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SITES FOR FACTORIES

If the city of St. John is to enjoy that industrial growth which would assist materially in making it a great city, some action should be taken by the city council to make it possible for new industries to secure satisfactory sites.

The choice here of desirable sites, which are available for manufacturing purposes, is somewhat limited. Complaint has been made by different concerns who have made inquiries that they found it very difficult to secure a suitable location.

It is becoming the custom in cities to provide what is called an industrial centre, that is, a place where factories may be established near each other in a local site suited to their purpose.

The Times is of opinion that the city council would be pursuing a wise course, and one that would be approved by the citizens, if it secured from the legislature authority to expropriate sufficient lands, providing railway, or water communication, or both, to place it in a position to offer on satisfactory terms a good site for any new industry seeking establishment here.

It might be said in opposition to this course that the city should not take away the property of private individuals, but if the latter should deliberately plant themselves in the path of progress, and prevent the legitimate growth of the city, public sentiment would endorse such action as would be for the public benefit.

If the city could say to manufacturers that it had an industrial centre or centres where they could locate factories, with necessary railway and water connection, it could then afford to make a strong bid for new industries.

POLITICAL MATTERS

The formation of Mr. Borden's cabinet is an undertaking which will cost him considerable thought and perhaps some supporters. Take for example the province of New Brunswick. There are already rumors that Mr. Hazen may be invited to retire from provincial politics and take a portfolio at Ottawa.

It will be very interesting to watch the progress of events at Ottawa. Mr. Borden's majority comes entirely from Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. What effect will this have upon the interests of the Maritime Provinces—in relation, for example, to the Intercolonial Railway and the branch lines? How will it affect the St. John Valley Railway, and the Grand Trunk Pacific terminals at Courtenay Bay?

British Columbia be disposed to listen with patience to the demands of the Maritime Provinces?

Then there is the naval policy of Mr. Borden. Strictly speaking he has no naval policy. It is yet to be evolved. How will it be received by his supporters in the province of Quebec? No doubt we shall have a renewal from this side, for spectacular purposes of the hopeless agitation for an imperial preference, which the mother country will not grant.

We are likely to have some interesting political developments in Canada during the next few months. The cheering is all over. The Conservatives are face to face with actual problems. These will increase as time passes, and it will be for the Liberal party to keep a watchful eye on events as they transpire.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Times has received an account of the establishment and equipment of a playground in the town of Belmont, Mass. A large vacant area in the centre of the town was turned over to the town authorities by a citizen who is fond of children, and an entirely new idea in outdoor playgrounds is to be carried out.

One of the problems to be solved in St. John, as the Times has stated over and over again, is that of playgrounds for the little children. Mayor Frink has pledged himself to bring the matter to the attention of the city council in a practical way, and it may be hoped that before the summer of 1912 opens better provision will have been made for playgrounds than we have ever had in the past.

The responsibility of power and the joy of success cannot change the St. John Standard. It continues to make yellow journal references to persons against whom someone connected with it may have a petty spite.

An Ottawa despatch to the Standard says that the maritime provinces will lose five seats as a result of the redistribution based on the census. There is food for reflection in that statement.

We all have an eye to the ground, to learn of the approach of those prominent capitalists who were awaiting the defeat of reciprocity to rush into this city and province and make us all more prosperous and happy.

A London cable says: "Among the more moderate of the tariff reform morning newspapers the feeling of triumph is tempered by expressions of regret at the disappearance from political life of such a staunch Imperialist as Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

David R. Forgan, a Scottish banker, has a dry Scotch humor. Speaking of the danger of being puffed up by sudden honors, the great Scotch physician, "Dr. Simpson had been absent from his class for some time, and on his return he announced that a great professional honor had been conferred upon him," said Mr. Forgan.

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