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## PROVINCIAL WHARF EXPENDITURES.

A short time ago The Standard published a comparative statement showing the expenditures on the wharves of the province by the Hazen Government and their predecessors in office. This statement furnished conclusive evidence of the neglect of the old Government, and showed that upwards of half a million dollars had been required to place the wharves in a safe condition for travel. Every dollar of this enormous sum was paid out of current revenue by the Hazen Government, while much of the expenditure of the old Government on this account found its way into the public debt. They had a truly wonderful system of keeping accounts which enabled them to do this sort of thing and hide it from the public.

What was true of the condition of the wharves when the Hazen Government came into power in 1908 was also true of the wharves in different sections of the province. They had also been allowed to fall into a disgraceful condition, and in some instances were so badly damaged as to be unfit for use. After three years it may be truthfully said that not only the new wharves added by the Hazen Government during that period are in good condition, but so is every wharf in the province. But it has been expensive work. The neglect of the ex-Chief Commissioner to do his duty has lost the province over \$35,000 in the past three years.

The following table shows the expenditures for wharves during the past six years:

|                          | 1905               | 1906               | 1907               |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Charlotte .....          | \$ 991.67          | \$ 991.67          | \$ 210.25          |
| Gloucester .....         | 1,825.63           | 1,825.63           |                    |
| Kings .....              | 1,525.81           | 610.00             | 1,798.11           |
| Northumberland .....     | 44.00              | 194.85             | 45.24              |
| Queens .....             | 2,366.22           | 940.67             | 2,420.78           |
| Restigouche .....        | 41.77              |                    | 35.04              |
| St. John .....           | 7.10               |                    |                    |
| Sunbury .....            | 281.02             | 1,274.82           | 244.97             |
| <b>Total</b> .....       | <b>\$4,267.73</b>  | <b>\$5,937.64</b>  | <b>\$4,754.39</b>  |
| <b>Hazen Government.</b> |                    |                    |                    |
| 1908 .....               | 651.56             | \$ 2,616.92        | \$ 668.89          |
| 1909 .....               | 250.00             |                    |                    |
| 1910 .....               | 228.11             |                    |                    |
| Kings .....              | 3,880.81           | 4,131.01           | 8,968.88           |
| Northumberland .....     | 632.91             | 4,933.99           | 4,367.94           |
| Queens .....             | 5,538.45           | 2,624.23           | 7,103.71           |
| Sunbury .....            | 2,457.48           | 65.81              | 2,074.08           |
| <b>Total</b> .....       | <b>\$13,211.21</b> | <b>\$13,620.97</b> | <b>\$23,178.50</b> |

A summary of this statement gives the following results:

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Expended by the Old Government.   |                    |
| 1905 .....                        | \$4,267.73         |
| 1906 .....                        | 5,937.64           |
| 1907 .....                        | 4,754.39           |
| <b>Total</b> .....                | <b>\$14,959.76</b> |
| Expended by the Hazen Government. |                    |
| 1908 .....                        | \$13,211.21        |
| 1909 .....                        | 13,620.97          |
| 1910 .....                        | 23,178.50          |
| <b>Total</b> .....                | <b>\$50,010.73</b> |

In three years the Hazen administration spent \$25,150 more on wharves than their predecessors did in their last three years of office. Some of these expenditures are for new wharves but the greater part is for repairs on existing wharves allowed to go to ruin by the old Government. Had there been no change of government, and the conditions existing in the province from 1905 to 1907 been allowed to continue, there would not have been a safe bridge in New Brunswick nor a wharf fit for use.

Because Mr. Hazen has spent the money that came into the public treasury through a more effective collection of the revenues, he is charged with extravagance. Nothing could be further from the truth. The extra revenue has been employed for the improvement of the public works, and has not been frittered away in the travelling expenses of the executive, nor the contingent expenses of the departments. The public services of the province have been more generously provided for than ever before, but the controllable expenses of the executive and the departments have been reduced to a business basis, and every dollar of revenue and expenditure properly accounted for. No money is now squandered on legal advocates of the party in power under the head of the Administration of Justice. The Crown officers do their own work and this leaves nothing for others to do. It is astonishing how silent the Opposition speakers and press have become when the expenditures of their friends are contrasted with those of the Hazen Government.

## INJURED INNOCENCE.

Pain and surprise are writ large on every line of an editorial in the Times yesterday at the charge made by The Standard that for years in company with the Telegraph it has been criticizing and holding up to ridicule the actions of the Common Council. "Nobody," says the Times indignantly, "is attacking the mayor and aldermen," and then we turn to the same day's issue of the Telegraph, and read the following helpful little paragraph:—"The aldermen are undertaking a few more investigations." One would have thought the reputation they achieved by investigating the market and the main street paving job would have satisfied them for a while at least.

It is just this sneering unhand line of attack, creating the impression outside the city that St. John is a hot-bed of graft with a civic government utterly demoralized, which led the Advertising Committee of the Standard of Trade when starting their campaign to at-

tract new industries, to request the Telegraph and the Times to desist and give the city a square deal. It is inconceivable that because the committee are now seeking to change the form of government that they can be countenancing these dishonorable methods to further decri the Common Council.

The Telegraph evidently thinks some investigations are unnecessary as it ridicules the intention of the aldermen to inquire into a statement made by Ald. Holder at the meeting of the Board of Works, with reference to the use of pitch pine in repairing the McLeod wharf. In The Standard's report of the meeting, Ald. Holder said "he had been told the specifications called for pitch pine scantling. His informant said he had gone to Ald. Likely to get figures on pitch pine and Ald. Likely had told him not to bother his head as he had made arrangements to supply the pitch pine. When asked how he, an alderman, could supply the city with building material, Ald. Likely had replied that he intended to do it through his son."

In reply to the chairman, Ald. Holder said Geo. Mullin, clerk for A. E. Hamilton, Ltd., had told him that his firm could have supplied spruce scantling but that the engineer demanded hard pine, and when application was made for quotations on hard pine Ald. Likely said there was no use for others to interfere."

We would suppose in justice to Alderman Likely the fullest inquiry was most desirable. The alderman himself was not present at the meeting and has since stated in an interview that he welcomes the fullest investigation. Why does the Telegraph sneer and attempt to ridicule the action of the Board of Works? Is it not in the best interests of the city, and also of Ald. Likely that the matter should be officially cleared up?

The attitude of the Telegraph towards affairs at City Hall is foolish and unjust, and this latest example only emphasizes The Standard's previous statement. We cannot but think that the advocates of government by commission, who, we doubt not, even if we do not entirely agree with them, are earnestly desirous of good government, will resent these underhand methods of attacking the Common Council, a body they are seeking to displace.

## MOTHER EARTH'S HOROSCOPE.

M. Camille Flammarion, the distinguished French astrologer, recently cast Mother Earth's horoscope for the next 1,000 years. Here are a few of the things he said: "Your family is to grow in 1,000 years from 1,450,000,000 to 3,360,000,000. You are now troubled with the servant girl problem. Have no fear. In 1,000 years there will be no servants. All housework will be done by trained orang-utans or chimpanzees."

"You have some trouble with indigestion, have you not? Abandon all anxiety; in 1,000 years chemical synthesis will have done away with all cooking of elaborate dishes, and men and women will entertain themselves in conservatories, the banquet consisting of compressed viands or delicacies served on silver trays, the tabloid melting in one's mouth and doing away with the necessity of vulgar mastication. There will be one universal currency, and in 1,000 years weather will be forecast to a rainfall, a snowflake, or a ray of sunshine."

No doubt Mother Earth smiled. Elderly women usually smile when the fortune teller hands out something nice. But few of her family will echo her approval. To think that in 1,000 years there will be an amiable orang-utan to shake the furnace and peel the potatoes and ask no salary per week, that all chewing will be abolished, and that the weather prophets will prophesy correctly, only tends to make the human being inconsiderably discontented with a life that, for most of us, has a limit round about three score years and ten.

The statement of an English financier that St. John is in better condition than most cities will not tend to help the cause of the gentlemen who are calling so loudly for "a new deal."

## Current Comment

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

The Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Quebec Legislature is probably the first formal address of the kind in Canada to mention a religious congress. The second paragraph reads:—"The striking success of the celebration in connection with the last International Eucharistic Congress in Montreal gives just cause for rejoicing, affording yet another proof that the Province of Quebec is not only a land of faith but pre-eminently also the land of liberty. On that occasion the Protestant population of the metropolis displayed admirable kindness, for which we cannot too heartily thank them."

(Boston Transcript.)  
The amazing effrontery of Dr. Frederick A. Cook has seldom been more clearly exhibited than it was when, last night, he told a Harlem club that he was "personally positive" he reached the Pole, and went on to argue that in the matter of "absolute proofs" he and Captain Peary occupied analogous positions. It is hardly worth while to dignify such a display of impudence by according it serious treatment. The essential difference between the explorer and the claimant is that Captain Peary has always been known as an honest man.

(Peterboro Review.)  
W. B. Northrup in the House of Commons recently brought to notice a curious "bull" made in the notice addressed by Hon. Charles Murphy to the employees of the Printing Bureau. This notice declared that employees coming to work intoxicated would be suspended for a week, for a second offence they would be discharged. It added: "This regulation shall not apply to those who do not use liquor."

(Regina Leader.)  
Cities and towns, in their eagerness for great railway depots and terminals, have forgotten their interest in country roads. The city is the product of the country; the country is not the product of the city. The first roads of the continent were country roads. They were first in origin, so they are first in importance. There is too great a tendency among townspeople to overlook the wider application of the question of roads in general.

(Montreal Gazette.)  
The statement was made by Mr. Mackenzie, in his budget speech, that there are 648 municipalities in the province in which, by law or by will of the local councils, no alcoholic beverages are legally sold. The statement will probably surprise many people even in the province. The Quebec way of doing things without making any fuss is surprisingly effective, though.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)  
The Northwest is a great country; but it is visited occasionally by a blizzard, and newcomers are oppressed at times by the feeling of loneliness. And the people should school themselves to bear occasional references to those things without losing patience.

(Vancouver Province.)  
A hypodermic injection of the Keeley mine does not appear to exercise a restorative effect on the nerves of the shareholders of the defunct Farmers Bank.

(Philadelphia Record.)  
When a man's wife makes his neckties you can't blame him for wearing long whiskers.

## GERMANY CAN SEND 5,000,000 TO BATTLE

Military Census Recently Taken Shows Colossal Fighting Strength—Increases at Enormous Rate Every Year.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—Calculating on the basis of the census taken on December 1, Colonel Gaedke declares in the Tagblatt that Germany is able at the present moment to send a colossal total of 5,200,000 trained soldiers and sailors into action. That number includes only a portion—400,000—of the so-called "substitute reserves." The grand total represents 8 per cent of the population of the empire, as compared with 6.9 per cent of the population of Prussia, who took the field in 1912. Colonel Gaedke estimates that Germany will have actually under arms in 1911 a total of 774,000 soldiers and sailors.

Without calling upon the "substitute reserves," Colonel Gaedke states that Germany can at any time put 4,800,000 trained men in the field from among 6,064,000 who have done service with the colors by land and sea during the last 25 years.

The official North German Gazette describes the next year's "Kaiser Manoeuvres" which are to be on an extraordinary scale. The theatre of war will embrace portions of Schleswig-Holstein, the grand duchies of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the provinces of Pomerania, Hanover and Brandenburg. The manoeuvres will consist of joint operations of the army and navy.

The Kaiser's headquarters will be at Neu-Strelitz, where a landing corps from the fleet will parade before him.

## SONNETS.

## I

## THE CITY.

Much have we cursed the city. It has been Reviled of old as Mammon's very own. A heartless labyrinth of steel and stone Devoid of pity, peace and love. Where in The gilded gamblers cast the dice of sin And with their wanton wages build a throne To Moloch Greed, deaf to the under-Of ominous woe which walls beneath the din. Yet have we this dark picture over-painted, Remembering not that Faith and Charity Walk even in the marts with vices tainted And cities shelter Him of Galilee, While there are kindly men whose souls are saluted By secret acts of broad humanity.

## II

AN OCEAN GREYHOUND  
Free from the harbor this huge beauty swings With brow poked seaward to the sun-ripened lands. The old world with its commerce-clanging straits, Its castle ruined hills, its courts of kings, Its marts yet steeped in lore of ancient things.

How swiftly slips the greyhound from our sands! Out in that choppy sea how strong she stands. Defiant of old ocean's thunderings! She rides her thousand leagues of speeding brine As trim as Cossack rides a lawless steed, Behold! In her dith Sclerence give the sign Of perfect mastery, safety, comfort, Links old to new and meets the nations' need.

## III

THE VALLEY.  
I saw three mountains standing calm and clear Against the samite dawn. Their peaks of snow Dazzled with diamond-leaping light, as though The parapets of paradise were near. Between them stretched a valley, so austere Methought it was the shadow-shore of woe, The region of wrecked souls, the over-flow of Dante's sad-scened under-epicure.

And pressing through that place un-paralleled Searching for what in such land could remain, A host of pallid people I beheld Who strove to climb the hallowed heights in vain. "What peaks? what vale?" I cried, by awe impelled. "The vale of peace," they cried, "the vale of pain." HARRY RANDOLPH BLYTHE

## CARSONVILLE.

Carsonville, Jan. 31.—On Saturday, 28, the first winter storm of the season, coming in the early morning and lasting till night. The wind piled the snow in heaps, causing the roads to be very little better for travelling than before. We have had no good sleighing yet this winter.

Rev. A. C. Bell attended his service here on Sunday afternoon. A goodly number were out to hear him. Clara Beck of Sussex is visiting her mother, Mrs. Aganda Beck.

A number from here attended the funeral of Edward Marr at Newton. Samuel McEwen who has been very ill is recovering under the treatment of Dr. Pearson of Sussex.

Rev. H. D. Marr of St. John spent the end of the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cook. Miss Nettie Leiper spent Sunday at her home here. Miss Florence Northrop has gone to Shanklin, St. John Co., to take charge of a school there. Wilmet Parlee and Oren Cook are hauling for Ernest Goggin.

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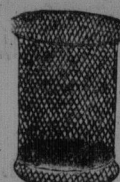
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