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THINK IT OVER.

If the next St. John city council should prove to be less intelligent, less experienced and less able to deal with important civic problems and the general administration of civic affairs than the present council, the fault will lie entirely with the citizens. Think it over.

A REPRIEVE.

It was expected yesterday that the Sun today would name the members of the present council who ought to be defeated. In yesterday's issue it said:—
"The Sun is in favor of reform in the civic administration. It is trying to accomplish by machinery what can only be done by the intelligent and active will of the people, and does the use of general terms which have no distinct practical meaning, and says plainly—giving sound reasons for his opinion—which members of the present council ought to remain and which should be replaced by stronger men, he will have done more than can be accomplished in a dozen academic debates."

The city fathers were on the anxious seat yesterday, wondering which of them would be marked for the axe, but they have been granted a reprieve. The Sun did not name them this morning.

FOR UNITED ACTION.

In advance of the publication of their constitution and platform, there can be no criticism of the proposed civic reform league, although there is a general feeling that the sooner they take the public into their confidence the more headway they are likely to make. There will be criticism in any case, and there does not seem to be any sound reason for delay in telling the public something more about the aims of the proposed league. While the people have confidence in the good faith of the gentlemen who are interesting themselves in the matter of civic reform, the average citizen believes in publicity. Fortunately the reformers announce that they will call a public meeting next week. Before that meeting is held they will no doubt give their views to the press, so that the people may have an opportunity to study their proposals. If possible this should be done on Tuesday morning, before the citizens' meeting is held in the hall at Breese's Corner. It is most desirable that there should be unity of action, and that behind any platform should be a strong and united public opinion.

THE SOCIALISTS.

A correspondent of the Times, discussing Socialism in Canada recently stated that the Socialists were most numerous and active in British Columbia. This statement is borne out by the following despatch from Victoria:—

"There are influences at work among members of the legislature, looking to a junction of forces between the opposition and the cabinet members of the government. These members say their chief aim is to choose between them and his Socialist support."

"Socialist members of the British Columbia Legislature, who have the government at their mercy, are introducing a bill to compel an 8-hour day in smelters, as well as in underground mines. The Granby smelter at Grand Forks is installing automatic feeding devices for their six furnaces, which will dispose of the labor of 80 men, and effect a saving of over \$80,000 annually, and the Socialists are making this counter move."

GRIPPENBERG'S STORY.

The remarkable story told by the Russian General Gripenberg, as reported in today's Times, will cause another sensation in Russia. He practically charges Gen. Kuropatkin, of whom Russia expected so much, with gross incompetence. If his charges are even approximately true, the Russian army leaders are no better than those of the navy. The story told by Gripenberg, following that told by Gen. Stoessel, will make more trouble for the Russian government.

Referring to certain statistics which would seem to suggest the failure of municipal ownership in England the Toronto News very properly says:—

"These figures seem to be conclusive, so far as statistics can make a case complete. But another element that enters into calculations of this kind is the quality of the service given and the rates charged to the public. If the cost to the citizens of water, gas and transportation has been reduced considerably, they are still the gainers. Or if the service is improved as the result of municipal operation the people receive benefits for which they must expect to pay, and for which they are willing to pay. In the absence of such information it would be rash to conclude that the principle of public ownership fails as the figures quoted would seem to show."

We in St. John think it a serious matter that seven or eight thousand dollars should be spent to remove snow from the streets, but Wednesday's Montreal Gazette says:—
Up to last Saturday night the city had spent the sum of \$80,000 for the removal of snow, and enough has come down since to run the total up to one hundred thousand dollars. An army of men and carriers are kept at work by the city, in spite of which the streets look like mountain passes with the snowdrift piled high on each side. The snow brigade yesterday was made up of 1,000 carriers and 850 other men, and they will be kept on for several days.

Westmount, a self-governing suburb of Montreal, may establish a municipal gas plant. The town has reported from its officials that gas can be supplied at about 25 per cent. of the present rate of \$1 a thousand. The contract with the Montreal Gas Company expires next year. When St. John people hear about dollar gas it makes them sad. The price here is \$1.75 net, or \$1.85 if not paid within ten days, for gas for lighting purposes, and \$1.25 or \$1.35 for heating purposes. Although the Montreal company has a much larger market, it is plain that the St. John company are getting too high a price, for a gas that is not of superior quality.

The New York Journal of Commerce speaking of the proposal of the city to establish a municipal gas plant, says:—
"The board of aldermen has unanimously voted \$25,000 in corporate bonds to be applied on plans and specifications for a municipal lighting plant. The estimates of Cary P. Hutchinson, who has been employed to prepare the plan, the entire cost will be required for assistance and inspectors, excluding his own salary of \$5,000. The entire plant, according to the engineer, will cost \$100,000, and will be completed in one year. A final report will be submitted by the engineer on March 1."

So much of the rolling stock of the Russian railways is required for the use of the army in Manchuria that vast stocks of wheat and coal have accumulated at shipping points because of a lack of cars to remove them. Every bushel of wheat, and every ton of coal, that is thus prevented from passing into consumption means lessening of the Russian ability to maintain the struggle. There are a good many weak links in the Russian chain, and this is one of the most serious. (Montreal Gazette.)

It is quite proper to insist that good candidates must be put forward but it is not true that the movement for civic improvement would not be promoted by a change in the present system of elections. The general system makes it more difficult to oust unfit men; it permits and encourages aldermanic combinations and log-rolling, and since no civic department can be much improved until many of the present aldermen are retired, it is advisable that a change to a district plan be made. (Telegraph.)

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GET ON THE LIST.

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ZANGWILL ON JUDAISM

Well-Known Author, Playwright and Wit is in Boston and Has Something to Say on the Zionist Movement.

(Boston Transcript.)
Israel Zangwill, author, dramatist and wit, is in Boston making his headquarters at the Hotel Bellevue. He is here to superintend the rehearsals of his new play, "Dimity the Carrier," which Annie Russell is to essay a week from next Monday at the Park Theatre.

Mr. Zangwill, who enjoys the reputation perhaps more than anything else of being the leader of the new Zionist movement, has many interesting views on the subject. He is especially interested in the present Russian crisis, which in a way is closely allied to the future of Judaism. What Mr. Zangwill says of the Zionist movement in part is embodied in the following:—
A dramatic event will be the assembling of the Zionist Congress in Switzerland next July on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodore Herzl, who died last year from overwork in behalf of the Zionists. At this convention the commission now in East Africa inspecting the land offered by the English Government as a site for the colony will report into two new plays. "Dimity the Carrier," which Annie Russell is to essay a week from next Monday at the Park Theatre.

One faction, which is impractical and chimerical, and is influenced entirely by sentimental reasons will not consent to the colonization in Africa, but will urge that the colony site as being tracts and accounts of some dark project emanating from Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. The faction which will urge the use of the land in East Africa for a policy of opportunism, a place where the Jews can demonstrate whether they are capable of organizing themselves in a responsible government. These people believe that, with this site as a basis, it may be possible to secure future time to gain a foothold in Palestine.

"The Jews in America have expressed their interest in taking part in this movement they might be un-American and not true to the country of which they are now citizens. While I was in Washington I talked with President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay about this phase of the subject, and Secretary Hay thought such fears were nonsense."

Of the present situation in Russia Mr. Zangwill said:—
"Doubtless there is fermentation going on over the Russian situation. The actual people, and they consider their ruler as a personal representative of God. It would be as difficult to incite them to revolution as it would be to lead a mob of English or Americans into the churches to smash images of Christ. Before the actual Russian can be incited to support their Government, they must have their ideas of religion uprooted."

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NOVA SCOTIA'S TIMBER

Attorney-General Longley Makes a Satisfactory Report and is Optimistic as to the Future.

Attorney-General Longley, in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on Tuesday, reviewing the work of the crown lands department, announced a surplus of thirty thousand dollars on the year's operation. He stated that the soil of Nova Scotia is capable of producing an annual growth of timber equal to any demand that has yet been made upon it for lumbering purposes, and experience has shown that large areas of forest lands, properly administered by the crown, have yielded a large annual output without diminishing in any degree the volume of standing timber. The one thing that has resulted in the destruction of immense forest wealth is fire, and the system of fire protection inaugurated in Nova Scotia, with a chief ranger and sub-rangers, will tend to minimize to the greatest possible extent the danger of forest destruction from this cause.

With regard to re-forestation, the attorney-general, who is vice-president of the Canadian Forestry Association, did not consider it a practical question in Nova Scotia. There would be great difficulty in adopting any practical scheme at present. It was much better to prepare the forest for the future by the re-forestation of the crown lands. Mr. Longley urged as worthy of consideration and action the matter of creating natural parks or reservations at the head waters of the important rivers, which reservations would be under the guardianship and protection of the forest rangers. In this way the natural life of the forest could be preserved, and some of the ill effects which would result from the entire denudation of the land would be avoided. This policy had been adopted in Nova Scotia, and it had awakened great interest in the northern states.

OBITUARY.

George F. Anderson.

George F. Anderson, one of Lynn's best known dry goods merchants, died suddenly Tuesday evening of heart failure. He was a native of St. John (N. B.), born in 1844, and had been in business in Lynn since 1872. He was a member of the Lynn Merchant Association, which adopted appropriate resolutions at a special meeting Wednesday, and of the Oxford Club. A widow and two sons survive.

M. H. Fitzpatrick.

M. H. Fitzpatrick, ex-M. P. P., a native of Nova Scotia, died recently in England. The cause of death was typhoid fever. He sat in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1897 to 1901, as a Conservative member. Mr. Fitzpatrick was a prominent worker in Y. M. C. A. circles.

S. T. Barker.

S. T. Barker, one of the oldest residents of St. John, died yesterday at the home of his son, W. E. Barker, 88 City Road. He was 80 years of age and survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters. A service will be held at the house at 8:30 this evening, and the body will be taken to the residence of John E. McCullay, Lower Millstream, between 25 and 30 attended the gathering, from Sussex, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Hon. A. S. White, went to Ottawa, Wednesday evening.

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SUSSEX NEWS.

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A. B. White, J. A. Marvis, E. R. Machum, W. G. Scovill, A. F. DeForest, of St. John, were registered at the Depot House, Wednesday.

A UNION CHURCH.

Leinster and Brussels Street Congregations Will Consider the Matter of a New Building.

The question that at present is agitating the minds of the congregations of Leinster and Brussels street churches is that of a new building. All members of both congregations will be held in a matter of such concern to Rev. Christopher Burnett, of Leinster street church, and Rev. A. B. Colcoe, of the Brussels street church, both of whom are reported to be willing to waive their rights to see a happy consummation of the projected project.

These people argue that sale of one or both of the present church structures might be effected, particularly the Leinster street building which is now the home of a number of public school grades. With the funds thus raised, the nucleus to a fund for a modern and central church would be secured. However, the matter does not seem to be very far advanced, yet, though it is expected it will be one of the most discussed sections of the whole terms of agreement.

Following the phibetic among the congregations a joint committee will give the question of amalgamation thorough and business-like consideration. It is a matter of such concern to Rev. Christopher Burnett, of Leinster street church, and Rev. A. B. Colcoe, of the Brussels street church, both of whom are reported to be willing to waive their rights to see a happy consummation of the projected project.

NO COAL IN PERRY, ME.

Messrs. Geo. Otis Smith and David White, of the United States Geological Survey have just shattered a belief which has had credence in southeastern Maine for many years. At the request of the survey commissioner of the State of Maine, they have recently made a geological examination of the Perry district for the special purpose of determining the possibilities of the occurrence of coal commercial quantities in that region. Their conclusion is that there is no basis whatever for the hope of finding usable coal in any of the coal fields of the Perry formation.

The vicinity of Perry has perhaps attracted more attention from geologists than any other part of Eastern Maine. The presence in the Perry basin of the young Paleozoic rocks yet definitely determined in the State, the proximity of this basin to the coal fields of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a lithological resemblance between the rocks of the basin and the coal measures lying farther northward, are circumstances which, since the earliest geologic explorations in the State, have combined to excite interest in this as a region most favorable for the occurrence of coal. The interest of geologists in the Perry basin locality may have helped also to keep alive the local belief in the presence of coal beds in the red sandstone formation. This belief had become very deep-seated, as prospecting for coal in the town of Perry is said to have begun in 1897 and has taken place at frequent intervals ever since then—Portland Press.

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