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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. John, 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. Foster, Dr. Sprague, and Mr. Geo. Taylor, who would like to use Nationalism for the destruction of Laurier's strength in that province careless 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 incandescence. They are ready 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 1907."

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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.

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

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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  
Strong Back.

The kidneys are to blame nine times out of ten.

Mrs. A. H. Hutton, Jr., McCreary, 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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But pitying glances, when his only need was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed: "God bless us, every one!"

Enfolding all the creeds within the span of his child-heart; and so, despairing none, "We are nearer saint than man."

I like to fancy God, in Paradise, lifting a finger over the rhythmic swing of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes

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

Above the golden walls—the morning sun 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 want to marry a 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—"What 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."

Puck.

THE HAPPY MEDIUM

Squire's Daughter—"By the way, do you spell your name with a large or a small N?"

"N? Mrs. McNab?"

Villager—"Oh, middin' large, miss."

M. A. P.

COCKNEY CHIVALRY.

There was a crash in the pit, and the audience-looking girl stood with 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 dozed off to sleep 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.

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 an old colored man, who was stationed at the crossing. When asked if he had swung his lantern as a warning the old man swore positively."

"I surely did."

"After I had won the case I called on 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 'fraid dat lawyer man was gon' to ask me was my lantern lit. De oil done give out befo' de accident.'"

Ryegate, Vt., has a town crier in the person of Morris Green. Once a week the people gather on the steps of the store where the crier works and listen to the news of the world. For Morris says that so long as the town is too small to run a newspaper he must tell them what is going on outside.

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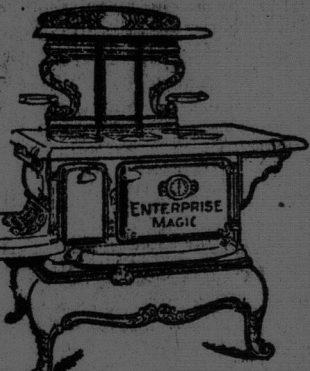
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