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### THE CITY'S OPPORTUNITY.

It has been made abundantly clear that by the installation of a civic distribution plant to handle the hydro-electric current from Musquash the rate for light and power in St. John can be cut in two. The New Brunswick Power Company is silent. What would best suit the company would be to have no action taken by the city until the current is available and then it would graciously consent to reap the full benefit. To prevent any such result is the task of the city council, and if it had confined its investigations to the cost of a distribution system the citizens would have more faith in its good intentions. The point cannot be too much emphasized that the city is under no obligation whatever to do business with the power company. It is offered abundant light and power at a fixed maximum cost, and the only question is one of distribution. Is the city or the company to get the benefit of the Musquash development? The citizens will at once acquit the company of any philanthropic intentions in the matter. It would take itself the last morsel of benefit to be derived from what the government has done at Musquash. It will resist to the utmost any attempt to reduce its profits or its hold upon the city. The gentlemen at City Hall have had ample evidence of this disposition on the part of the company, in connection with every transaction between the two for many years past. The city is now in a position to do business on its own account. It is not compelled to go to the power company. So far as light and power are concerned it can proceed as if no power company were in existence. If the company has a proposition to make the council may fairly look it over, but with a clear understanding that nothing is to stand between the people and the full benefits of the Musquash development. The government is not begging St. John to take the current off its hands. This city is not the only market. The citizens should not overlook this very important fact.

### BECK IS READY.

The charge has been made in Ontario that the cost of the hydro-electric developments at Chippawa and Nipigon has been excessive, and a legislative enquiry has been suggested. Sir Adam Beck has promptly replied that he will welcome such an enquiry. He has said before he went south for a three weeks' visit he said: "I believe that the money provided for these two great public undertakings and all other expenditures made has not only been honestly expended, but with the desire to obtain full value for every dollar spent. The Commission, the members of which have included from time to time Sir John Hendrie, Col. McNaught, Hon. Mr. Lucas, Col. Carmichael, (a member of the present government), and Mr. Miller, has spent very great sums in carrying on the work of providing the province of Ontario with hundreds of thousands of horse-power of electrical energy to replace steam-produced power. I know, and I am sure my fellow commissioners believe, that this work has resulted and will result in the saving of millions of dollars annually to the people of Ontario."

Sir Adam points out that much of the construction work was carried on during the war, under conditions known to every business man. It was necessary to exercise haste, in the face of very high cost of labor and with materials at unheard of prices. Nobody objected, and every move was duly authorized by the government of the day. Even under the conditions that prevailed he declares millions were saved to the people, and he adds:

"I have no desire to evade my share of that responsibility and shall be prepared to have brought forward in detail before the committee should the legislature decide upon an inquiry, all documents bearing upon the matter at issue. I most sincerely trust that hydro-electric development in Ontario will not become a political issue and that members of the legislature, whether from districts directly benefited or affected by projects of the commission, shall be fully satisfied that the money entrusted to the commission have been spent with no other purpose than to obtain for the people of this province the best possible results."

Whatever the provincial legislature may say, the municipalities which have to bear the burden are behind Sir Adam Beck. It is to be expected that every opponent of municipal ownership in Ontario as in St. John, will try to make it appear that the Hydro-Electric Commission bungled its work, but people who are getting cheaper light and power and the other benefits of the development will not be influenced by the assertions of those whose interests in the matter are so largely selfish.

### THE PROBLEM OF INDIA.

Only one who has lived in India for a long period is in a position to speak intimately and with authority concerning the facts that must be taken into consideration in getting at a true estimate of the various currents that mingle to form the stream of Indian life. Col.

Sunder, whose comprehensive and absorbingly interesting address before the Canadian Club last evening shed much light upon a subject of the life of the people. His rapid review of the history of India, showed how one invasion after another at long intervening periods, left its mark upon the population of today, and how Brahminism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism affected the religious life of the teeming millions. He showed also the causes of the caste system and made clear the impossibility of developing, except by a very slow process of education, such a national spirit as prevails in other countries. Col. Sunder directed attention to the fact that never in the long history of India had there been any approach to democratic government until Britain began her great task of trying to prepare the people for self-government. The great mass of the people want better government, but are indifferent to self-government, as has been proved by the experiments with municipal administration. Taking note of what Britain has done in the last half century, Col. Sunder asks what other country would have done as much to promote the welfare of the people of a dependency, and the obvious answer is that in this respect Britain stands alone. Col. Sunder threw much light on the present situation in India. Since the great mass of the people are indifferent to self-government, the danger is that if self-government were granted at once the country would, as he says, be ruled by a small oligarchy in which a few well-meaning men would be powerless in the larger group of agitators prompted solely by self-interest. The danger he sees in the Gandhi movement is religious, for if the non-co-operation leader comes to be regarded by large numbers of fanatical believers as one sent from God, the back of dealing with his propaganda will be one of extreme difficulty and threatened by grave possibilities of a revolutionary character. The tact, diplomacy and justice which have marked the history of British dealings with India for a long period may, however, be relied on in the present emergency, and the danger that threatens may be removed.

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN QUEBEC.

A movement conducted by women, in opposition to woman suffrage, is making good deal of headway in Quebec. A "Great Bell" has been rung in the Roman Catholic church in that province, as Archbishop Roy, administrator of the diocese of Quebec, has written a letter to the ladies' committee approving very heartily of their action. He writes: "That brilliant and erratic novelist, the late Edgar Allan Poe, despised politics. 'Winnow' is a 'pelle' he said, 'does or says a good and generous thing it is always an accident, a mistake. The politician is like the stinging farmer. He was walking his wife along a city street looking for a place to eat. The lady never dreamed of stopping before such a fine place, but her stinging husband held her up. 'We'll go in there,' he said reflectively. 'It ain't a bad bag, Hanner—three hours' steady eat' for half a dollar.'"

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### THE LOST ROAD.

There is a winding road that runs Through pipes of yesterday; Cool-glimmering in the light of faded suns, Soundless and gray.

Across the green and quiet land Tented with topless sky, All silent, over shadow-checkered sand, The dreams go by— Go by to dim-remembered lands Beyond the realm of sight, Where dwell enchantresses with pale, cold hands, And lay, and knight.

Therein a willow-bordered stream Past violet turrets flows, Where troubadours make rhyme and damsel dream Under the rose.

And there are dolorous cities, smit With war and death and tears— Shall not the remnant of a thousand years— Victor Starbuck in The Forum.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Some Toast. A local society gave a banquet to the members of a certain regiment noted for gallant conduct during the war. The president of the society was a bit flustered when called upon to give a toast, and said: "Here's to the gallant 18th—last on the field and the first to leave it."

Roars of laughter greeted this salty. The ladies and gentlemen, he began, "Our president never could give a toast. You must excuse him. Now I'll give a toast. 'Here's to the gallant 18th—equal to none!'"

Unusual. The Squab—Elise is terribly unsophisticated, don't you think? The Flapper—Awfully! Why, she thinks a cocktail is something to trim a hat with.

The mother took her baby to be christened. The clergyman, who knew her personally, dipped his pen in the ink and prepared to fill in the necessary papers.

When he came to the space reserved for the date he said genially: "Let me see, this is the 18th, isn't it?" "Certainly not," said the indignant mother. "We've only been married three years."

Stopping the Discussion. Her Husband—Roughly speaking, you spend about— Mrs. Jacobson—B-r-r-r-oo-hoo! I don't want you to speak roughly to me. I won't have it.

"There's a fellow who has rendered signal service to his country," "What did he do?" "Handled the wig-wags in the navy," Sun Dodge.

"What is a myth, pa?" "John Barleycorn, my son."

### ART NEWS.

Flora—Yes, Miss d'Auber is a clever artist, but her women are left-handed and knock-kneed. Fauna—Poor thing! She can't help that. She can't afford to hire a model and has to use a mirror.

The fierce-looking visitor from Belgium entered a London toy shop and gazed rigidly at the assistant, who hurried to her side.

"I want," she said with a strong accent, "a—would you mind saying that again?" "You have them in six windows," the poor man blushed and thought wildly of his wife.

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"Great British humor," said the customer. "You have them in six windows," the poor man blushed and thought wildly of his wife.

Once outside the shop he pointed excitedly. "You have him—what you call a Teddy bear," she said.

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### A HOUSING EXPERIMENT.

(Hamilton Spectator) Conditions have conspired against the success of the government scheme of assisting in the solution of the housing problem. Windsor is the latest municipality to report a serious condition arising from the inability to dispose of houses built with money borrowed from the provincial government, for the municipality is responsible. It appears in this case that inadequate transportation facilities are in a large measure to blame for the failure of the experiment, which has resulted in 80 out of the 100 houses built remaining unsold. The local hydro-electric railway will not undertake to run trolleys to districts where there is not sufficient population, and it looks as if somebody is going to lose a pile of money over the deal.

London recently reported a similar state of affairs, having many houses on its hands, even though the transportation difficulty was not pleaded as an excuse or explanation, and unfortunate results in other municipalities easily account for the reluctance of responsible authorities in our own city to comply with the clamor which at times arises from the less thoughtful element for more extended activities in this direction.

So long as there was a stable or rising market, the scheme was a very attractive one, but with present tendencies it has lost much of its charm. The government, which extended these facilities to the municipalities and the municipalities which availed themselves of the advantages offered cannot be blamed for what has happened; but it would be inexcusable folly to ignore the experience gained in the meantime and to fail to profit by examples furnished by other places. It is generally conceded that, however well-intentioned and however well-planned such schemes may be, they are risky undertakings, which seldom turn out as satisfactorily as expected.

### USE THE WANT AD. WAY

## EGYPT ALL RIGHT, ASSERTS ALLENBY

"Perfectly Satisfied With Result of Conferences with the British Cabinet."

(Special cable to N. Y. Times and Montreal Gazette.)

London, Feb. 19.—"Egypt is all right," Lord Allenby, who has been conferring with the government, made this remark to your correspondent tonight. He is going back to Egypt on Wednesday, "perfectly satisfied," and uses his own words, with the result of his interviews in Downing street.

What his proposals are and how they have been regarded he declined to discuss. He said:

"The government called me over here, and I said: 'Whatever is the policy of His Majesty's government I shall carry it out.'"

"And do you feel hopeful with regard to Egypt?" he was asked.

"Certainly," came the prompt response, "never felt otherwise. Egypt is all right."

An Englishman's Day. London, Feb. 19.—A despatch to the London Times from Cairo says a series of attacks on Englishmen during the past week appears to confirm statements recently attributed to irresponsible Egyptian circles, that an Englishman would be shot daily in the return of Said Zaidi Pasha, former minister of justice, who some time ago was taken into custody by the British authorities.

The despatch adds that there appears to be no doubt these attacks are directed against Englishmen, irrespective of their position or character.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Cairo says that a proclamation has been issued under martial law ordering all possessors of firearms to surrender them within four days. In case of refusal to do so persons having firearms are subject to court martial and the penalty on conviction is death. The despatch adds that the police are now carrying rifles and have been ordered to deal summarily with persons attacking them.

An Official Murderer. Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 19.—R. A. Brown, controller general of the Egyptian ministry of education, who was shot last week has died from the results of his wound. Two officials, who unsuccessfully tried to capture Mr. Brown's assailant, were fired upon.

Michael Jordan, a British engineer employed by a French firm, who was shot on Friday lying unconscious in the street as a result of a bullet wound, died in a hospital yesterday.

Deputy Chief of the mechanical engineering department of the state railways, was shot near his home at Matariyah yesterday. He was wounded in the leg.

The Zaptiouni organ, Malruusa, has been indefinitely suspended from publication, but all her women are left-handed and knock-kneed. Five thousand pounds reward has been offered for the arrest of recent assassins of English residents.

CAPITAL IS SAVED LABOR. C. W. Barron, in Boston News Bureau, writes:

Your education is wrong from top to bottom. You not only do not know the schools. Your colleges and professors teach Bolshevism all over the country. They are teaching that property is stealing; that the owners of capital are thieves. How can you have honesty and integrity down the line when you are teaching that the man at the top is only a hothouse?

If there is one thing our schools need at this time it is the A B C of finance. There is not a problem in finance that is not in every man's pocketbook. It is the same problem here as with the bank pocketbook or the United States Treasury—just a question of debts and credits, or present assets and future demands, where credits should be given and where reserves should be placed.

It might be easily demonstrated, as on a blackboard, that capital is nothing but saved labor. Capital and labor are primarily the same thing, and do the same thing. Capital is not only the best friend of labor, it is the only friend of labor. Capital competes with itself and reduces the rate of interest, lowers the rent and the cost of living. Then it creates the army of labor, multiplies its effectiveness, and still competing bids up the price of labor.

This so easily demonstrated, and you, in the financial world, so well understand it, that you never think of putting it before your children, especially your so-called educated children. You do not see to it that the teacher, the teacher or the professor instructing your family understands the financial foundations. You never look to see what your schools are teaching in the line of economics. You leave such instruction to the agitator and the publicist who is built for circulation and not for instruction.

MORE SCOTCH SETTLEMENTS. (Toronto Globe.) The settlement of Scottish farmers in Southwestern Ontario by Rev. R. A. MacDonald, M. C., who was chaplain of the Seaforth Highlanders from Vancouver during the war, is proceeding along sound lines. Beginning in a small way at Charing Cross in Kent county, the movement is spreading into Essex. The men already brought to Canada have proved excellent farmers. The principal reason is that they were instructed in the conditions and train to the work required in this country.

Rev. Father MacDonald announces that 100 men will come out to Canada this spring from the North of Scotland, where they have worked hard on farms all their lives. They will find farming methods here different from those to which they have been accustomed, but as they desire to settle in Ontario and in time have farms of their own they are determined to overcome the difficulties in the best way. They are coming to Essex and Kent, and are prepared to make agreements to work for local farmers for a year, after which they expect to have acquired sufficient experience to warrant them in bringing out their families.

Canada has been hampered for hundreds of thousands of farmers with a working knowledge of our farming conditions. It is absolutely necessary to improve the railway situation. It is to be hoped that these Highland settlers in Southwestern Ontario will be as successful as the Highlanders in the eastern counties of the province.

Alexander Patton, of North Wallace, was taken to Amherst yesterday for a trial by stipendiary Magistrate Casey on a serious charge. His age, aged fifteen, is the principal witness against him. He is sixty-five years of age.

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## REORGANIZATION OF CO-OPERATIVE OF

Afternoon session of the Maritime United Farmers' Co-operative, Limited, held in Fredericton yesterday was very interesting and profitable.

At its close it was announced to the press that the shareholders had adopted the resolution for the reorganization of the company by a unanimous vote.

By the terms of the reorganization, which was made necessary by the business depression which has been general for some time, a brokerage has been formed through which the collective buying for the stores will be done.

Each F. store is to be a separate corporation, assuming its own liabilities and its share of the liabilities of the head office. The basis of the share of liabilities of the head office to be assumed by each separate store will be the annual turnover of that store. The system of "one man, one vote," which has been followed previously instead of voting in proportion to stock holdings, is to be adhered to.

By resolution the meeting arranged that any store which is opposed to entering the reorganization may continue under the former arrangement.

The change will necessitate legislation and a committee will undertake to have that framed.

Evening Session. The Maritime United Farmers' Co-operative Ltd. shareholders held another lengthy session tonight, adjourning at 10.30. The election of officers and of a number of directors was one of the items of business. This ended the annual meeting. Tuesday morning the fifth annual convention of the farmers of New Brunswick will open, continuing until Thursday night.

T. W. Caldwell, M. P., president, will not be able to be present on account of illness. Officers were elected as follows: President, H. A. Bragg, Springhill (N. S.); first vice-president, William Raymond, Miramichi (N. B.); second vice-president, A. E. Williams, Upper Keswick (N. B.); executive committee, B. S. Davidson, Windsor (N. S.); J. S. Kimear, Sussex; Albert Dione, Red Rapids (N. B.); A. E. Williams, Upper Keswick (N. B.); Ashley George, Sackville (N. B.); directors, C. Gordon Sharpe, Woodstock, in place of P. Rogers; Jerry Hafford, in place of B. W. Irvine; Anderson; Vernet Tracy, in place of R. K. Tracey; M. P. P. Centreville; C. W. Vroom, in place of Edgar Blaney, St. Stephen; G. L. Colpitts, in place of James Douglas, Petitcodiac; H. A. Bragg, in place of Mr. Bosa, Springhill (N. S.); Charles Stone, from Miramichi branch.

THE LITERARY AD. Montreal Gazette:—The literary advertisement, which Lord Leverhulme regards as the note of the future, is already a very respectable antiquity. No less a critic than Macaulay took the trouble to preserve "some exquisite lines" of the fifties, which speak for themselves:

"Although it is wrong, I must frankly confess To judge of the merits of folks by their dress. I cannot but think that an ill-looking hat Is a very bad sign of a man, for all that; Especially now, when James Johnson is willing To touch up our old ones in style for a shilling. And gives them a gloss of so silky a hue As makes them look newer than when they were new."

PRESENTATIONS. At the offices of Fraser Companies, Limited, in Edmundston, a presentation was made to the retiring manager, F. W. Brown. At five o'clock on Monday, representatives of the employees gathered in the mill office, and Miss Lisette Bourgeois on behalf of the staff and employees, presented to Mr. Brown an address and a handsome walnut fitted traveling bag and a pair of gold cut links. Mr. Brown was greatly taken by surprise, but replied in a few well-chosen words, thanking the donors. Roy Brown, the superintendent was also the recipient of a gift, a diamond tie pin, this presentation being made by Hiram Grady, one of the foremen.

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