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#### STARTLING FIGURES

St. John needs a new form of city government. The expenditure in the police and fire departments has doubled in ten years, and there has been a heavy increase in other departments. The citizens feel that the benefits received have not been in proportion to the increased cost. This week the boards asked for still larger appropriations, and the treasury board has cut them down to about the same as last year. It is felt by the citizens that too much money is spent on street work that is not permanent. What is there to show for the very heavy expenditure of the last ten years?

The city needs the application of the business idea to civic government. Mayor Fink is right. Five men meeting every day and always in touch with the work and conversant with the conditions and needs of the departments could do vastly better than an unwieldy council, some of whose members are thinking about patronage and some about their private business. The city, to use a current phrase, wants men *à la* job. There is no benefit in patching up the system. A radical change is needed. There is scarcely a day that does not bring news of an agitation in some Canadian or United States city in favor of the commission plan of government, or of its adoption, or of great benefits that have followed its adoption. No form of city government is ideal, but the commission plan is the last word in good administration, and St. John should get in line.

#### THE LESSON OF ST. JOHNS

Referring to the defeat of the Nationalist Conservative candidate in St. Johns, Quebec, the Toronto Globe says:—"There is a lesson in this for Conservative papers in Ontario, like the Kingston Standard, that persist in upholding Mr. Monk as the official leader of Conservatism in Quebec, and for men like Mr. Jester, Dr. Sprague, and Mr. Geo. Taylor, who would like to use Nationalism for the destruction of Laurier's strength in that province carves of what passions they may rouse in the process. The lesson is that the rank and file of the Conservatives of Quebec—and of Ontario also, we believe—are far better patriots than their leaders and will lend no countenance to a policy of political expediency and liberally adopted to advance party ends. In a year from now the leaders of the Conservative party will be trying to make the country believe that the messages of good-will and congratulation sent to the Monk-Bonanza combination during and after the Drummond-Arthabaska election were not intended to be taken more seriously than their denunciations of the British preference in 1897."

That Canada should cherish high ideals of citizenship, and should be ready and able to say "Hands off!" to any who would attempt to prevent her from realizing her ideals, was the message of Prof. Grant to the Canadian Club of St. John last evening. President Agat was right in his statement that the address was one of the most interesting and inspiring to which the club has listened. It is well to be reminded from time to time of the danger that lies in the undue exaltation of material things. Great natural resources do not make a nation great. Canada must be far more than "the granary of the empire." There, says Prof. Grant, was the granary of Athens. Who today talks or thinks about Thrace? But so long as the world lasts people will think and talk of Athens and the Athenians.

Prof. Grant sees in the experience of the United States great lessons for Canada. That country had great men at the outset, but her domain was thrown open to be exploited by each man as he would; and the result is that today her natural resources are so depleted that conservation is a vital necessity. Canada, therefore, is wise to have a conservation commission. In the United States, also, the enormous development of manufacturing and of

transportation has brought about conditions which present very grave problems. Canada, in Prof. Grant's view, is wise to have its railway commission and other commissions to bring the knowledge of experts to the solution of problems as they arise, and before intolerable conditions have been developed.

The problem of the big city is another that must be faced, and even today in some of the larger Canadian cities there are slums that would not be tolerated in English cities. Prof. Grant reiterated with much force the arguments presented before the Canadian Club by Mr. Henry Vivian, on the subject of town-planning, and insisted that there should be town-planning commissions, who would see to it that as a city grows it shall grow according to definite and prescribed plans, with proper provision for streets that have two ends, and to parks, playgrounds and such a location of houses as would prevent overcrowding.

In a word, organization and expert knowledge must be brought early to bear in the development of every phase of the civilization that is to make Canada more illustrious than the nations of the past. She is to be a nation within the British empire, and on the most friendly terms with the United States, playing a great part in bringing that country and the mother country into closer fellowship. "Union never, but warm friendship ever and always," is Prof. Grant's ideal of the relations of Canada with the United States; and his audience heartily applauded the statement.

Touching the navy, Prof. Grant insists that along with efforts to develop a high civilization in Canada must go the will and power to say "Hands off!" to the marauder. In his opinion we have not yet reached the stage in world politics where there is no danger from the colonizing ambitions of certain great powers. He sees no present signs of warlike intent, but we do not always give a long period of warning. He is for a Canadian navy, to be under control of the British admiralty in war time, and for the standardization of the whole imperial fleet, as to construction, armament, equipment, drill, signalling and the like.

The whole address of Prof. Grant was marked by a high note of patriotism, and he was heard with intense interest and pleasure by the large audience of ladies and gentlemen assembled to greet him. The Canadian Club is again to be congratulated upon having given St. John an opportunity to hear an address of national interest and great local value.

The year 1911 should be marked by a complete change of civic government in St. John.

The outlook for the dry dock seems to be growing steadily more promising.

St. John is to have a modern apartment house. Another sign of the general forward movement.

A vigorous address on St. John ideals, with special reference to city government, police protection and the like, should be of some value at the present time.

This city should have a town-planning commission, so that the greater St. John may grow along right lines, in respect to parks, playgrounds, and the avoidance of congested districts.

The Canadian statesmen who have gone to Washington have gone in the interests of that warmer friendship which Prof. Grant says should be the aim of Canada.

The Standard continues in eruption, to the great distress of the neighbors. Mr. Hagen should adopt sanitary measures and have a fumigating commission appointed.

Prof. Grant last evening referred to New Brunswick as having given Canada a school of poetry, one of whose exponents, Charles G. D. Roberts, is his favorite Canadian poet. How many St. John people are really familiar with the work of the New Brunswick school of poets?

The Victoria Colonist (Conservative) has this to say of the navy—"Canada is committed to a naval policy of her own, and every loyal Canadian ought to join in an effort to make that policy of real service to ourselves and the empire."

The Toronto Globe points out that there were 6,000 liquor licenses in Ontario a generation ago, and now with an increased population there are only 2,000, and every year the number is reduced.

The Ottawa Journal says:—"Sir Richard Scott, who cast his vote yesterday in the municipal elections, was a successful candidate for mayor just fifty-nine years ago. Probably there is not another instance of this continent of an ex-mayor, by fifty-eight years, still voting, and still in excellent physical and mental health. Sir Richard, in his political life, began early, and has remained late."

After many years of prohibition the people of the State of Maine are to vote once more on that question. They are not likely to turn back the clock because the law has not been as well observed as it would be if popular sentiment were more strongly in favor of law enforcement. If prohibition were defeated, local option would at once be demanded. The Democrats did not carry Maine on the anti-prohibition issue.

## A WOMAN'S BACK.

### Not One Woman In Twenty Has a Stong Back.

The kidneys are to blame nine times out of ten. Mrs. A. H. Hutton, Jr., McCreezy, Man., writes:—"Two years ago last spring I had a very severe pain in the small of my back. When I would rise it seemed as if my back would break. My kidneys were very badly out of order, and I would have to get up three or four times during the night. I took one box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they effected a cure."

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He loved the loveless world, not dreamed, indeed, That it, at best, could give to him, the while.

But pitying glances, when his only need Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed: "God bless us, every one!" Enfolded all the creeds within the span Of his child-heart; and so, desiring none, Was dearest saint that man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise, Lifting a finger for the rhythmic swing Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes.

Turned earthward, listening— The Anthem stilled—the angels leaning there.

Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer, "God bless us, every one!" —James Whitcomb Riley.

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHEN HE MISSED IT  
"I see they have taken the seven a. m. train off this line. Do you miss it?" asked one subordinate of another.  
"I miss it, certainly, but not so often as I used to when it was on."

#### HAD ENOUGH

Clergyman—"And how would you like to be a minister when you grow up?"  
Boy—"No thank you, I'm tired of wearing things that button up the back."  
Woman's Home Companion.

#### THEY SAY THESE THINGS

One Girl—"Why do you insist on marrying Lighter? He isn't to be trusted."  
The Other Girl—"Why I'd trust him with my life."  
"But I mean that he is not to be trusted with anything valuable—that is—er—"

#### A FEW OPEN DATES

Sophomore—"Why are you going to do when you leave college, old chap?"  
Senior—"Well, I haven't decided on anything definite for the first year, except to come back for the class reunion."

#### THE HAPPY MEDIUM

Squire's Daughter—"By the way, do you spell your name with a large or a small N?"  
Mrs. McNab—"Villager—'Oh, middin' large, miss'— M. A. P."

#### COCKNEY CHIVALRY

There was a crash in the pit, and the late comers behind the last bench. The young man in front of her, comfortably seated, was not too absorbed in the musical comedy to note that the girl looked tired as she doggedly stood out the first act. He rose when the curtain fell. "Would you," he asked, pushing past her, "like to mind my seat while I go out for a drink?" The age of chivalry is not past.—London Chronicle.

#### WHISTLING

If you whistle it is sign That old gladness has your hand. Leading where the sweet blooms, twine In a lane of lighthouse land. Whistle, and the old dread flies; Trouble is a shade, niggoner; Music, by her silver seas, Singing on a golden shore.

#### SWUNG HIS LANTERN

A lawyer tells a story of an accident at a railway crossing at night, in which a farmer's cart was struck and demolished and the farmer injured. "I was counsel for the railway," says the lawyer, "and I won the case for the defence mainly on account of the testimony of the old negro," says the lawyer, "and complimented him upon his testimony. He said: "Thankee, Mars Jawn. I got along all right, but I was awfully scared, 'cause I was 'traid dat lawyer man was gon' to ask me my lantern lie. De oil done give out befo' de accident!'"

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