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THE AXE FELL

The city council yesterday adopted the report of the special market committee, and thereby severely censured two of the aldermen and expended the two market officials. Control of the market is taken away from the safety board, and goes to a special committee which does not include either of the aldermen mentioned so prominently in the report.

No resignations have followed the adoption of the market report, although the atmosphere of the council chamber may seem rather frigid for two of the members during the balance of their term. Here are some extracts from the report which was adopted:

The investigation revealed a state of affairs that reflects discredit upon all persons having to do with the supervision of the internal arrangements of the building, as well as the general administration of the city market laws.

The evidence shows rather an inexcusable ignorance by officials of the rules and regulations obtained by the common council, with regard to the sale of provisions and certain other articles within the city, or a disregard of their intent and meaning, for there seems to have grown up within the system of administration a practice which opened the door to abuse and gave large opportunities to those in charge for wrong doing, with little prospect of their detection.

Alderman Vanwart does not deny that he violated the provisions of the law in this respect (forestalling), and, therefore, it will be difficult, we believe, for him to reconcile such acts, with those other duties and responsibilities which as chairman of the board of safety, he would naturally be expected to discharge and fulfill.

There is no doubt that the license of the tolls (Ald. Potts) had purchased only the right to therefore, had not authority to appropriate to his own use the sums of money he collected in rentals. Under these circumstances your committee are of opinion that the funds, derived by the lessee from rentals as described, have been diverted from their legitimate channels and found their way to the pockets of a private individual.

Your committee find that the relations of Ald. Potts to market affairs have not been in accord with his duties as a member of the city council; that the relations of Ald. Vanwart with the city market are such as would appear to your committee as inconsistent with his duties as chairman of the board of public safety; your committee also find that the clerk and deputy clerk failed in the discharge of their respective duties.

The city council has acted with courage and decision in this affair, and the result should be salutary in connection with all departments of the city government. There is need of a general shaking up, and if it were understood that the council meant business and did not propose any longer to tolerate free-and-easy methods the taxpayers would get a good deal more for their money.

THE INTERCOLONIAL

How would it do for a maritime province member of parliament to propose that the canal be offered by the government to a private company for whatever the company might be willing to pay? The old question of Intercolonial Railway control is upon once more, and the friends of the private company stand ready to do nothing government ownership and control. It is evident from the statement of the minister of railways yesterday that action with reference to branch lines is contemplated, and it is worthy of note that Mr. Borden expressed approval of the general policy of providing the line with branches. Hon. Mr. Emerson made a good point against the advocates of private ownership when he directed attention to the fact that the P. E. had not yet brought any initiative to New Brunswick. There is good reason to urge that the Intercolonial adopt a more vigorous policy

WILL REFORM THE LORDS

The centre to be pursued by the Asquith government may best be determined by a reference to Premier Asquith's speech at the National Liberal Club on the eve of the election. Answering the question why parliament was about to be dissolved, he pointed out that the wishes of the House of Commons since 1906 had been thwarted, baffled and defeated by the House of Lords, and that all attempts to compromise had failed.

Under existing conditions Liberal legislation did not get a fair chance. The declared will of the people was frustrated or delayed by a body which had no representative authority. The Lords regarded with horror the possible domination of a single chamber, but such domination actually existed. The government, he added, did not propose to set up a single chamber, but to confine the second chamber to subordinate functions such as are appropriate to such a body.

The principle upon which we take our stand," said the Premier, "is that in a democratic country the chosen representatives of the people ought to have the controlling voice, not only in policy but in shaping the laws." Continuing, he pointed out that the government proposed to guard carefully against abuses, and make such provision as would effectually frustrate any attempt to rush unpopular legislation by a scratch majority out of touch with public opinion.

Mr. Asquith also directed attention to the fact that the Lords had already altered their policy and proposed a scheme of reform, but he declared that it did not meet the case, and therefore the will of the Commons must prevail. Obviously, there could be no question in the minds of the people regarding the government's intentions. If now it finds itself with a good working majority the reform of the House of Lords is inevitable.

CONCERNING THE NAVY

Parliament has expressed its views on the naval question. Mr. Borden has failed to impress the country. The Liberal policy prevails. The Victoria Column (Conservative) agrees with the last statement and says: "The naval policy of Canada has been settled as far as it goes. We are to build and maintain a navy of our own. There is no likelihood that a change of government would mean a reversal of that policy. It might mean that some new plan of naval control might be devised; but it is safe to assume that the Conservative party would not undo that which the Liberals have committed to the country. Canada will go on with a programme of building and maintaining ships of war."

The Conservative leaders are willing to assume in parliament any attitude that promises to embarrass the government, but if they were returned to power they would go on with the naval programme. They would really stand better with the country if they had not changed front or given comfort to the Monk-Bourassa faction, which would pursue a policy tending toward strife in Canada and the separation of Canada from the empire.

The members of the Canadian Club will be much interested in Prof. McNaughton's address on Earl Grey's Hudson Bay Trip. A previous speaker before the club, Mr. M. J. Butler, expressed the view that if the Hudson Bay route is practicable these provinces will ship much merchandise that way to the great west.

A writer in the editorial columns of the Fredericton Gleaner, on Saturday, connected the name of a member of the staff of The Telegraph with a publication called "Free Speech." The entire article in the Gleaner was wholly false and abandoned, absolutely without excuse in the eyes of decent men. In such cases plain words are necessary, and justifiable. The man who wrote, or inspired, the Gleaner article is both a liar and a cur. One cannot fight a dog with a dog's weapons, but it is at least possible to give such things the name that fits.—(Daily Telegraph).

The following paragraph from the Toronto News is worthy of attention: "The Ontario Society for the Reformation of Inebriates is doing an excellent work. Inebriety in many, if not in most cases, is regarded as a disease requiring medical treatment, and does any other physical or mental disorder. The society includes medical experts and others who have given much thought and time to the prosecution of this reform. They use scientific medical treatment linked with moral and religious influences, and care point to many men, formerly demoralized, who through their agency have been restored to their families and to useful places in society. An extension of the work is proposed."

IT WAS THIS WAY

(Philadelphia Ledger). "I suppose the father gave the bride away," "Not exactly," he gave a million away, and threw her in."



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"I dropped in at a picture sale one day," Mr. Smith resumed. "The auctioneer displayed a dash and said: 'Now, ladies and gentlemen, what an I offered for this superb Velasquez, probably the best Velasquez that ever came from the master's hand?'"

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