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### STREET PAVING.

If the city council had pursued the policy carried out by Mr. M. E. Agar when he was commissioner of public works, we would have had a large amount of paving done, with the abutters paying their portion of the cost as a matter of course. Why not get back to that policy and pursue it without hesitation or argument? It is the policy of many cities, and works out to general advantage. The trouble in St. John has been the lack of a definite and continuous policy. So long as there is a prospect of throwing a burden upon the taxpayers generally there will be petitions at city hall and objections to the policy which provides for contributions from those whose property would really be increased in value by paved streets. The city council would probably find that the majority of the citizens would favor making what is now optional compulsory. Then there would be no question and no holding up of the needed work of improvement. The council should certainly not abandon its course because it has received some petitions, but if it has any doubt about general public sentiment it should take steps to get an expression of that sentiment and thus settle the matter to its own complete satisfaction, and pave the way for a definite and continuous paving programme by one method or the other.

### POLITICAL STANDARDS.

A newspaper published in Nova Scotia expresses satisfaction that there are no such political scandals in that province as we have in New Brunswick. Such a remark furnishes the people of this province with food for thought, for it is the people who are ultimately responsible. If they are content to be represented by men who will do such things as the McQueen and other recent sworn investigations reveal, they will have scandals in abundance. If they will permit themselves to be so influenced by partisanship as to excuse anything that may be done, so long as it is done by members of the party and for the alleged benefit of the party, then graft will flourish.

There is a great lesson in recent provincial history for the Liberal party and its representatives in the legislature. The latter should never permit themselves to appear or go on record as champions or even apologists for political rascality. It would be better for a party to go into opposition than maintain power by dishonest political methods. This truth must be impressing itself very strongly upon the mind of every Liberal member of the house as he contemplates the shame of the opposition. If the present opposition had repented, even after the Fleming exposure, and reorganized with a determination to retrieve its past, it might have regained public confidence and retained power; but its later record was worse than the former one. Enough had been revealed prior to the last general election to destroy public confidence and ensure defeat; but the worst was not known at that time because the lid was jammed down by the force of a majority in the house. It was only when the Foster government came into power and lifted the lid that the people could see how their trust had been betrayed. And yet, so strong are the bonds of partisanship that the present opposition members defy public sentiment and try to apply the whitewash brush as was done in the Fleming case. It is true they presented an amendment which was a virtual condemnation of their leaders, but they wanted to go on under the same leaders, and are actually doing so. That condition will exist only until the people are given an opportunity to deal with their unfaithful stewards.

But, as already pointed out, the lesson is not alone to the opposition party. It stands as a warning to the present government and its supporters. Similar temptations may come to some of them, or they may be asked to overlook petty graft for the benefit of camp-followers; but the people at large want them to pursue an honest, straightforward, fearless course. Our public men must live down the sneering assertion that "they are all alike," meaning that they are all corrupt. There is a general feeling that the Foster government is trying to give the province an honest administration. It is recognized that there are difficulties because the people have become so accustomed to the reign of graft that a right spirit is far from universal. It is the leaders to stand upon their honor as representatives and sternly renegeance in the political arena would scorn to tolerate in their own relations or in private life. The standard of morals—one for all and the same for all—is the standard for political dealings, must. Then our neighbors in will not point the finger of direction.

It is the fact of the matter that the public are concerned, and not in what Mr. Foster government testimony of the sides in the case of the "Raid" financing.

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### HERE'S A SAMPLE.

A sample of the Standard's disregard for truth and its fatal tendency to distort the facts appears in today's issue of that paper. The Times and Globe received over the wires on Saturday by the Canadian Press service, a despatch from Montreal saying that the Montreal Star was publishing an Ottawa despatch to the effect that the New Brunswick elections would probably be held in June. The Times called up Premier Foster, read the telegram to him and asked if he had any remark to make. He replied that the government had not considered the matter, and the Times thereupon printed the despatch with his comment. Whereupon the Standard today says:—

"One of his (Foster's) papers on Saturday printed an alleged despatch from Ottawa, a story originating in that paper's own office, to the effect that elections might take place here in June. And in reference to that report Mr. Foster is stated to have said that his government had not considered the matter of an election. What utter buncombe, when Mr. Foster knows, and the Times knows, and all the rest of the party of purity know, that the election was decided on over last year, and it is expected that the figures will go to 100 per cent by the end of the year."

Dr. Steele urged continued use of newspaper advertisements in the membership campaign which is to follow the fund drive. "There is no agency," he said, "which can be made quite so effective as the daily newspapers in enlisting the interests of those who do not go to church. It already has an entire into the hands of the people; it is not looked upon with suspicion; it appears every day."

### GROUND FOR OPTIMISM.

Conditions in Canada since the close of the war have been more satisfactory than was anticipated. The problems to be solved do not present as much difficulty as was generally feared. The explanation is that nearly everybody has something to do and keeps on doing it. That state of affairs must be maintained to the largest possible extent. It is useless or inability to find congenial and profitable employment that causes agitation, unrest, and social revolution. To prevent idleness is to make peace. It is true there can be no going back to the old conditions. Readjustments in the relations between capital and labor are forcing themselves upon public attention. These can be worked out, however, without any paralysis of industry or business. A reasonable and conciliatory attitude by all parties will lead to new relations and conditions of a satisfactory nature, without causing serious disturbances. There are some who entertain grave fears for the future, but it is because they have not caught the spirit of the time, or considered seriously the radical change caused by the war, which before the war would have been regarded as impossible. Eventually, as one writer has said, labor and capital will be organized as a partnership for mutual service. The process of change may not be swift, but it will be much more rapid than could have been anticipated before the war. That great leveler has changed the world's outlook, for it has revealed not only the dangers of autocracy but of Bolshevism. There must be a new rallying point to fight them both, and it will be found in the realm of co-operation. The pressing need of the moment, however, is employment for all, and to see that it is provided is the duty as well as the task of governments and industrial corporations. The man or woman who can look out upon industrial and social problems from the vantage point of fairly well-paid productive employment may desire, and very properly desire, conditions still more favorable; but will seek to have them brought about in an orderly manner and not by violent and destructive methods. We are really getting on very well in Canada, all things considered; and if every citizen will realize that it is the sum of individual effort that makes for betterment, and that optimism is as infectious as pessimism, we shall get on much better. It is quite true that there are wrongs to be righted and struggles to be waged, but that is a condition of life from which there is no escape on this planet, and which indeed gives us the inspiration we need for the development of character as individuals and as a nation.

The Entente blockade is squeezing the Bolsheviks in Russia, and the Entente armies will squeeze them if necessary in Central Europe. It may be necessary to put pressure on Hungary.

It has been decided that those responsible for the war, the ex-Kaiser included, must go before an international tribunal. The world will receive this news with great satisfaction.

Escaping from prison has become a pastime with the Sinn Feiners. Their exploits add to the spice of life in Ireland. No doubt some of them will try it again.

There is evidently to be an early opening of the St. John river for navigation. The ice at Fredericton started Saturday night.

## Buy Your Flour at Mill Prices

direct from our mill to your kitchen. This is our home-town plan of selling our well and favorably known La Tour Flour—equally good for Bread, Cake and Pastry.

**La TOUR FLOUR**  
gives you big, wholesome, fluffy loaves—white and fluffy—and more of them to the barrel. Its excellent quality never varies.  
**PRICES, PLACED RIGHT IN YOUR KITCHEN:**  
The Barrel..... \$12.50    The 1/2 Barrel Bag..... \$5.93  
The 1/4 Barrel..... \$6.50    The 24 lb. Bag..... \$1.60  
PHONE WEST 8

**FOWLER MILLING CO., LTD., ST. JOHN WEST**

## SAYS NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING BEST

Director of Presbyterian Campaign Talks—Church Urged to Strengthen Press in Carrying on Work

New York, March 31.—Newspaper advertising was given as one of the chief factors in the success of the Presbyterian church drive for \$400,000 for church work at home and overseas, in a statement summarizing the results of the campaign, issued by Rev. Dr. Charles Steele, publicity director of the drive. Although complete returns are not yet in, Dr. Steele said indications are that the Presbyterian church, as a whole, has increased its benevolence by 50 per cent over last year, and it is expected that the figures will go to 100 per cent by the end of the year.

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Have You Pains, Cramps, Callouses or a Burning Sensation at or near where the finger passes? DR. SCHOLL has perfected a special appliance, known as the Anterior Metatarsal Arch Support which will positively relieve that particular foot ailment. For Sale at all RELIABLE SHOE DEALERS. Write for Dr. Scholl's Free Booklet, "Treatment and Care of the Feet." The Scholl Mfg. Co., Limited Dept. "L-1" 512 Adelaide St. E., Toronto Also Chicago, New York, and London, Eng.

**SCHOLL'S Eases the Feet**

You Can Line Your Own Stove With

**FOLEY'S PREPARED FIRECLAY**

To be had of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., Market Sq.; T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., King St.; J. E. Wilson, Ltd., Sydney St.; Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., Gormain St.; Geo. W. Morrell, Haymarket Sq.; J. M. Logan, Haymarket Sq.; C. H. Ritchie, 320 Main St.; Quinn & Co., 415 Main St.



**PLEASED?**  
What girl wouldn't be pleased with a box of Moir's Chocolates? Moir's Chocolates have long been famous for the smoothness, richness and thickness of their chocolate coating, and for the wide variety of their delicious centers.  
**MOIR'S LIMITED, HALIFAX, N. S.**

**MOIR'S Chocolates**  
W. J. Wetmore, 91 Prince William Street, St. John  
New Brunswick Representative.  
Canadian Food Control License Nos. 5-776, 11-687.

## There Are Two Sides To a Dollar--



the hard-to-get side and the easy-to-spend side.

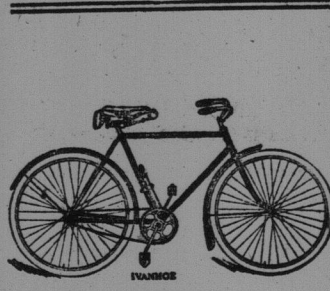
There is only one side to labor; it costs just as much to apply inferior paint as to apply good paint.

**"HAND and RING" Brand**

of Paint is much better than any we have yet seen, and the price is no higher than a good paint should cost.

# McAVITYS

## A Good Bicycle Now An Every-Day Necessity



For riding to work nothing yet devised can take the place of a good bicycle.

**IVANHOE --- CLEVELAND**

The accuracy of the workmanship, the fine quality of materials used, are such as would be demanded by the most delicate mechanism.

Built Like a Watch.

Anyone wishing a pleasant, easy, healthful, economical means of getting there and back, needs a good bicycle.

## Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

## Wounds Girl And Commits Suicide

Portland Tragedy Result of Salem Man's Jealousy

Portland, Me., March 31.—Lydia Westenberg, aged twenty, a servant in a boarding house here was shot and wounded twice by Axel Olsen, a farm hand, aged thirty-six, who then ended his own life by sending a bullet into his brain. The two had been friends for about a year, but Miss Westenberg said that the man had threatened her life at different times. They had quarrelled over the girl's refusal to marry him.

Miss Westenberg, it is said, will recover. It was learned that Olsen, while at his sister's home in Salem, Mass., last week, received a letter from Miss Westenberg, which gave him to understand that she would marry him, and that he came back to Portland expecting to take her back to Massachusetts with him. The tragedy occurred in the kitchen of the house conducted by Mrs. Annie C. Hawkins, where the girl had been employed, and persistent efforts by the man to persuade the girl to marry him had been in vain.

He became enamored of the girl more than a year ago, when employed by her father as a workman on his farm. She accepted his attention for a time, but refused to marry him. He called four times at Mrs. Hawkins' home and was plainly much excited and had been drinking.

The girl talked freely with him, but showed no inclination to reverse her decision never to marry him. He entered the house and renewed his appeal. Suddenly he fired at her from behind and the bullet passed through her left arm, the wall of the room and into the dining-room. The second shot entered her breast as she half turned toward him.

Without a word he placed the weapon close to his left ear and fired, death being instantaneous as he dropped to the floor. Olsen came back here from Boston, where he had remained several weeks, also visiting his four sisters in Salem. He had been employed during the winter as a carpenter. His home is at 46 Hardwick street, Salem. He was jealous of a soldier the police say.

This advertisement is intended to keep the old familiar name

# PURITY FLOUR

(Government Standard)

fresh in your mind.  
"More Bread and Better Bread and Better Pastry"  
Canada Food Board License Nos. Flour 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.  
Also remember Purity Oats.  
WESTERN CANADA FLOUR MILLS CO., LIMITED, TORONTO, ONT.

AMBASSADOR PAGES WILL

Mincola, N. Y., March 31.—The personal estate in this state of Walter Hines Page, formerly ambassador to the Court of St. James, who died last December, was shown to be "in excess of \$100,000," when his will was filed for probate here.

The entire estate is left to Mr. Page's widow, who is named as executrix. No mention is made of the testator's three sons and daughter, Mrs. Katherine Page Loring of Boston. He is said to have had extensive holdings in other states.

ACQUITTED ON CHARGE OF MURDERING JAURES

Paris, March 31.—Raoul Villain, on trial before a court martial charged with the murder of Jean Jaures, Socialist leader, on July 31, 1914, was acquitted on Saturday evening.

## DOMINION RAYNSTERS

The "Made-in-Canada" Raincoats

For Men and Women, and Children, Too!

In the completeness of the range of styles, as well as in the perfection of the individual garment, Dominion Raynsters set a new standard for Canada.



The many handsome patterns and the many distinctive models make it a very easy matter to choose your spring coat from the styles shown in Dominion Raynsters.

Every Dominion Raynster is guaranteed absolutely waterproof, with the Dominion Rubber System label to back up the guarantee.

The best stores that carry clothing for men, women and children also carry Dominion Raynsters. Ask to see the new styles.

