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A WISE DECISION

The harbor commission act is buried, as it deserved to be. The last minute appeals of the mayor and the Globe yesterday afternoon were made in vain. While the vote cast was extremely small, it was decisive, and had a full vote been polled it is plain that the result would have been the same.

There should be food for reflection in the result for the Board of Trade group who sent out that remarkable issue of the Board of Trade Journal, urging all citizens to read it. If they did read it, the authors have their answer. These gentlemen will also have observed that there were prominent members of the Board who did not support them, and this may prompt them in future to get the feeling of the members generally before becoming the extremely partisan champions of any cause.

The mayor and city council have learned what the people think of the harbor commission act. They were given that information at various times, but were unconvinced. They must now see that they would have been quite justified in rejecting the act at any time in the last year and a half, during which period they were making time. The way is now clear for such action as would be to the real advantage of this port, and when that action is taken the council will find the citizens ready to lend their support.

As for those gentlemen who charged that a political game was being played, they must now reflect that if yesterday's result is any indication of what will happen to them in a political campaign they may as well stay out of the game. As a matter of fact, they were the persons who introduced politics, and they have their answer.

There were certain persons also who imputed motives, whispered insinuations about selfish interests opposed to harbor commission, and by every means sought to arouse prejudice against individuals in the hope that it might bear fruit to their liking. They, too, have their answer.

The Globe may possibly learn from this experience that in lending the use of its columns to anonymous writers who seek to belittle opponents, and attack individuals from behind a hedge, is not the most discreet policy in journalism. Also it may or should learn that to preach blue ruin is not to gain support in a community which has some faith in itself and in its future.

One citizen who can review the campaign and its result with great satisfaction is Mr. H. R. McLellan. But for his determined activity there would probably have been no second public opinion poll to discuss the harbor commission act. He found himself opposed by a formidable array of talent, but it is not too much to say that he carried the majority of the audience with him on each occasion. He had the right side of the argument and was not at all disturbed by the reputation or debating skill of his opponents. He has done the city good service.

So far as the Times is concerned, it extends the assurance of its distinguished consideration to those who impugned its motives and questioned its wisdom; and it will heartily support them in any movement which bears on its face, without the necessity of long legal opinions, the assurance that it will be for the benefit of the port of St. John. It is obvious that the citizens must stand together to achieve their ends, and this will be possible only when that which is sought is believed by all to be in the public interest. All is not lost because the people refused to give up control of the harbor on terms that could not be defended. St. John is still a national port, and must receive national recognition.

If there is one lesson more than another that needs to be learned in St. John, it is that the citizens should pay more attention to matters affecting the city's welfare, so that when a plebiscite is taken the large vote will reveal the universal interest. The question of harbor improvement remains with us. There is need of full and free discussion of the whole subject. No one group should be permitted to get the impression that its views can prevail without the sympathy and support of the people at large.

Judging from their comments, after the returns came in, some of the advocates of the harbor commission act are bad losers.

AFTER THE VOTE—WHAT?

Despite the apparently hopeless view of the situation taken by Mayor Schofield, as revealed in his letter to the Globe yesterday, despite the alleged receipt state of the wharves revealed by Commissioner Bullock, and despite the assertion of some had been that St. John has been thrown back a quarter of a century, the citizens who opposed the harbor commission act are confident of the future of the port without that inopportune bargain as the most enthusiastic supporter of the act would be if it were adopted. The Times freely credits the majority of those who voted for the act with a belief that it would benefit the port. It believes, also, that ten years have passed they will see that by waiting and demanding fair terms the city has pursued a wise course. There is no cause whatever for despondency. The city has not been set back, but placed in a better position to go forward. The citizens should resent any blue ruin talk from any source.

The advocates of the harbor commission act were not able to get unanimity of action, but persisted in forcing the issue. The lesson taught yesterday was that the first thing to do is to get all the people interested and working together. St. John is a national port. It has a stronger claim on the people of Canada than has Portland, Maine. It must be developed. The government did not ask us to adopt harbor commission, and will not refuse to do business with us because we have not done so. The C. N. R. has interests at this port too great to permit of neglect. The road to Ottawa is still there, and the geographical position and national importance of St. John have not been changed. The spirit which made the winter port is not dead. St. John will go forward. Let unity of action be the watchword and all will be well. Such unity may only be secured by proper publicity and free discussion.

A WORD TO THE GLOBE

The Globe during the campaign just closed gave the free use of its columns to anonymous writers who did what they could to discredit personally a number of people, including the editors of the Telegraph and Times. It is the rule of a good newspaper that the light shall be in the open, and that he who makes a personal attack upon another shall be open himself. There can be no serious objection to an anonymous letter discussing the business aspect of a question or the wisdom of a policy, but when a personal attack upon another shall be made to come out of the underbrush for inspection. Mr. Baxter said bitter things about the Times and Telegraph and the man who sits behind a desk and writes for publication, but he did it openly. He gave the Globe a certificate of character, which may or may not cause a pleasurable flutter in the Globe office now that the effect of his kicks and compliments alike has been revealed. A cause that cannot triumph on its merits deserves defeat, and the introduction of unfair personalities and the anonymous imputation of motives does not gain sympathy or support. It prompts the reader or the listener to look more carefully into the merits of the case, and to enquire whether there are not other reasons than the public interest behind a campaign of that sort. In the heat of a campaign many unkind things are said, and are freely forgiven; but a calculated policy of insinuation and imputation of wrong motives deserves severe censure. Let us hope the Globe has learned the lesson.

The question of the railway crossing is being again receiving some attention at City Hall. The way to eliminate the grade crossing is to carry the railway over the avenue and at the same time protect the navigation of the river. The raising of the railway bridge would effect this change. A strong appeal by the city council to the provincial government might have some effect, as the ownership of the foreshore on which the western pier stands gives the government the power to right the wrong that was perpetrated by the federal public works department. The city must also bear its share of responsibility, as the eastern end of the bridge is within the harbor limits.

The Toronto Globe says: "There is at present more evidence of new building or improvement of existing buildings in rural Ontario than there has been in six years past. But material and labor costs will have to come down to a point a good deal nearer pre-war conditions before improvement in this respect becomes at all general."

The next full meeting of the Board of Trade should not be without its features of interest. Some explanation might be asked concerning the Board of Trade Journal and the grossly incorrect and misleading statement of harbor revenue for the last nine years. A Board of Trade should be accurate in such matters.

Various parts of the province have suffered much from fire this summer. Today the town of Richibucto has suffered severely.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Spills The Dance. "I'd kind of like to go to an old-fashioned dance," said Farmer Courtisot. "You mean one of those affairs where the fiddler called the figures?" inquired S. Simkins. "Yep. Wonder if we couldn't get one up?" "Not a chance. You couldn't get any kind of a crowd together these days that 'nd think of allowin' one man to do all the talkin' besides bein' the instrumental soloist."—Washington Star.

The Real Test.

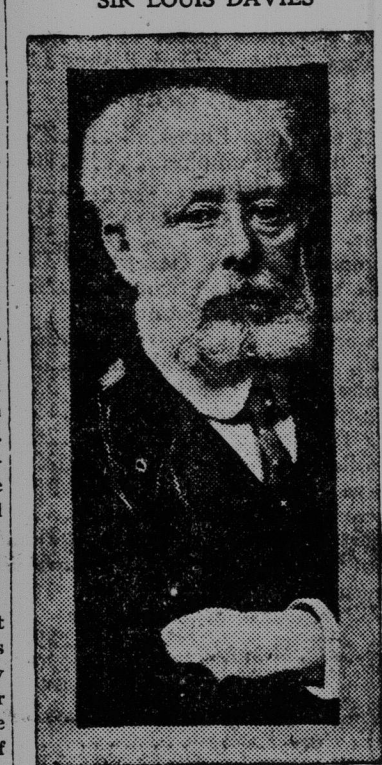
"Intelligent." Why, that dag understands every word I say. "Yes, but does he believe it all?"—Boston Transcript.

The Newly-Riches were seated in their handsome drawing room—Mrs. Newly-Rich at the grand piano, laboriously picking out hymn tunes with one finger. "Hing it all, missus," said Mr. Newly-Rich, impatiently, "if I buy you a piano that size, I expect you to use both fists!"

"I'm glad I broke off my engagement with Charles," said Merry Blue. "He's no gentleman." "O?" answered her friend Cherry. "Why, I thought him one. What has he done?" "Well, I sent him back his presents," answered Merry. "I sent him all back except the diamond ring and a few other things which I thought I was really entitled to, considering the hours of my time I gave him, and I asked him to return mine."

"Well," asked Cherry, "did he refuse?" "He did not. He not only sent me back a box of cigars, unopened, and necktie, which the brute had never worn, but he also sent five boxes of face powder, saying that he estimated that to be about the quantity he had taken away on his coat during the time we were engaged."

SIR LOUIS DAVIES



—Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 2.—Sir Louis Davies, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, who arrived on Friday to spend the summer at his old home here, will leave on Thursday for Ottawa, where he goes to attend a meeting of the committee to nominate two Canadian delegates to the International Anti-War League.

A LUMBER FIRE IN FREDERICTON. Frederickton, Aug. 1.—Fire broke out this evening in the lumber yard of the Victoria Mills owned by Fraser Companies, Limited. There was a stiff breeze blowing and the fire assumed dangerous proportions. The mill's own fire-fighting apparatus was used and the fire was extinguished after a couple of piles of deals had been destroyed.

64-DAY HUNGER STRIKE CHEATS HANGMAN. Chicago, Aug. 2.—Andrew Brykallo, who last April killed his wife, last week achieved his purpose of hanging the hangman's rope by starving to death. "I will never hang," he had told the authorities. "I will go to my wife fast."

He had starved himself for sixty-six days, taking nothing save a little water and now then an orange. He died in the County Hospital, where he had been taken from his cell in the County Jail had despaired of getting him to take nourishment.

Brykallo began the hunger strike three weeks after he was sent to jail to await trial. He had shot his wife after a quarrel in their home at 1755 West North avenue. Then he had fought a revolver duel with Policeman Dennis Condon and had been wounded twice. Tricks were tried to tempt him. Glasses of milk were left at his bedside. Oranges were placed within his reach. While anyone was present, Brykallo made no move to touch them. When he was alone, the milk and oranges vanished, but he did not eat enough to sustain life.

THREE KILLED BY WIRE. Parents Who Lift Up Boys' Bodies Are Also Victims of Current.

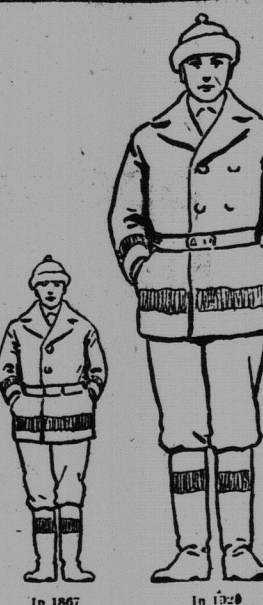
Dover, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Two boys and a woman are dead and the father of one of the boys is in a critical condition as the result of coming in contact with an electric power wire in Strasburg, near here. When Donald Heitzman, ten, and his cousin, Harold Horn, nine, of New Philadelphia, did not return home from play, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heitzman, parents of Donald, started to search for them.

They found the children dead in an alley. The boy had hanged himself with a wire. Mr. and Mrs. Heitzman ran to pick up the bodies, with the result that Mrs. Heitzman, aged thirty-four, was killed instantly and Mr. Heitzman seriously burned.

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL WINS. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Aug. 1.—The privy council today dismissed the appeal of the Corporation of Victoria (B. C.) against the Bishop of Vancouver, raising the question of whether the land on which St. Andrew's Cathedral stands is subject to local taxation.

CANADA'S PROGRESS.



THE WHIRLING AND THE MAN

The Literary Digest's illustration of Canada's growth since Confederation—the larger figure being based on the statistics available up to the end of 1920.

U. S. NEGROES CABLE THE KING

Matters of Ireland, Egypt, India and Prevention of Race Wars.

New York, Aug. 2.—Freedom for Ireland, emancipation for Egypt and India, and prevention of future race wars by the use of his influence were asked of King George of England, in cablegrams sent to Buckingham Palace last night by the second annual international convention of the United Negro Improvement Association. Another cablegram was sent to De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," pledging the organization's assistance in securing freedom for Ireland.

President Harding was advised by a telegram that he had the best wishes of the negro race, which pledged its full support to him and the government in the cause of justice.

The convention, which will be in session one month, will consider "legislation for the future government of the negro race of the world." It was announced by Marcus Garvey, who signs himself "His Highness, the Potentate of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and Provisional President-General of Africa."

STARS OF LONG AGO RETAIN THEIR OLD CUNNING

Cy Young and Other Ex-Indians Beat Rivals 11 to 6 in Exhibition at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Aug. 2.—Old-time professional baseball players, some of whom played with Cleveland as far back as 1879, took defeat in stride when they overran sand-lotters 11 to 6, the event being one of the features of Cleveland's 123rd anniversary celebration.

A large crowd was present to watch the former stars. Cy Young, the only pitcher who won more league games, went to the box at the outset of the contest with Chief Zimmer, his old catcher. Paine is well known to the fifty years of age. This famous old battery worked two innings, being followed by younger pitchers and catchers, including Nick Atrock, the comedian of the Washington American League.

Only two hits were made off Young. He struck out two batters and gave one base on balls.

The old-timers' infield was the same that played for Cleveland in 1902, '03 and '06. Charley Hickman on first, Nap Lajoie on second, Terry Turner at short, and Bill Bradley on third. Not an error did it make. In the outer years such famous old stars as Jess Barrett, now coach of the New York Giants; Ray, Ray, Fick, Olie Pickering and Larry Twitchell, and Bunk Congdon.

Others who participated were Neal Ball, who alternated at shortstop; Fred Gatch, Paddy Livingston and Rosenbach, catchers, and Earl Moore, Albert Nelson, and Helme Berger, pitchers. Lajoie and Bradley were the only ones who started in the game to finish. The old-time pros battled more timely than the youngsters. The old-time pitchers struck out nine men, Berger showing to the best advantage.

Barker's and Bradley's did the best batting, getting six of the professionals' twenty hits. Barker not three out of three times at bat, and Bradley three out of four.

Gatch made the professionals' only error. The sand-lotters got seventeen hits and had two errors.

OTTAWA MAY GET EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF C. N. RAILWAY

An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Mail and Empire says:—The rival claims of Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg to the executive offices of the whole government railway system have been put forward, and a decision between them, however, has not yet been made by the government, nor will one be made until the lines are consolidated and the Canadian National Railway Act is proclaimed. Toronto claims the headquarters of the National Railway, and is the great public ownership of the dominion. Montreal points the fact that it has been the head-quarters of the Grand Trunk System as a seaport, and a great commercial metropolis. Winnipeg is the gateway of the west, but is not considered to have the chance of securing the railway office. There is said to be a possibility that the executive staff of the Canadian National, including the Grand Trunk System, may be located in Ottawa, that staff combining only about 200 persons. Toronto and Montreal and Winnipeg, under this plan, would continue to be the headquarters for their respective sections of the system.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Yesterday. Str. Caraque, 2975, Adam, from Bermuda. Sailed Yesterday. Str. Harry A. McLennan, 648, McLean, for Vineyard Haven.

A NOTED FRENCH NATURALIST DEAD. Paris, Aug. 2.—Ermond Perrier, director of the Museum of Natural History on Paris, died here yesterday. He was born in 1844.

Professor Perrier was one of France's most eminent naturalists, a prominent leader of several societies of natural history. Among these are the Societe d'Acclimatation, the General Institute of Psychology, the Geological Society, the Biological Society, the Zoological Society, and the Society of Pisciculture and Fishing.

He was the author of works on natural history, among the most prominent of which were "Zoological Philosophy Before Darwin" and "Submarine Explorations."

SHIPWRECKED CREW REACH YARMOUTH. Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 2.—Captain Glen Dobson and crew of the Boston schooner Genesta, which was run down and sunk on Brown's bank, on Thursday morning last, arrived in Yarmouth yesterday afternoon and have been sent on to Boston by the U. S. consul.

The crew say they were engaged in the morning's fishing, when the large lumbering tug schooner Mary G. Duff, bound from Halifax to New Brunswick, ran into the schooner and struck the Genesta a crushing, tearing blow on her port bow. The crew saved themselves by scrambling aboard the Mary G. Duff.

Word has been received of the death in England on July 6 of Major-General Sir George Arthur French, K. C. M. G., first commissioner and organizer of the R. N. W. M. P.

As founder of the force, he played a great part in the early history of Canada, and was decorated for his work in leading a party of mounted men across the Rocky Mountains in 1874. He also served in the Fenian Raid and the first Riel Rebellion.

Two sons and three daughters survive, one son, Major John A. L. French, being engaged in fruit farming at Sookla, B. C.

ENCKE'S COMET SEEN. Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 2.—Encke's comet has sent out advance notices of its appearance to our planetary system. Harvard University observatory announced last night that it had received a call from Prof. C. D. Ferris, director of the national observatory at Cordoba, Argentina, stating that he had seen the visitor on July 23.

Encke's comet, discovered in 1819, visits our solar system every three and a half years, but never comes near enough to the earth to permit inspection by the naked eye.

A DESERVED PENALTY. John Waluch of Buffalo was fined \$100 in St. Catharines for violation of a traffic ordinance in driving his auto past a street car discharging passengers. Waluch's car struck a small boy, William Pratt of Toronto, and knocked him down, his leg being injured and his forehead cut. "I could send you to jail for two years if I wished," remarked the magistrate, in reply to Waluch's plea he was not running more than five miles an hour. You should not have been running at all, but standing still! The costs were \$25.

FLIES LOW OVER REVERE BEACH; AVIATOR FINED. Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 2.—Ralph M. Haynes, an aviator, was fined \$50 here yesterday for flying his airplane so as to endanger the lives of persons beneath him. The case is thought to be the first attempt to regulate aviation in this vicinity. Haynes was charged with flying over Revere Beach at a height of 100 feet. He asserted that there was no one beneath his plane at the time, and appealed.

LOCAL NEWS

SAYS TORONTO IS THE CLEANEST OF CITIES. Toronto, Aug. 1.—Toronto is the cleanest city on the continent in the opinion of President Bauer of the International Union of Fire Fighters, formed after a trip about the city. He was on his way to attend the provincial convention of the union in Ottawa.

FIND IT ACCIDENTAL. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 2.—An inquest into the death of George Bishop, who died as the result of injuries received from being thrown from his car when it was struck by an automobile driven by Francis J. Steeves, was concluded last evening. The jury found that the collision was purely accidental and no blame was attached to Mr. Steeves.

The price of milk advanced yesterday in the city to fourteen cents a quart and ninety cents an eight-quart can. This increase was general all over the city and was caused by the shortage of the present hay crop. The increase for the farmer will be from ten to fifteen cents a can and the jump in the retail price will be from one to two cents a quart.

The four graduate nurses entered for the second course in public health and district nursing which is to be held at the Victoria Order Home in Garrison Street, arrived in the city yesterday. They will enter on their course of study today. The lecturers will be, for the most part, the same as those who were on the staff of the last course. The first month of the present course will be devoted to field work.

The New Brunswick Power Company operated its street cars last evening on the main line until 11:30. There were five cars in operation, the Commissioner of Public Safety deeming it unsafe to operate in the outlying districts. The windows of car No. 112 was broken by a stone which was thrown from an alleyway on Mill street about ten o'clock. A small crowd collected in the north end and taunted the motorman somewhat, but the appearance of a policeman soon dispersed them.

To be had at— W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., Market Square. T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., King St. J. E. Wilson, Ltd., Sydney St. D. J. Barrett, 155 Union St. Dora, 17 Waterloo St. Geo. W. Morrell, Haymarket Sq. J. M. Logan, Haymarket Sq. Quinn and Co., 115 Main St. C. H. Ritchie, 320 Main St. F. Niss & Son, Ltd., Indianopolis. J. A. Lisort, Variety Store, 283 Brunswick St. H. G. Enslow, 1 Brussels St. J. Stout, Fairville. W. E. Emmerson, 81 Union St. West Side.

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