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#### McDONALD A SAFE MAN

Not even the most ardent opponent of John A. McDonald will gainsay the fact that he is one of the most careful, as well as one of the safest men, in the city of Brandon. His record in the city council for the past two years fully bears out the reputation he has borne for the past twenty-five or thirty years. His business life has been one of honest, frugal and painstaking character, and successful to an exceptional degree. Perhaps a triffe slow in coming to conclusions on questions of policy, but in these days of unusual conditions this is surely one of the outstanding qualifications which makes him a most desirable chief executive for the city. This is no time to be carried away with personal friendships. There is only one qualification that ought to carry any weight in choosing the mayor for the coming year, and that is a man's ability to analyse business conditions and govern the management of the city's affairs accordingly.

It is unfortunate for Mr. McDonald that he was not able to obtain the open door at committee meetings during the past year. It is in the committee that most of the work of the city council is performed, and if the press and public had been permitted to have access to those meetings Mr. McDonald's work and worth would have been better known to the ratepayers than it is at the present time. Reference to the work of the various committees will disclose many valuable suggestions and much profitable legislation enacted as the direct result of motions inaugurated by Ald. McDonald. He is not one who goes about the city with a trumpet to his lips constantly tooting his own deeds, but in the quiet of the committee or the council has planned and worked conscientiously and persistently for the behefit of the city, and not for the glorification of himself or any faction.

ratepayers of Brandon can rest assured velact John A: McDonald as mayortheir best interests will be looked after with an solely for the benefit of the city and the ratepayers as a body, and not for any clique or faction. 5.4.6.

scious fellow-creature is worse than a murderer. Is it any wonder that the feeling in Britain runs high against the enemy when deeds so revolting as this related by Miss McCallum can be laid justly to the charge of Germans in the field?

#### BEST BAR

The newly discovered solicitude of some anti banish the bar men, for preserving the home from the invasion of drink is touching in the extreme. True, drink is a bad thing in the home, but if men will drink it is undoubtedly better and cheaper to drink in the home. The fact of the matter is that not one man in ten who drinks in the bar-room would think of taking drink to his home. If the public drinking places and the popular treating custom were banished, the women of Canada could be trusted to keep the home clean.

"A married man" asked a Florida editor if there was any good substitute for saloon drinking and received the following reply.

"Start a saloon in your own house. Be the only customer. You will have no license to pay. Go to your wife and give her \$2 -with which to buy a gallon of whisky, and remember that there are sixty-two drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have \$8 to put in the bank and \$2 to start business on again. Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her and then die with snakes in your boots she will have enough money to bury you, educate your children, buy a house and lot, and quit thinking about you."

#### NOTE AND COMMENT.

It is well known that Ald. McDonald is one of the heaviest property holders in the city, and one of its heaviest tax-payers. It requires no argument to convince the electors of Brandon that under the circumstances, if elected mayor, he will be certain to exercise the greatest care in the management of the city's affairs.

For three days The Brandon Sun has been printing articles in support of the candidacy of Mr. Cater, but as yet no one has been able to learn, from reading the articles, why.

There is one thing certain, and that is, if by any chance Mr. Cater should be elected mayor of Brandon, he will have no need to thank The Brandon Sun. The articles it published one year ago against the man it is now supporting are too fresh in the memory of its readers to permit its, present murmurings to carry the least particle of influence; in fact it makes it look just "silly.

Some men can do more work by attending 54 meetings of the city council than others could if they attended 777 instead of 77. The number of meetings an alderman attends is not always a criterion of a man's capabilities, and is a yery poor argument upon which to elect anyone to office.

\*\*\*\* CORDIAL AND CAUSTIC  $\diamond$ Comment on Matters of Some Importance, and on Some of No Importance

\*\*\*\* Those moccasined girls get into their shoes and skates first and look mighty warm and comfortable when they are standing around in cold spots.

Do the reduced prices of admission at picture houses for men in uniform apply to the girls they take with them?

The aldermanic aspirants seem to be quite willing to work for the honors that some of them had hoped would come almost gratuitously.

"The butcher, the baker, the candestick maker," are all profiting by the occupancy of the Arena.

The promise that a Christmas tree will be given away with every two dollars spent in Toyland, almost induces us to spend two. Still in our present mature state the tree would be most as superfluous as the tovs. Yes, quite so. Now don't all speak at once. We know there are scores of children among whom we might distribute them, but we'll have to think it over.

Officers with whom the representative of The News comes in contact at the Arena, are confirmed in their belief that Brandon has given them a most cordial and sincere welcome. There are few hours from their duties that they might not be guests of some person or organization and they are not slow to state that they could not be received or entertained better in any place. They are all particularly gratified with the privileges extended them at the Y.M.C.A. and more and more of them are making use of them. It is noted by the soldier men, that not only are they invited to different places, but that the invitations are presented with an air of cordiality and hospitality that cannot be questioned or denied.

We need a little snow to get the right Christmas atmosphere.

The store windows begin to make us more and more envious and we especially wish we were back to when we wanted a doll in our stock-

to a share ind "One great big There en and the has nade in Christmas toys is the



These two events are Brandon's greatest civic achievements. They mean a great deal to the City.

Brandon now has the greatest opportunity of her life to make the Summer Fair easily foremost in the West.

The interests of the Fair alone are enough to justify your vote against local option.

No Brandon Hotel has ever failed to do its big part towards the success of the fair. No Brandon Hotel has ever raised its rates for Fair week.

Local Option is a one-sided measure. \ It is destructive without being constructive. If the hotel goes-what then?

The Ballot of

Local Option invites a more insidious form of corrupting morals than it corrects. The larger the City, the more certain its practical failure.

### AN AUTHENTIC MUTILATION STORY

So many of the statements respecting the mutilation of children and grown up persons during the first few weeks of the war have been found upon investigation to be without foundation that the public begins to display scepticism toward even well-authenticated cases. It is necessary, therefore, to affirm that there were infamous things done during the rush of the Germans through Belgium, which entirely warranted the designation of those who did them as Huns. Here is a statement taken from The Daily News of St. John's, Newfoundland, that is true beyond dispute. Miss Eileen McCallum, daughter of Sir Henry McCallum, formerly Governor of Newfoundland, writing recently to Miss Agnes Hayward, a school girl friend of St. John's, told this story.

"I went home the past week-end, mother and daddy fetched me in the car. When I arrived home all of a sudden · I saw a hospital nurse spring into view, so immediately thought someone must be ill, but it turned out that we have two wounded officers in the house, and two more are coming next week. The two here at present are Captain Campbell of the Camerons and Captain Anstruther of the Yorkshire Yeomanry. The former has hurt his thigh badly and is wounded in the head but the doctor says he will be convalescent by Christmas; the other poor fellow, Captain Anstruther, has no hands; it is too awful. He was slightly wounded and 'eft unconscious on the field, and the Germans came along and cut off both his hands and left him. I really think it s about the cruelest thing they could do to a man. He is fearfully plucky, and only referred to it once when I went in to see him. We got talking about Christmas, and I was trying to buck him up by telling him things we could do when he became better, and presently he said. Do you ever have snap-dragon, as I am such a baby over it.' I told him we always did; he was getting quite excited at the thought, when all of a sudden he remembered about his hands, and sort of stopped and said. 'Oh, I forgot, I won't be able to. I thought it too pathetic, and nearly cried on the spot.'

This schoolgirl letter is too circumstantial to be doubted. The wounded officer was unconscions on the field of battle when he was mutilated. There could be no question that he was a British officer, and not a 'sniper." His uniform and accoutrements would prove that. The man who cut off the hands of a wounded and uncon-

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As a flip-flopper The Sun outshines all others. A year ago Cater was the vilest of creatures. Today he is the "strong man" of Brandon. Six months ago local option was the one greatest temperance measure ever devised. Today "Mum's the word." Afraid to speak. Doctor Jekyl and Mr. Hyde had nothing on The Brandon Sun.

A year ago The Sun saw snakes every time Mr. Cater's name was mentioned as a possible mayor of Brandon. In the eyes of the Tenth street journal he was a discredited politician, unworthy of the slightest consideration. Twelve months later The Sun suddenly discovers manyvirtues in Mr. Cater which are supposed to make him a most valuable man as mayor of the city. The question is, who has changed, Mr. Cater or The Sun?

As a contortionist The Sun is no mean performer. Since its flip-flop in 1911, it evidently believes in being consistent-that is, flopping on every conceivable occasion and on every question.

A Spokane paper claims that the popular song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," was composed by an American. The author now has a chance to add another verse covering the distance to Vera Cruz.

The Germans and Austrians are beginning to allocate the blame for their failure. That is one of the best indicates yet of how things are going.

By all the good rules of strategy the Germans consider they should have won the big battle in Poland. What makes their disappointment more bitter is that there is no umpire to kill.

A correspondent wants to know if a standing army folds its wings when it wants to sit down.

"Eat 'em alive" is the battle cry of the Fiji islanders who have offered their services to go to the front.

After the Cossacks charged on the Kurds the survivors among the latter only had a hazy idea of what really occurred.

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The war editor of the Boston Transcript opines that the Russians are probably waiting for the snow before they begin, slaying.

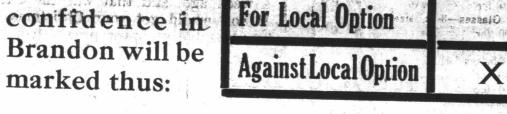
mechanical construction and real useulness of many of the designs. The young hopeful who is presented with some inventions will be getting instruction in mechanical ingenuity. Should he have the curiosity of the young and want to look at its insides, the loss of the toy may be compensated by the knowledge he gets from the works.

SCOTLAND URGES From the plans talked about at our house, we believe we are going to take on three pounds extra at that Christmas dinner. We don't need the three pounds. In fact we'd hate to have them, but on this particular occasion we guess we'll have to take a chance.



♦ VOTE FOR McDONALD ♦ experiment should be made in the ◆ AND THE POLICE FORCE ◆ United Kingdom during the war. **UNDER A COMMISSION**  $\diamond$  or for an experimental period of six ♦ months.

## Brandon will be marked thus:



**PROHIBITION ACT** who voted for it, would voluntarily accept the same self-denial that it would impose upon the mass of the WANT TRAFFIC STOPPED DUR- people. He hoped that no one would ING WAR OR AT LEAST FOR

CORRESPONDENCE

(The Daily News assumes no respon-

Editor, Daily News,

Glasgow, Scotland-Meetings of the Lord Kitchener had seen to that.

aking representations to the governent on the question of the sale they must have men strong and sober, men of stern resolution and dauntless of liquor during the period of the war. meetings were held simultan- courage. It was in the constant supply of such men that Britain's eously in Edinburgh and Glasgow, hope and safety lay.

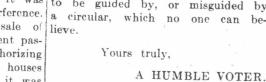
SIX MONTHS

and were crowded to overflowing. The object of the Glasgow meeting was stated to be "to urge upon the government the desirability of prohibting the sale of intoxicating liquor during the war, or for an experimental period of six months, and of appointing a commission to watche the sibility for opinions expressed by cor- for the unemployed. results and to make recommendations respondents).

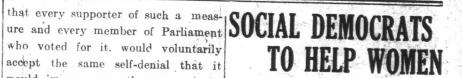
regarding the equitable treatment of icense holders and their employees." The chairman, Sir D. M. Stevenson, said that in his opinion the meeting represented the great majority of the Sir:

up at least their luxuries. What Russia Sacrificed

now proposed that, in view of the ♦ rescript had had in Russia, a similar







-SASSALL WING

Berlin, Dec. 10-The Social Demthink that this proposal was aimed ocratic party has already held two at their soldiers and sailors. The public meetings to discuss the posimen at the front were all right. tion of women during the present crisis, especially those whose huscitizens of the great centres of popula- Sir Samuel Chisholm said that more bands are at the front, or who have ion of Scotland are being held in important by far than ships or guns lost their employment by reason of were the men who were to use them; the war

> Klara Weyl, as speaking to a large and attentive audience of women and girls on the second occasion, stated that experience had proved that the present wave of unemployment had affected women to a greater extent than men and recalled how the Social Democratic party had often striven in vain in Parliament to obtain regular government assistance

Necessity had now rendered such policy imperative. and she prophesied that state assistance for the unemployed had come to stay. The speaker further pointed out the advantages which organized bodies have

most serious and thoughtful people of Our thoughts are taken up at this over isolated individuals at such a all shades of opinion, not only of time with the Municipal elections and time as the present, and trusted that their own community but of the there are to my mind, things of very every working woman would recogwhole country. At such a time as great importance to be considered nize the duty of becoming a member that they surely could afford to give this year. The greatest, perhaps, is of a corporate body in the future.

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the Local Option by-law. I believe Another speaker, Luise Zeitz., dwelt I am expressing the wish of many upon the duty of the community to-Russia by the stroke of the pen had as well as my own, when I suggest wards the wives of men at the front stopped the sale of vodka, which was that a meeting be called to discuss and unemployed workwomen who, she state monopoly, and sacrificed a this bylaw alone, and let each side maintained, had a social right to asrevenue of over £90,000,000 annually. be there to tell their own story. It sistance, and one to which they must Germany had become temperate be- would. I feel sure, be far better than lay claim. The duty which the man yond all precedent, without, it was to be guided by, or misguided by fulfilled in battle had it s counter part believed, any government interference. a circular, which no one can be- in the duty which the women ful-

filled in and beyond her home, for humanity.

Mothers were reminded to impress upon their children that the soldiers of other nations were fighting for their Fatherland and had wives and children at home to whom they were dear; further it was the duty of those who were left behind to strengthen the organization and the Socialist ideals which they cherished would give them the inspiration necessary for the task.

in certain circumstances, and it was