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IT IS NOT "TOMMYROT"

The Telegraph yesterday morning made this statement:

"This independent newspaper opposed the Robinson government for its weakness and its neglect of public interests. Should the new government in this respect tread in the footsteps of the old, the Telegraph would not hesitate to condemn it and its leaders. The public interest must always be of far more importance than any party creed or allegiance."

The Sun quotes this statement of the Telegraph and declares that it is "tommyrot."

This indicates that the Sun is still reluctant to believe that a better era has dawned in New Brunswick politics, and that it still regards the partisan or mercenary appeal as all-powerful with the ordinary citizen. And yet the press and with public men. And yet the press of the recent elections is the strongest possible evidence of a declaration of independence on the part of the people of New Brunswick. No one knows better than the Sun the partisan appeals and the mercenary appeals made to the people to stand by Dr. Pugsley and the independent government. It was the independent press and the independent vote that gave Mr. Hazen his large majority. The overwhelming vote cast all over the province for the opposition candidates was a formal notice that the people regarded, in the words of the Telegraph, "the public interest as of far more importance than any party creed or allegiance."

It will be found, whether the Sun believes it or not, that the same independent press and public will insist that the new government avoid treading in the footsteps of the old.

It is stated that the Sun's bill to the government party executive for services rendered during the recent campaign was so high that the gentlemen gasped with amazement when it was presented to them. Naturally that journal would enter at another which professed a regard for the public interest rather than the spoils of war.

And yet, if the defeat of the Robinson government does not mean the beginning of an era of more honest and business-like administration in this province, the campaign was a useless and foolish waste of energy. As the Times has before observed, one of the results of laxity of political principles for twenty-five years past has been the growth of a spirit of cynical disbelief in the honesty or good intentions of any man who is in politics. It is the duty of Mr. Hazen and his followers to prove to the cynics, and the Sun included, that the spirit of real devotion to the public interest is not dead, but quickened into renewed life and energy. Their failure in this respect would inevitably bring upon them the hostile criticism of the independent press, and the censure of all friends of good government.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

The Toronto World never fails to present to its readers any evidence that is received from any quarter concerning the successful operation of public utilities under municipal ownership. The World has probably done more than any other newspaper in Canada to direct public attention to this subject, and it is backed by Mr. MacLean's remarks in parliament from time to time, so vigorous that they cannot but arouse interest in that for which he contends. The following quotation is from the editorial columns of the World:

"Further figures are out regarding the operation of municipal enterprises in Great Britain, among them those relating to the electric supply and street railways of Liverpool. From the profit the rates of £270,000. The total income of the electricity department during last year amounted to £1,270,000, and after deducting the cost of generating and distributing a balance of £790,000 remained, out of which the usual grants were made to the sinking fund and reserve and renewals account the surplus of £137,000 going in relief of general rates. Liverpool street railways earned over £2,000,000, the balance, after deducting working expenses being close on £1,000,000. Allowing for all capital charges a surplus was left of £138,000, which also went in relief of general rates. Sunderland City railways yielded £120,000 in rate relief, and Walsall municipal railways made a net profit of £21,000 on last year's working. The average fare paid per passenger,

in Liverpool was 2 1/2 cents, in Sunderland a shade under 2 cents, and in Walsall 2 3/5 cents. Motive power was in each case supplied from the city departments."

ONLY THE BEST MEN

Already all sorts of rumors are afloat concerning officers to be vacated and filled again by supporters of the new government. No doubt the public interest would be well served by such a course in some cases, but if one incompetent is replaced by another incompetent in any case, merely as a reward for party service, a pledge will have been violated. There is no reason to believe that anything of the kind will occur, and as the new government has not yet been organized, it is rather early for prophecy regarding its probable course of action. But if Mr. Hazen should find it necessary in the interest of good government to appeal from any important, clamorous and incompetent officer to the good sense of the people, he will find abundant support in standing out for the appointment of only the best men. That is what the people have delegated to him their authority to do. There should be no official misfire in the new regime. Whatever influence this journal may have or may acquire as at the service of the new government to defend its officers wherever whatsoever it places the public interest before partisan appeal.

If the license law is to be continued in force in the city of St. John its rigid enforcement and the reform of certain abuses, as well as a strict conformity with the provisions of the law so far as it relates to the number of saloons in a ward, will no doubt be insisted upon by the new government. It is a matter of common knowledge that the law is grossly violated, that there is much selling during prohibited hours, that it is too easy for mere boys to secure liquor, and that there has been a too easy tolerance on the part of those clothed with authority.

The Sun urges Premier Robinson to fill certain vacant offices before he resigns. No doubt there are men on both sides who would be pleased to receive an appointment. The point raised, whether it is within the power of a defeated government to make such appointments, is a very interesting one, and will of course be duly considered by Mr. Robinson and his colleagues. Moreover, if they should appoint certain men they would greatly dis appoint certain other men of their own party; and an easy way out of the difficulty might be to pass it on to Mr. Hazen.

The Sun this morning returns to the attack upon the leaders of the government party in this city. It quotes with approval the view expressed by an anonymous writer in the Globe, that the party leaders have become too autocratic, and that the control is in the hands of cliques.

Two questions are of interest in connection with the alleged I. C. R. surplus. How much has been charged to capital that should be charged to current revenue, and to what extent have the road bed and rolling stock been kept up to the standard?

The Hon. Mr. Graham is apparently in favor of Mr. Borden's idea of a government commission to control the I. C. R. but he would have it composed of one man, who would be responsible for the management of the road.

The Moncton Times says:—"Mr. Hazen informed The Times three months ago that he was confident of at least thirty supporters in the new legislature. He appears to be something of a prophet, as well as an astute political leader."

The Moncton Transcript says:—"The Liberal defeat means that several strong Liberals will be available in the counties as candidates at the Dominion general elections. Concentrated efforts will accomplish much."

The long proposed dredging of the harbor channel will be available in the counties as candidates at the Dominion general elections. Concentrated efforts will accomplish much."

MAN'S PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE

(Sir Oliver Lodge.)

The solar system is but a fragment of the universe. Every star is a sun with a solar system. It is possible that there may be millions of planets inhabited by beings higher or lower than ourselves. What we are going on is what we call the process of evolution—from broken fragments to coherent masses and to inhabited worlds—from chaos to cosmos; a struggle upward of the universe; from something lower and disorganized to something higher and organized.

As to how life originates on these planets science is ignorant at present. It is an entire mystery. I would not have you build too much on that. I do not think it will always remain a mystery, nor would I have a theologian shaken in his views if science should discover something about the nature and origin of life. I want you to realize that this process of evolution is not a process which negates or excludes the idea of divine activity. It is, I venture to say, a revelation to us of the manner of divine activity. It is the way the Deity works.

The attempt to show that evolution is unguided—that it is the result of absolute chance—fails. What is pointed to is not

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unguided random change, but guided change. The other could not be done in time.

What we have to realize in regard to our place in the universe is that we are intelligent, helpful and active parts of the cosmic scheme. We are among the agents of the Creator. One of the most helpful ideas is co-operation—helping one another. Co-operation—this is a new and stimulating sense—co-operation with the Divinity himself.

Tonight the Young Peoples' Association of Leinster street Baptist church will serve a scallop supper in the vestry of the church from 6 to 8 o'clock. Tickets can be had at the door. Adults 25c; children, 15c.

Fun reigned aloft last night at "The Princess" theatre. It was amateur night and those who did not see them missed the biggest treat and laugh of their life. It was the best performance ever given in our city for the money and it added

A WOODLAND STREAM

There is a timid, rippling rill,
Down in the pasture field at home,
That shuns the sun and where'er I roam,
And hides with me where'er I roam;
The song it sings is of a boyhood dream,
Charmed all my boyhood dreams by night.

Of bettering on its happy brink,
Where fairest woodland flowers grow,
I've watched the cowslip dip and drink,
As soft winds stirred them to and fro;
The waters, laughing, hurried on:
Forever going, never gone.

The forest trees, so lilts and tall,
Will suggest to me a tale of leaves,
Best softly e'er the waterfall,
To catch the song its babble weaves;
While violets sweet, looked on and smiled,
And hour by hour my thoughts beguiled.

What was it that the waters said,
As flowing in such sunny mood,
They kiss the pebbles of the bed
And sleep till resurrection dawn?
Was it a song the reapers sing
For blessings rich the harvest bring?

Inquiring soul! This do we know,
That like the brook we hasten on;
Yes, each and all of us must go
And sleep till resurrection dawn.
Each one must pass beneath the road
And rest at last with Nature's God.
—Willis George Emerson.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

LOOMING UP.
The holidays have all gone by.
But what of that?
On the horizon I decry
A new spring tide.

THE RIGHT KIND.
An optimist will bore one to death talking of his success, and a pessimist will give one the blues, talking of his failure. It's best to avoid both and seek the companionship of some agreeable fellow, who will listen while you talk yourself.

NOT INCLUSIVE.
"I thought there was some talk of Jennie marrying a millionaire."
"There was, but the millionaire wasn't included in the number of those who did the talking about it."

NOT TIME SLAVE.
A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Dublin, called a cab and told the driver to drive him around for two hours. At first all went well, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse so that they narrowly escaped several collisions.

"What's the matter?" demanded the passenger. "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry."
"Ah, gwan wid yee," retorted the cabby, "dye think I'm goin' to put in the whole day drivin' you around for two hours? Gitup!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

ONE HAPPY HOME.
"Your wife never sings any more. Did she lose her voice?"
"She has found her senses."—Cleveland Leader.

THE GENTLE SEX!
She climbed into the crowded car—
(She weighs two hundred forty-three,
With hoopes that are bigger far
Than man's could ever be!)

Though I weigh half what weighs my love
And TWICE as tired, she expects
My seat (and gets it!) 'cause she's of
The Gentle Sex!

THE GREAT OLD QUESTION.
"And I am the very first you have loved, Bertha?"
"Of course you are. How tedious you men are. You all ask me the same question."—London Opinion.

A NEW WOMAN'S MARRIAGE.
Mrs. Elinor Glynn, the English novelist, who attempts in her little book, "The New Woman," at a dinner in New York.

"These new women, with their clubs and their fierce claims," she said, "make me think of a conversation I heard once at a dance."

"So your sister, the senior wrangler," one girl said to another, "is very happily married, I hear?"

"Indeed she is," the other girl answered. "She is most happily married. Her husband doesn't open his mouth in her presence."

THE GREAT WATERWAY FOR COAL

Grand Lake and St. John River furnish a Cheap Transportation Route from the Coal Fields to St. John and Fredericton.

The railway connection which has been furnished to the coal mines of Grand Lake has been a great feature in their development. The immense market opened up by the railways in all parts of the province and in the west will call for more coal than the mines can produce for years to come.

But the importance of the great Waterway Transportation Route to St. John and Fredericton, afforded by the Grand Lake and the St. John river is a feature which, if properly utilized, will place Queens County Coal in these cities at the lowest possible cost in freight.

The report of an expert engineer familiar with the conditions of towing coal on the Ohio river, states that Grand Lake coal can be transported to St. John and Fredericton with similar barges as those used on the Ohio at a cost of 15c. per ton.

In actual experience with ordinary lumber barges Gibson & Co. have already demonstrated that the coal can be towed from Queens Coal Harbor at the Winter Port Coal Company's property, Grand Lake, to St. John at about 35c. per ton, and there can be no doubt that, with proper barges forming a good sized tow that the coal can be carried to St. John or Fredericton at 25c. per ton or less.

The low cost at which the coal is mined, together with this low cost of transportation, will enable The Winter Port Coal Company to distribute their coal by water to the largest consumers at the lowest cost and still leave a good big margin for profit.

The Winter Port Coal Company's harbor has already been dredged out and the railway has been graded to within a short distance of the shore in preparation for shipment of large quantities of the coal by water.

The first vessel to fly the flag of the Republic of Panama in any foreign country was launched on Jan. 2, in the Thames at London (Millwall Yard). The steamer, a small boat of only 100 tons, was christened the David. She will proceed under her new steam to Panama via the Straits of Magellan.

and demonstrator of art needlework who had a very large class here in St. John last March, at the Church of England in-stitute, we here again now. The room on Germain street was not nearly large enough to accommodate last season's class so that now she has arranged for the large reception room at the Keith Theatre. The lessons are free in every way and that new girl who was glad to have all interested in Balding's art silk work come to her classes. The necessary art materials are to be found at F. W. Daniel & Co's, Charlotte St.

4. The biggest bunch for the dollar is just what Pidgeon's great shoe clearance is giving to hundreds of thrifty buyers. Here are some special bargains:—60c. child's and infant's shoes at 25c.; 75c. to \$1.00 little boys' and girls' shoes at 48c.; \$2.50 to \$3.00 school shoes and work shoes at \$1.48; \$4.00 dress shoes for men and women at \$2.48. Don't hesitate—this sale means money in your pocket, early selections have best choice. Pidgeon's North End outdressing Store, Corner Main and Bridge Streets.

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