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BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

By-Laws are put upon the statute books of any city for enforcement. It is presumed that if a by-law is passed, there is need of its enforcement at the time of its passing. For several years certain favored merchants have been allowed to utilize sidewalk space without fear of molestation, and this in spite of the fact that there was a by-law to prevent the practice. A lot of unnecessary kudos has been bestowed upon the police for a recent enforcement of a by-law that has not been impartially and systematically and rigidly enforced for some years. In other words somebody or something has suddenly pinched the Rip Van Winkle attitude of the Brantford Police into alertness as regards the sidewalk traffic by-law.

The police are not deserving of kudos for something they have neglected to do for years, and are now carrying out. The personnel of the force is practically the same, as far as the heads of the department are concerned. Sidewalk traffic is not any heavier than it has been for four years past. Congratulations may rest assured of the enforcement of their by-laws somewhat oftener than once in four or once in six years.

BUILDING INSPECTION.

The collapse of a building, upon which were employed 12 workmen, occurred in this city last week. The affair followed closely a building calamity in Peterboro, in which several lives were lost. Fortunately in Brantford, no lives were lost, but there was an injured list, some of whom were reported to have had miraculous escapes. It has been suggested that a civic enquiry be held to ascertain why a new building in Brantford should collapse and imperil the lives of a number of workmen, inasmuch as we have a building by-law, and an inspector to enforce the same.

An inquest is held to enquire into the death of a certain person. A basis of any civic enquiry, into the building collapse of last week should be to look into the circumstances surrounding the prevention of the loss of any lives engaged in the building trade of this city. A civic inquest into the collapse of last week will probably avert a cornerer's inquest into the loss at some near distant date of some life or some lives.

The City Council, in this case is not concerned with the loss of a few dollars, or broken bricks sustained by some contractor or other. The City Council, in this case, is concerned with the loss of a few lives, or broken heads sustained by the employees of some contractor or other.

If the by-law is defective, the City Council should know it. If the by-law is being ignored by certain contractors, and building construction is cheapened, the civic authorities should also seize the fact. If the inspection is not what it should be, it is within the province of the City Council to have an enquiry as to where the inspection is deficient.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The Ontario Municipal Association at its late annual meeting, discussing the evils of civic administration, took up for consideration the idea of having a municipal department added to the Government with a minister in charge. It was pointed out that municipalities were continually making costly experiments in road building, sewage disposal, waterworks, the sale of bonds, and various other matters. That in too many cases there was a lack of efficiency as well as of economy in the work of municipal councils, and that a Government department might be better able to make experiments, obtain information and impart instruction to those entrusted with civic administration.

Various remedies for the defects of municipal government have been suggested, and some have been tried. A few of our larger cities separate the legislative from the administrative work, and manage affairs through a council and a board of control. In some places they have tried the commission plan, and place everything in the hands of three or five men. Dayton, Ohio, has just adopted a plan which is excellent in theory. There is a small council or commission, of some six members, with a mayor,

This body has legislative power, but nothing more. It appoints a city manager, just as a business corporation would do, and he controls everybody, except the public schools.

The general municipal system of Ontario is a very good one. It only requires a little more elasticity. There is no reason why the various municipalities, differing as they do in so many local conditions, should all be bound to follow the same methods. But the trouble is and has been, that the electorate is too careless. People will send men to do the city's business whom they would never think of employing for their own personal business. We seldom think of voting for a man as alderman simply because we feel satisfied he is the very best man. Politics, religion, personal friendship or personal enmity, these all influence our vote. Too often the vote is cast only because the candidate has asked for it. Sometimes we will not take the trouble to vote for anybody.

The remedy for municipal evils must be applied below municipal systems. When each citizen feels that his duty is to take an active interest in the affairs of the community, to look for the best men available, and put them into office, then good men will be candidates, and good men will be elected. And no matter what the system there will be good government. The remedy is in ourselves, more than in the system we may adopt.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Canada is not sufficiently "Thawed" out yet.

The man who wore all this summer, last year's straw hat may now ask himself what he did with the money he saved thereby.

"The Stranger Within Our Gates" is the title of a new book jointly written and edited by several Western Ontario bank managers.

Lawyers' fees are to be higher says the report which puts litigation into the same class of sports as motor polo and other dangerous pastimes.

The Canadian National Exhibition having been brought to a successful close, the next great event on the calendar is the still greater exhibition at Burford.

Eagle Place is sending more children to school than the school authorities can look after. This has developed into a pronounced habit with Eagle Place in the last few years.

Galt is facing practically the same Grand River flood situation as Brantford faced several years ago, and it will cost the busy little Manchester town some money to secure immunity from the danger.

The Western grain crop will this year be an enormous one and there is the added satisfaction that without reciprocity the farmers of the west will get more money for it than they would have received otherwise.

Brantford's Fire Chief has just returned from a convention of world fire experts at New York. It is not surprising that he recommends immediately a motor truck for this city as a result of his enquiries among the big and little fire-fighters of the continent.

A lot of people are taking objection to the spectacle of Quebec people waving the Union Jack at Harry Thaw. There is nothing particularly objectionable about it. It is only another way of telling him he would have been hanged long ago had he lived in this country.

Reports come from Northern Ontario that there has been a great lack of rain there this summer. This in itself should be a reminder to the inhabitants of this county that Brant, as far as a climate that could scarcely be surpassed is concerned, has had it all over a hundred other places this year.

To The Editor

"I TOLD YOU SO"

Editor of the Courier,

Sir: It may not be a graceful deed to rise after a calamity and say, "I told you so"—but it was during the past seven days that I wrote you from indoors saying that Brantford should have more than one building inspector, it is not necessary for me to quote authorities at any length to prove my contention correct after the recent collapse of the church.

Unfortunately I have not a copy of the building by-law at hand, but why is a public building like a church, etc. allowed to be erected in Brantford except from the plans and specifications of an architect.

The answer obviously is that the present inspector has too much for one man to do.

Brantford claims to be a big city,

but it is a small narrow-minded view that expects one man to do all the building inspection in a city like Brantford.

The inspection should be worth from three to five thousand dollars annually—As had the recent accident resulted in any fatalities and apparently it is a miracle it did not. It is quite likely the municipality would have had law suits for damages that would have cost at least that amount, and from one building only.

Why not put it on a real city basis and get away from the village idea of one man doing it all?

Yours Truly

CITIZEN

Football

DUFFS 2, COCKSHUTTS 1.

The Dufferin Rifles proved that they are a strong aggregation of footballers on Saturday when they defeated the Cockshutt United eleven 2-1 at the Agricultural Park. The game was fast and interesting and the spectators saw a splendid exhibition of football. The Duffs played the better combination and were a little faster on their feet than the Plover factory boys. The Cockshutt team never let up and fought the game out to a finish.

Dragoons 3, S. O. E. 2

That the Dragoons will be the hard nut to crack before the football season closes, was clearly demonstrated on Saturday afternoon when they took the fast S. O. E. team into camp at the Tutela grounds. The cavalry scored 3, while the Englishmen tallied 2. The Dragoons have picked up wonderfully lately, and have now a strong and fast aggregation that is bound to cause the other teams some uneasiness. Their combination was good on Saturday and they were very fast on their feet. Those who claim to know the strength of all, say, "Look out for the Dragoons."

Paris News

Paris, Sept. 8th.

The final game to decide the championship of the town baseball league was played on Saturday between the Sacred Heart Club and the International Harvester team and resulted in a victory for the former by 13 to 11. The other games played between these two teams have been small scoring affairs and when the Harvester boys piled up a lead of 7 runs in the first four innings it looked to be all over with the chances of the S. H. C. but with the persistency that has marked their work all season, they kept hammering away adding one or more runs in nearly every inning until they nosed out a victory in the concluding chapter.

The batteries were: S. H. C.—Flahiff and Lario; I. H. Co.—Kuhlmann and Wooden.

A series of games will in all probability be arranged between the members of the Brantford City League and the Sacred Heart Club to decide the championship of Brant County.

Mr. Alexander Howell, an old Paris boy passed away in Syracuse last week after an illness of a few weeks from typhoid fever. He had been in Paris only a few weeks ago, renewing old acquaintances and at that time appeared in the best of health. A widow and three children survive. The remains were brought to Port Dover for interment.

The wedding took place on Tuesday, September 2nd, in Sierra Maestra, California, of Miss Eva Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Whelan, formerly of Paris, to Mr. James R. Robson, formerly of Brantford. They will make their home in Pomona, California.

Prior to her departure for Brantford, Miss Mary McCausland was presented with a beautiful five pearl ring by her Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church.

Wednesday afternoon closing, which has been general among the merchants of Paris during July and August for several years, will this year be continued during September.

Wolves Numerous
QUEBEC, Sept. 8.—Sportsmen arriving from Northern Quebec report moose plentiful, but worried by wolves that abound in great numbers and at night make the woods hideous with their howling as they chase their prey.

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CHAPTER XI.

THE next morning Jack Meredith was awakened by his servant Joseph before he was fully light. "Woke you before yer time, sir," he said. "There's something wrong among these darty fellers, sir."

"Not rebellion?" he said curly, looking toward his stables.

"No, sir, not that. It's some mortal sickness. I don't know what it is. I've been up half the night with them. It's spreadin' too."

"Sickness? Who does it seem like? Just give me that jacked. Not that sleeping sickness?"

"No, sir. It's not that. Miss Marie was tellin' me about that—awful scourge that, sir. No, the poor chaps are wide awake enough—groanin' and off their heads, too, mostly."

"Call Mr. Durnovo."

"Met Mr. Durnovo, sir, goin' out as I came in."

In a few minutes Jack joined Durnovo and Oscar, who were talking together on the terrace in front of the house. Guy Oscar was still in his pajamas, which he had tucked into topboots. He also wore a sun helmet, which added a finish to his costume. They got quite accustomed to this get-up during the next three days, for he never had time to change it, and somehow it ceased to be humorous long before the end of that time.

"Oh, it's nothing," Durnovo was saying, with a singular eagerness. "I know these chaps. They have been paid in advance. They are probably shamming, and if they are not they are only suffering from the effects of a farewell glorification. They want to delay our start. That is their little game. It will give them a better chance of deserting."

"At any rate we had better go and see them," suggested Jack.

"No, don't!" cried Durnovo eagerly, detaining him with both hands. "Take my advice and don't. Just have breakfast in the ordinary way and pretend there is nothing wrong. Then afterward you can lounge casually into the camp."

"All right," said Jack rather unwillingly. "It has been of some use, this scare," said Durnovo, turning and looking toward the river. "It has reminded me of something. We have not nearly enough quinine. I will just take a quick canoe and run down to Loango to fetch some."

He turned quite away from them and stooped to attach the lace of his boot.

"I can travel night and day, and be back here in three days," he added. "In the meantime you can be getting on with the loading of the canoes, and we will start as soon as I get back."

He stood upright and looked around with weatherwise, furtive eyes.

"Seems to me," he said, "there's thunder coming. I think I had better be off at once."

In the course of his inspection of the lowering clouds which hung, black as ink, just above the trees his eyes lighted on Joseph, standing within the door of the cottage watching him with a singular half-suppressed smile.

"Yes," he said hurriedly, "I will start at once. I can eat some sort of breakfast when we are under way."

He looked beneath his lashes quickly.

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from Jack to Guy and back again. Their silent acquiescence was not quite satisfactory. Then he called his own man and spoke to them in a tongue unknown to the French fishermen. He hurried forward, and in preparation with a rifle, forward, which made Jack think of the time he had seen a man in a canoe, at a few miles further down the river, all palpitating and trembling with climatic nervousness. His face was quite yellow and there was a line drawn diagonally from the nostrils down each cheek, to lose itself ultimately in the heavy black muscage.

Scarcely had the boat disappeared in the bend of the river, before the raft broke. The thunder crashed out in sharp volleys, and the men ceased rowing, and crouched down in the canoe. But Durnovo knew that behind him he had left a greater danger, smallpox had laid its hand on the camp at Mista.

It is still said on the Ogowee river that no man travels like Victor Durnovo. Certain it is that in twenty-seven hours from the time he left Mista on the morning of the great storm he presented himself at the factory at Loango.

"Will you be at home tonight?" asked Durnovo, gently, pushing aside the hospitable decanter. "I have got a lot of work to do to-day, but I should like to run in and see you this evening."

"Yes, come and dine."

Durnovo shook his head and looked down at his wrinkled hand and dragged clothing.

"Well, I'll spend you a black coat. Seven o'clock sharp."

Durnovo hurried away with a gleam of excitement in his dark eyes.

At 7 o'clock Durnovo appeared at the Gordon's house. He had managed to borrow a dress suit and wore an orchid in his buttonhole. It was probably the first time that Joseph had seen him in this garb of civilization, which is at

the same time the most becoming and the most trying variety of costume left to sensible men in these days. A dress suit finds a man out sooner than anything except speech.

Joseph was civil in her reception; more so, indeed, than Maurice Gordon had hoped for. She seemed almost glad to see Durnovo, and evinced quite a kindly interest in his movements. Durnovo attributed this to the dress suit, while Maurice concluded that his obvious hints thrown out before dinner had fallen on fruitful ground.

(To be Continued)

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