pale blue, while little Miss Kathleen James wore a lovely costume of white. Mrs. E. A. Smith entertained delightfully at five o'clock tea on Monday last. The house was very prettily decorated and illuminated with candles. In the tea room the tables looked very bright and pretty and Mrs. P. R. Inches presided, assisted by Mrs. Clarence de Forest, Miss Elise McLean, Miss Jamie Stone, Miss Florence Harding, Miss Nan Barnaby, Miss Constance Inches, Miss Katie Hazen, the Misses Travers, Miss Hazel Bridges and Miss Phyllis Stratton.

The guests included Lady Tilley, Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. G. Robt. White, Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. A. I. Truman, Mrs. J. C. McLaren, Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. Murray McLaren, Mrs. A. W. Macne, Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. John Purpess, Mrs. Lily, Mrs. H. H. Bullock, Mrs. H. Bullock, Mrs. H. McLean, and Mrs. Robert Thomson. Miss Wheeler, of Brockville, entertained a number of her friends at a very enjoyable and sumptuous party, at her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. E. Sayre is entertaining at bridge this afternoon.

SOCIETY PERSONALS. Mrs. J. P. Cate, who has been visiting Mrs. Sydney Peterson, has returned to Newcastle. The Misses McConnell, of Marysville, spent last week in the city. Herman Stuart McDuffie, of Amherst, spent Sunday in St. John, the guest of Mrs. James Johnson, Douglas avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbets, of Fredericton, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Amelia W. L. Tibbets, to Walter C. Gillis, of the Topographical Survey branch, Ottawa. Miss Drury, of Halifax, Miss Fielding and Miss Grace Ritchie were among the guests entertained by Mrs. J. St. Denis Lemoine, Ottawa, on Wednesday of last week. Miss Beatrice Bosch is the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) L. C. Harris, Moncton. Mrs. McKean was no less at a very delightful afternoon bridge at her home, Richmond street, on Friday of last week, at which the prize winners were Mrs. Scovil and Mrs. Walter Gilbert. Among the guests were Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. Percy Thomson, Mrs. R. Keltie Jones, Mrs. Roy Skinner, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Arthur Bowman, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Ward and others.

The first of a series of social assemblies for the winter months opened at Keith's Assembly rooms last night, when there was a large attendance and the event was a brilliant success. The choicest were Mrs. George F. Spith, Mrs. Lee R. Harrison, Mrs. Malcolm McKay, Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen, Mrs. George West Jones and Mrs. Harold Cowan Schofield.

OTTAWA SOCIETY NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pottinger of Moncton, N. B., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood Schriber for the past three weeks, are leaving tomorrow for their home. Miss Fitz Randolph of Fredericton, N. B., is expected in Ottawa shortly and will visit her sister, Mrs. Vernon Eaton. Mrs. R. L. Borden entertained at a luncheon on Wednesday in honor of some of the seasonal visitors.

Mrs. William Simpson, of Montreal, arrives shortly before Christmas to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowan. Miss McRobie of Montreal is coming after Christmas to stay with Mrs. Rowan.

Mrs. Drury of Halifax, left for Kingston today where she will visit friends and later will spend some time in Montreal before returning home. Miss Ara Drury is leaving tomorrow for Montreal where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Aitkin.—(Citizen, December 9th.)

Miss Edith Fielding, of Montreal, was among the guests at a bridge party given by Miss Edna Reid, Ottawa, on Friday last, in honor of Miss Constance Turnbull, of Hamilton.

An Ottawa paper says: "D. J. McDougall, M. L. A., gave a very enjoyable tea at the Golf Links on Saturday, in honor of Miss Leslie Smith, of St. John, N. B."

WESTERN UNION "SUPER" IN TOWN

General Officers of W. U. Tel. Co. Arrived Yesterday in Private Car on Inspection Trip.

The general officers of the Western Union Telegraph Company are in St. John today on a trip of inspection, and will leave tomorrow for Sydney. The party arrived in the private car Morse, attached to the Boston train last night, and spent the night in the car. D. C. Dawson, of St. John, district superintendent, is traveling with the party. The visitors are: B. Brooks, general superintendent; A. J. Saylor, assistant superintendent; W. M. Fasshauer, electrician; D. Beth, superintendent of construction, and G. Brooks, secretary to the general superintendent. The general superintendent was interviewed last evening by a Telegraph reporter and said the trip was merely one of inspection and the company had no new plans under way. It is said, however, that a visit of the general superintendent generally means a shakeup in the staff at points visited, and it is recalled that after his last visit here changes were made. Mr. Brooks said there was nothing unusual in his visit. He would go as far as North Sydney. The Morse will be attached to No. 2 train tomorrow morning, and will make a stop at Truro.

SONS OF ENGLAND

Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, elected officers last evening. There was a large attendance and the contest for the offices were very close, Fred



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Dr. Paul Allaire, of St. Louis, Kent county, and Dr. Hugh P. O'Neill, of St. Andrews, last evening concluded their examination for registration in New Brunswick. The examinations have been conducted in the Medical Society rooms and the hospital here. The examiners were Dr. A. B. Atherton, of Fredericton, sur-

gery; Dr. P. R. Inches, medicine; Dr. Stewart Skinner, anatomy, physiology and histology; Dr. T. D. Walker, medical jurisprudence; Dr. G. A. B. Addy, pathology and bacteriology; Dr. J. W. Daniel, obstetrics and diseases of women and children.