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ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES.

The aldermanic campaign is now fully opened, and the citizens have to decide whether they will support the principles set forth in the platform of the Citizens' League or vote for the continuance of present methods. At an object lesson that the League candidates are not all as strong and able men as he would himself select, he must remember that the League has done its best to prevail on the strongest men, and if it has not fully succeeded there is still behind it the confidence of the people and the influence of the League.

On the one hand there is organized effort for better civic government. On the other are some excellent citizens who desire to become aldermen, but who are not connected with the League, and whose policy is an unknown quantity. If the people believe that the League means well and will be able to accomplish any good thing in civic government, they should support its candidates. That is the real test to be applied.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

An Ontario government official has reported that he can find work readily in the agricultural districts for many hundreds of men, but is unable to obtain them.

A Toronto dispatch of March 21st said:—Between 1,300 and 1,400 people left on the third home-seekers' excursion of the season for the Northwest today. Four special trains of seven cars each carried the party, and they were followed by two train loads of effects, including large quantities of live stock, etc. The party consisted of Ontario farmers, young and old, who are removing to the west, many of them taking their families with them.

Who are to take the places of these sturdy farmers, and farm laborers who are leaving Ontario and other provinces for the west? It seems hopeless to expect the ordinary class of immigrants to do it. The Montreal Gazette recognizes the difficulty of the situation when it says:—

"There are hundreds of immigrants and unskilled laborers in Montreal, Toronto and some of the smaller Canadian cities, who gladly accept odd jobs of any description to eke out a living. It is the old, old problem which London, Paris, New York, and all great centres of life are grappling with,—the preference of the ignorant man for city life, however overburdened by poverty, and want it may be. There is work and wholesome plenty for them in the country districts, but they will have none of it."

UNHAPPY RUSSIA.

It is not a guess for surmise that the peace treaty should grow in Russia. It is realized that Gen. Linovitch cannot hold his own for any length of time against Glynne's armies, and one report states that he requires 200,000 more men.

Even if Russia is able to float more loans she must face the interest charge. The internal condition of the country, with regard to agriculture and general industry is not healthy, and the increased taxation which it is clear must be levied to continue the war would be most unpopular. The public confession by the government of the enormous losses in men and munitions of war in Manchuria has shocked the people, who, however patriotic they may be, cannot see much hope of anything but further reverses, if the war is continued. The people have before them the explanation, by one of their own correspondents at the front, of the cause of defeat, and it does not hold out much hope for the success of any further operations in the far east at present, since the conditions are certainly not as favorable now as before the war began. Setting aside the factors of a temporary nature, the correspondent enumerates four main causes of misfortune:

First—Failure to establish before the war an adequate intelligence department in Manchuria or to make other preparations contrasted with Japanese activity in that direction.

Second—Russia is dependent upon a single railway while the Japanese have many lines, with the possibility of establishing new ones at any point on the coast.

Third—The mistakes of many officers whose mistakes of execution brought to naught the most carefully thought-out plan of the commander, or whose technical education had not kept pace with the artillery they are required to handle.

Fourth—That victory rests, not with the army, but with the nation. The more the Russian people reflect on this statement of the case, and upon the condition of affairs at home the less eager they will be to send other thousands of their soldiers to all Manchurian graves.

New Brunswick may regard the situation, the state of Maine, with some degree of envy, if the prediction in a Bangor letter is verified. It

says that four new villages are likely to be built out of raw material, in the wilderness of that state, and another given a new lease of life, all as a result of industrial enterprises. However, we have hopes of our own, in connection with Grand Falls, the coal fields and some other provincial projects.

Mr. William Mackenzie, of Mackenzie & Mann, who has just returned to Toronto from England, where he successfully floated \$5,000,000, N. B. Southern, but it is understood that every effort possible will be made to open up the road. The Carleton Place railway is in full operation.

The Kent Northern was the only road that has not been seriously handicapped during the winter.

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THE BRANCH LINES.

Work of Opening Them up is Gradually Proceeding --- A Hard Winter.

The spring-time is coming, so is the re-opening of some of the branch railways.

The N. B. and P. E. I. is now operating between Sackville and Port Elgin, but according to reports received very little effort has been made to have traffic resumed from Port Elgin to Cape Tormentine. Today however, it is reported that an extra crew of men will be put on in order to have the district in question opened up by Wednesday at the latest.

The Moncton and Buctouche is still held up, and on the Salisbury and Harvey there is no improvement between Hillsboro and Albert.

There is little or no change in the consolidated debtors stock of the Canadian Northern Railway, states that the road will be completed from Lake Superior to Edmonton by the end of next October. British capitalists, he says, have great faith in Canada, and he had not the slightest difficulty in floating the project.

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EXCHANGING IDEAS.

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New Haven Police Arrest Counterfeiters Who Used a New Method to Produce One Dollar Bills.

New Haven, Conn., March 27.—Two men, supposed to be William Coher of Ludlow street and Samuel Foster of 177th street, New York, were arrested soon after midnight this morning at the point of a revolver at their boarding house in Congress Ave., and in their rooms later was found a complete and new counterfeiting outfit, which had turned out several spurious one dollar bills, the police assert, almost as good as the genuine. The police believe that an entirely new counterfeiting method has been discovered, as the plan of turning out bogus bills is a departure from the engraved plate and other methods generally employed. The plan is to take a new bill of any denomination, pour fluid, which the police say the men declared came from the men themselves, over the bill and then

stamp the bill on a plain sheet of paper, made for the occasion. After the pieces of paper are pressed together for some time, the whole is taken off and placed on a cylinder much the same as a record, is placed on a phonograph. This is followed by an electrical process, that makes a perfect reproduction on the white paper and after a drying process, the bill is sealed off apparently as good as the one from which the copy is made.

The original bill is not spoiled and the process, it is alleged can be repeated as many times as desired. The men, who are in custody here had made, it is stated by the police, large numbers of \$1 bills during the past few days, some of which are in their possession. One complete counterfeiter's kit was taken after the men were arrested, including electric batteries and cylinders.

BLOWN OUT OF THE DEEP.

Explosion of Compressed Air in East River Tunnel Blows Four Workmen Clear Out of the Water ---None Were Killed.

New York, Mar. 27.—Four men who were at work in the forward compartment of the railroad tunnel under the East River between Brooklyn and the city were saved from a serious injury in a disastrous explosion of compressed air in which they were working. Bystanders, who saw the men shoot to the surface, say that Richard Cresson, one of the four, was shot twenty feet into the air from the level of the water and that his startling appearance on sighted several Italian laborers on the nearby pier that they took to flight.

The tunnel in which the men were working is to be used to connect the Manhattan subway lines with Brooklyn subway lines. Two miles, the tunnel is in process of construction. The work is being done by the New York Tunnel Company.

The tunnel has been extended about 150 feet beyond the pier line at the foot of Joralemon street. Twenty men were at work in the tunnel today when the accident happened.

Cresson and his companions were in the forward compartment, working under a high pressure of air. In a compartment back of them the other

18 men were at work. This second compartment was not affected by the accident, as there is a bulkhead between them.

Cresson was the first to ascertain that the roof of the tunnel was leaking and that the air was rushing out into the bottom of the East River, which was about forty feet deep, above them. With sand bags he attempted to plug the leak, but as he did so, the whole roof was blown out and the tremendous force of the compressed air drove Cresson and all his four companions out through the hole. The upward rush of air carried them to the surface in a twinkling and Cresson shot into the air with great force. Bystanders quickly fished them out of the water. All were considerably bruised but not dangerously hurt.

DIED IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 27.—(Special.)—John Howard Mackay, a well-known telegrapher, and a native of New Glasgow, N. S., died here this morning.

Mr. Mackay was well-known throughout New Brunswick having been employed by the C. P. R. at Moncton Junction and at Harvey station for a number of years. He was married only last July to Miss Aggie Russell of this city who survives him.

OFFICER COLLINS.

MEETS OLD FRIEND. He Arrests a Man Whom He Took to Dorchester 17 Years Ago.

I. C. R. Officer Collins went to Hampton on Saturday morning and arrested Reuben Bailey on the charge of creating a disturbance in the station at Hampton last Wednesday. Bailey was lodged in Hampton jail and will be brought before the magistrate this afternoon.

Speaking of the prisoner, Officer Collins said: "He's an old customer of mine. About seventeen years ago I arrested him in this city for stealing a set of harness, belonging to Williams Bros., on Brussels street. At that time he was sentenced to three years in Dorchester penitentiary and I took him there. I never saw him since until on Saturday and the recognition was mutual."

W. W. HUBBARD.

Tells Ontario Live Stock Shippers to Favor St. John.

The Guelph Mercury of March 22, contains an account of the banquet of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, Agents of the Ontario Live Stock Shippers. The Mercury says:—

"W. W. Hubbard, of St. John, N. B., Mr. H. K. Fairburn, Mr. Andrew Whitelaw, and Mr. Scott, of Sutton West, responded. Mr. Hubbard spoke of his efforts to make a market in the St. John valley for shorthorn cattle, and asked consideration by Ontario shippers of St. John as a winter port. He strongly supported the nationalization of the different stock records at Ottawa. He highly recommended the stock sales."

C. F. KINNEAR'S WILL.

Admitted to Probate This Morning --- Total Estate Value at \$67,750.

The last will and testament of the late Charles F. Kinnear was admitted to probate today; and letters of administration were granted to W. A. Ewing and Frank Kinnear, the executors named in the will. The estate consists of \$12,500, real estate, and \$55,250 personal property.

The bequests are as follows:—Shares in the Gold King Consolidated Mines Co. (per value \$1 per share) as follows:—4,000 shares to Harrison Kinnear; 4,000 to Frank A. Kinnear; 1,000 shares to the Diocese of Fredericton; 500 shares to the St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum; 500 shares to the Anglican Bible Society of New Brunswick; 500 shares to the N. B. S. P. C. A.; 500 shares to the Home for Insane, and 500 shares to the Seamen's Mission of St. John.

Life Insurance policy in the British Empire Mutual Life to Mrs. Kinnear. To his wife, all articles of personal domestic and household property.

The trustees are directed to pay an income from the estate to his wife, during her lifetime, and after her death to divide the body of the estate between his children.

All property real and personal estate except as disposed of in the will is bequeathed to the trustees, to be held, to dispose of as they deem fit and out of the proceeds pay all debts of the estate.

The residence on Carleton street shall be retained by his widow during her life time.

FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Mar. 27.—(Special.)—At five o'clock this morning the central section of the fire department responded to a call for a fire which broke out in the premises occupied by the Standard Shirt Co. When the brigade arrived on the spot, the fire had made such headway that the entire department was called out and not until after seven o'clock was the fire got under control. The heaviest sufferers were the Standard Shirt Co., Standard Iron and Steel Company, S. H. Smith paper manufacturers, and several other small sufferers. The damage will reach about \$50,000.

BALFOUR WOULD NOT TALK.

London, March 27.—In the House of Commons, this afternoon, Swift MacNeill (Irish Nationalist) tried to elicit information regarding the peace negotiations. He asked Premier Balfour if he could make any statement on the subject, but as no previous notice had been given of the question, the premier took no notice of it.

London, March 27.—Starvation threatens Armenia, according to a cable message from Van received today by the Bible Lands, or Turkish Mission Aid Society, from the local agents of the society. The message read: "Suffering from poverty. General food supply in many villages nearly exhausted. Deaths from hunger beginning."

Early this morning a lad named John Griffith, fell in a fit, at the corner of Brussels and Hanover street. The ambulance was summoned and he was conveyed to the hospital, but his injuries were found to be slight, his face being somewhat bruised. He was soon able to return home.

W. McC. Manning, son of Rev. J. W. Manning of this city, has received word that he has successfully passed his final examinations before the Nova Scotia Barriers' Society, and will be at once admitted to the bar. Mr. Manning will practice in Amherst, N. S.

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