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CITY DEVELOPMENT.

The appeal of the board of trade to the business men of the city to get together and consider the question of city development should meet with a general response. The board should be in the forefront in the city's fight against monopoly and corporation influence. That is one of the problems of the year now opening, and the board will be judged by its action. Since the question of better housing is vital to the people, the board could do great good by taking up this subject in real earnest, and getting at least a better building code, even if it should not be able this year to develop with government co-operation a definite housing scheme. If the members of the board were condemned to spend a week in some of the tenements where families live all the year round and bring up their children, there would be a sudden outburst of zeal for better housing that would find a way. The world is not safe for democracy while slum conditions exist, and now is the time to grapple with the question as one of the vital problems of reconstruction. We are quite too complacently indifferent and quite too ready to say, "I can't be done." If living conditions are not made better there is a spirit abroad that may make them worse; and to blink the fact is to court trouble. If the first duty of a commonwealth is not to create conditions under which healthy, intelligent, trained and comfortable citizenship is developed, then the word commonwealth has no meaning, and the community is heading for the rocks of Bolshevism. Neither harbor commissions, nor ships, nor streets, nor any industrial or commercial development, important and necessary as they are, can atone for disregard of those things which make for the development of bodies and souls and the spirit of true brotherhood in a community. There is still too much looking down upon classes of people who no longer humbly look up, but who are disposed to dispute class distinctions and the divine right of any man to lord it over his fellows. The era of mutual sympathy, mutual understanding and mutual co-operation claims its place in the sun. Those who by reason of education, position and a wider outlook are best fitted for leadership in promoting fellowship and co-operation have only to accept their responsibility, and conditions will begin to improve. If the board of trade has not forgotten its prospects of a few years ago, its activities should not be confined to matters having to do with trade. It is quite true that in recent years it fell somewhat under suspicion of being subject to some extent to corporation influence, but the suspicion may have been ill-founded. There is now a fine opportunity, in a year big with promise of sweeping reforms, for the board to become a radical reforming agency.

COL. ROOSEVELT.

Canada and the Empire join with the people of the United States in sorrow at the passing of a great American citizen, who was also a fearless advocate of most defense of public rights, of honor among the nations, and of the principles of true democracy.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt was a great figure in American public life, but he was more than that. He was a world figure, and during the war his personages were regarded with an interest only second to that which attended the utterances of the President. No man more clearly and fearlessly expressed what was in the mind of the really American people from the very beginning of the war. Col. Roosevelt had the satisfaction of living to see his country take her rightful place in the war, and to hail the final victory. He lost a son in the war, and his noble words when the news came to him bespoke the true patriot and the man of iron fortitude.

For a time Col. Roosevelt was under a political cloud, because in a sense he broke the Republican party for its good. In more recent years he recovered much of his old-time ascendancy, and was recognized as one of the great leaders of the nation. His death, so unexpected, and at a comparatively early age, will be mourned throughout the English-speaking world and Allied nations. If Col. Roosevelt was outspoken to the point sometimes of harshness, and his body, doubtless his sincerity. As a child he fought for life and health, for he was extremely delicate; but in later life he developed a boundless energy which was devoted to the welfare of the people. Whether as a private citizen, as a soldier, as governor of New York, as President of the United States, or as a writer and a free lance fighting for his convictions, he was a strenuous and striking figure in American life. Had he lived, his wise counsel would have been of immense value in the reconstruction period. His death is more than a national loss, for the world has lost a worthy citizen.

The St. John Y. M. C. A. never before filled a place in the lives of so many young people as it does this winter. The directors and staff are doing a splendid work.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

When the Foster government decided last spring to purchase and distribute seed to the farmers it did not engage a B. F. Smith in every county and set out to benefit its political friends. It arranged with the municipal councils to co-operate and to collect the money, with the result that of an expenditure of \$172,000.40 no less than \$108,160.15 has been returned to the province. The whole campaign for greater production was conducted without partisan bias, and the municipalities heartily participated.

When the Foster government decided to appoint men who would combine the duties of scalars, forest rangers and fire wardens, it did not appoint its political friends. It appointed a competent commission and made all applicants pass a written and oral test, and made a considerable number of jobs. A very large number failed to pass the test. Of those who did, appointments were made on merit, without regard to politics, and these appointments are not made permanent until a six months' test has proved the quality of the men so appointed.

When the Foster government decided to spend money on the roads, it did not distribute the money among its friends, but spent it on the roads. Reports from range owners to the department are to the effect that there was last year a reduction of 35 to 40 per cent in repair work on automobiles, as a result of improvement in the roads.

When the Foster government set out to get more territorial revenue it increased the total last year from \$854,194.64 to \$791,373.73. This money went into the provincial treasury. None of it went into a \$100,000 campaign fund, or was diverted to any other use than that for which it was raised.

These are a few illustrations of what the province has gained by the change of government. Nobody claims infallibility for any government, but when an administration does its level best to apply business principles and spend the people's money honestly, it deserves their hearty support. The Foster government has made good, both in house-cleaning and constructive legislation.

CO-OPERATION THE KEY.

Canada at the close of the war has an enormous debt. Nobody regrets that this is so, for the demands of a just war that has been victoriously waged called for the expenditure of the debt represents. There is also a demand for heavy expenditures in the reconstruction period. We can never go back to the days of small financial budgets. The country will grow and with it the financial obligations. The real question, then, is that of meeting the new conditions. How is a greater revenue to be secured? By increased production and larger trade. New markets must be found, goods to meet their requirements produced, and means of transportation provided. This also involves not only the production of suitable goods but at a cost that will meet competition. To achieve this result there must be not only intelligent leadership but such co-operation between capital and labor as will ensure rapid production. Only by a large relative production can wages be kept up in the competition with other nations. It is in the national interest to have well-paid and intelligent labor, interested in the largest possible production from the factories. If employers were to disregard the interests of their employees or the latter were only concerned in getting as much money as possible for as little work as possible there could be no successful competition. It is for employers as well as employees to realize this vital fact, and get together for their mutual benefit and the good of the country. The nation is not concerned in the success of this or that individual, but in the welfare of the whole. There must be an end of selfishness, prejudice and co-operation. Then will the country solve its problems, meet its obligations and enjoy prosperity.

One of the questions the board of trade should take up in a practical way is that of vocational training. Aside from industrial training this seasonal city, looking to an expanding trade, should have some facilities to train young men as commercial agents, with command of French or Spanish, or both, to enable them to take up a career abroad in the interests of Canadian trade. In Toronto provision is being made to teach Spanish in the high schools, to those who desire a mastery of the language.

The Amherst News says an effort is being made in that town to form labor organizations with many hundreds of members. For a considerable number of years there has been no such general attempt at organization there, but the movement has now taken new life.

It looks now as if St. John would not suffer from any coal shortage this winter. It is rather a question of having the price, but that is a consideration of some importance to the householders with small income.

LEAPED TO POWER FROM OBSCURITY

How Kurt Eisner Became the Dictator of Bavaria—A Socialist Leader

Among the new men in Germany, Kurt Eisner, the dictator of Bavaria, could win the medal for the quickest leap from obscurity into world-wide fame, writes William C. Dreher in the New York Tribune. Before he toppled over the throne of the Wittelsbachs, the night of November 7 and made himself master of Bavaria, he had been heard of in Canada only by the very few who had been well informed about German Socialism. On the next morning Eisner, like Byron, awoke to find himself famous.

In Germany itself Eisner was much better known, but he was by no means one of the prominent men of the Socialist party. He was never a member of the Reichstag, and apparently had never held any office before he succeeded King Ludwig at Munich. Nor was he one of the prominent debaters at the annual conventions of the Socialist party. He was known only as a writer of books, and still better as an editor. Born of Jewish parentage at Berlin in 1867 (according to one version he is a Galician Jew), he published his first book in 1892. It was on "Nietzsche and the Apostles of the Future," being again through a book called "spiritual psychology."

For seven years after this he published nothing, but from 1899 he put out ten books, all on political subjects, and making for Socialist propaganda. Meanwhile he had become one of the leading editors of the well-known Vorwarts, the official organ of the Social Democracy. At that time he inclined toward moderate views, a fact which would hardly be suspected by persons who have watched his recent conduct as a Bavarian dictator. He then belonged to the so-called Revisionist group of the party, of which Eduard Bernstein was the leader, a group which sought to tone down some of the stern dogmas of Karl Marx. Five other editors of the Vorwarts were of the Revisionist school.

The editorial work of these men finally gave such offense to the party that they were forced out some years before the war. After that event Eisner settled in Munich. After he left his editorial chair at Berlin he was much less heard of. About a year ago, however, he came into prominence through a book of conflict with the authorities and was sentenced to a term in prison. He then shared with Dr. Liebknecht the honors of having been liberated from jail by the new order of things in Germany.

While in jail Eisner was forging political plans, making political supporters out of his fellow-prisoners. Upon organizing his revolutionary government he made one of his jail friends—Unterselner, a master mechanic, minister of social welfare, and another one, a clerk by the name of Fritz Schroeder, who had also taken part in the little trouble last December, was also placed in a responsible position.

Eisner seems to have drifted into the revolution, of which he suddenly became the leader. Soon after quitting jail he was nominated by the Independent Socialists of Munich for the Reichstag at a special election to fill a vacancy. Against him the regular Socialist organization put up Richard Auer, and the two candidates were engaged in a contest of some bitterness when the political wind suddenly veered and revolutionary clouds filled the air.

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Stomach So Bad

THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE CAN EAT ANYTHING NOW.

But for indigestion and dyspepsia, many a life might be a pleasant one. The misery which stomach troubles cause the sufferer knows only too well, and any one who has suffered knows what joy it would give to be able to eat three good meals a day and not be punished for it after.

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THE RIGHT OF THINGS.

Editor of the Times-Star:

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No weeping maids at home, either. All the world should be at peace, z z And men assert their right.

And those who make the quarrels The only ones to fight."

This old song, made when the longest reigning Queen (Victoria) of England lived, is the view that President Wilson assumes is the true right of things, and the French view of Clemenceau is a desire for a "balance of power" to protect the lesser nations from attack by near-by foes; and which "balance of power" up to the present usage has culminated in all past wars. Hence the American desire for every nation to join hands to block the right of might. Mr. F. A. McKenzie's view is given in the Times which have a very wide following in the new world that will have to be made in presenting the further continuance of this ever-growing graft.

Yours truly, J. S. CLIMO.

that has afflicted the province ever since its formation, solely, we think, through party politics. When the strong men at the front who have risked their all for those they left at home came back to their badly robbed and much-loved land, the discipline and suffering they have experienced will have taught them the lesson of selecting men of hope for the future governing of this province. When we called upon then Governor Wood to sustain his honor as demanded the resignation of all exposed by the royal commissions.

Mr. McKenzie's war knowledge is going to have an exceedingly wholesome effect on the fatal party system which has silenced public opinion.

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