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IMPROVE THE STREETS

In making a plea for well-paved streets, and the adoption of such legislation as will best produce that result, those who make the appeal are not merely looking to the impression made upon the minds of visitors, although that is in itself a matter of some importance. The public generally form an estimate of the people of a city from the appearance of its streets and buildings. The most important consideration, however, is the convenience and the health of the citizens. Once a street has been paved it is easily kept clean, and those who own property fronting on a well-paved street are encouraged and inspired to make their property present a more pleasing appearance, while all who have to use the street do so with pleasure and satisfaction. Clean streets mean healthy streets, and that is a very important consideration.

The streets of St. John, in comparison with those of other cities, are notoriously bad. The city of Halifax is far ahead of St. John in this respect. When we make a comparison with cities like Toronto, London, Ont., and many others in the west, and with practically all cities in the United States, the comparison becomes still more unfavorable.

Those cities which are best equipped with modern pavement, and whose citizens were less intelligent, less able to judge in the matter, or less regardless of individual rights than the people of St. John, that they adopted the modern system and rejected the old.

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While it is important to provide immediate shelter, as well as food, for the unfortunate who formerly found quarters in the Salvation Army Metropole, the fact must not be overlooked that some of these grates would be quite willing to enjoy free food and shelter until spring. The greatest charity that could be devised in their case would be the provision by the city, or through the Salvation Army with the city's aid, of work of some kind that would make it compulsory upon every man to earn his bed and meals.

The Tories have been caught red-handed in the matter of the use of the government steamer Alert for political purposes in Cape Breton. The matter was pressed home so vigorously that the minister of customs was compelled to suspend a customs officer and order the steamer Alert out of commission. The force of these revelations by telling how much worse it would have been under a Liberal government. Such assertions, however, will utterly fail to divert public attention from what is going on under the leadership of Mr. R. L. Borden, one of whose most fervent pledges was that he would purify politics in Canada.

The writer and leader in last evening's Globe need be under no misapprehension with regard to the attitude of the Times in the matter of the open door at city hall. In so far as any city council departs from the policy of the open door, it abandons one of the important principles of the commission plan of government. The Times stands for the open door. If, however, the door should be closed at any time, it is well to have some degree of confidence in whoever may be behind it. This also is a fact worthy of consideration. By the way, why does not the Globe's correspondent come out from under the barn? Is there not a suggestion of humor in an anonymous writer demanding the open door?

PERU AND ECUADOR

The announcement of the revolution in Peru is somewhat surprising. A recent issue of the magazine entitled Peru To-day gave no indication of the outbreak which has resulted in the capture and imprisonment of President Billinghurst, the murder of the prime minister and the seizure of the reins of power by a former revolutionist. At the last session of the Peruvian parliament the president's address indicated a very progressive policy in regard to agriculture, education and transportation. Glancing over the address one could not but be impressed with the feeling that Peru had entered upon a period of the most promising development. During the few months which have elapsed since that address was delivered, there has been a complete change in the aspect of affairs, and it is impossible to predict what the new regime, if the revolutionary party are successful, may bring to pass.

Curiously enough there is also trouble in Peru's neighbor, Ecuador. Mail advices say that a revolution is in progress there and is gaining ground, and that Guayaquil, the principal seaport, is to proclaim a new government. The financial situation in Ecuador is said to be bad, and the blame is laid chiefly at the door of President Plaza. Guayaquil is known as the "pest hole of the Pacific," and its citizens have long

been urging such sanitary measures as would make it a clean and healthy city. The South American republics have had some years of peace, with an opportunity to develop their resources and promote the welfare of their people. Apparently there is now to be an interval of serious internal trouble in Peru and Ecuador.

UNHAPPY MR. BORDEN

One of the neatest bits of irony that has appeared in the press of any party for a long time appears in today's Standard, and is from the pen of its Ottawa correspondent, who writes:—

"Mr. Borden, with that high sense of honor which is characteristic of his life and conduct has set out to give the Dominion of Canada a clean administration. He formed a cabinet of men of the same principle, and the Alert is an example of it."

The Alert, the reader does not need to be informed, is the government vessel which, as the Standard's correspondent truthfully but mildly observes, "has been used for political purposes."

When Mr. Borden reads this estimate of himself by the Ottawa correspondent of Mr. Hazen's organ, we can well imagine that he will throw up his hands and exclaim: "Et tu, Brute?"

If an election were held in St. John tomorrow, how many votes would Mr. Hazen get?

With Premier Borden and Hon. Mr. White both absent from the house through illness, the government forces are somewhat handicapped at Ottawa.

Mr. Gutelius will be in St. John tomorrow. If he fails to do justice to local patrons of the Intercolonial, so much the worse for the government which appointed Mr. Gutelius.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

The Venerable Archdeacon W. J. Armistage, of Halifax, N. S., one of the most prominent clergymen of the Church of England in Canada, celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday today. Doctor Armistage has the distinction of being the rector of the oldest Protestant church in the Dominion, St. Paul's, Halifax, the cathedral of the first colonial bishop ever appointed and sent out by the mother church in England. Doctor Armistage's hobby is Canadian history, particularly that part of it dealing with Nova Scotia. He is president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society and was appointed two years ago to the archives commission of the Dominion. He is also secretary of the committee of the church having in hand the revision of the prayer book.

LIGHTER VEIN

They Do, Every Day

"Your sins will find you out."

"They have nothing on my sins."

Overshadowed

Smith—"Does your wife think you're the best man who ever lived?"

Jones—"Of course not!" "I'm her second husband!"—Judge.

Soft Job

"What are you doing now, Bill?"

"Collecting what?"

"My thoughts."

"Gosh! you always were lucky in striking an easy job."

Obedient Instructions

Mother—"Now, Willie, put away those drumsticks. Don't you know your father has a headache?"

Willie—"But, ma, when I was going into the parlor with my drum, he told me to beat it."—Boston Transcript.

Why They Laughed

Mrs. Youngbridge—"Norah, I don't mind you entertaining your women friends in the kitchen evenings, but I must insist on their making less noise with their boisterous laughing."

Norah—"Sure, mum, I'm sorry, but the ladies really couldn't help it. I was telling them how you tried to make a cake yesterday mornin'."

Rapid Transit

The Caller—"I want to see your master about a bill."

The Diplomatic Servant—"He left for the country last night."

The Caller—"I want to pay him."

The Diplomatic Servant (hastily)—"But he returned this morning."—The Sketch.

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Arthur W. Sharp, Chairman
Uriah Drake, Assessor of Taxes
Timothy T. Lantalan, John Ross

Extracts from "The Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909."

"Sec. 32. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal property, and the income of any person, who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 48. No person shall have abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement under which the time required; nor shall the Common Council, in any such case, entertain an appeal from the Judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in the time as required."

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