INTERESTING ADDRESS BEFORE MEMBERS OF CANADIAN CLUB

The Honorable Frederick MacLeod Proved a Brilliant Speaker Before the Members of the Canadian Club Last Evening—His Subject Was "Public Utilities and the Public."

A largely attended meeting of the Canadian Club was held at Bond's last evening where members partook of luncheon The Hon. Frederick J. MacLeod, vice-president of the Canadian Club, of Boston, and ex-chairman of the Public Service Commission of the State of Massachusetts, was the guest of the evening, and delivered an interesting and pertinent address on a subject which is of vital interest to the citizens of St. John, namely, "Public Utilities and the Public."

Sir Douglas Hazen, president of the Club, introduced the speaker of the evening in a few well chosen words, as a son of the Island province who had attained to a high and honored place in the land of his adoption by his talent and ability.

Mr. MacLeod is a brilliant orator and had a thorough grasp on the subject which was intently listened to from start to finish.

He said, the term public utilities, as generally used, is synonymous with the term public service corporations, and includes railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, express, gas, electric light, power and water companies.

In discussing the general question of public relations towards public utility companies the speaker took occasion to refer to some of the experiences in Massachusetts in dealing with the public utility problem. From the standpoint of the national government, the public utility problem is largely a railroad problem, but in the case of a city or of a state like Massachusetts, where over three-fourths of its people are dwellers in cities, the public utility problem is apt to centre about the street railway.

Mr. MacLeod said that he had served for something over eight years as chairman of the Massachusetts Railroad Commission and its successor, the public service commission.

A public utility company has a peculiar status, being neither wholly a private corporation nor wholly a public corporation, but partaking of the characteristics of each. Its properties are financed through capital supplied by private investors in much the same way as the properties of ordinary private business corporation, but unlike the latter it is organized, not for the purpose of profit, but for the purpose of furnishing an essential public service of the same general character as other forms of public service which are directly furnished and administered by the government itself.

While the public utility company thus exercises functions which are quasi-governmental or quasi-public, and enjoys by delegated authority certain rights which are inherent in the sovereign power of the state, such as the power of eminent domain and the right to exercise certain easements in the public highways, its financial requirements, unlike those of a municipality or other public corporation, are not met from the public treasury through the tax levy but by the sale of its product to its customers through the collection of tolls and fares.

The public utility company and the problems out of its peculiar status are of comparative recent origin. No such thing as a public utility company was known a century ago, and its development has in a large measure occurred during the past fifty years. Public utilities under present conditions are furnishing an essential public service. The whole problem of public relations with public utility companies rests on that assumption as otherwise these companies would not be public utilities at all but would have the status of private corporations enjoying as such the same rights as ordinary manufacturing or mercantile corporations to organize for the purpose of profit, and to charge their patrons any amount they choose, limited only by the law of supply and demand and what the traffic will bear. While the public utility performs important functions in the furnishing of various forms of public service, the public service field has in large part been taken over by the government itself. Public health and safety are protected by the establishment of boards of health, public hospitals, parks and playgrounds and the organization of police and fire departments; education is furnished through the public schools; mail service is conducted by the government; water supply and drainage are furnished, and highways, canals and waterways are constructed and maintained at the public expense. The services which are still furnished by the public utility companies are just as vital to the public welfare as some of those directly furnished by government agencies and cannot, without compromising the sovereignty of the state, be left open to unrestricted private exploitation. The public utility exercises quasi-public functions only at the suffrance of the public, and must subject itself to such public regulations as the public interests may require. Moreover, since experience has shown that unrestricted competition in the public utility field results in a wasteful duplicated facilities, high cost and poor service, the public utilities have gradually become monopolistic in character, and as such are amenable to proper legal restraint and regulation.

Before these companies recognized their public character they sometimes exploited the people, and after the adoption of public regulation the aim was to force down their rates to the public. Now the problem is to get capital; increased cost of labor and materials have increased expenses, and it is difficult to secure advances in rates. Many street railway branches are operated at a loss. The companies could cut them out with advantage, but the public insisted on such lines being operated. On the other hand as communities grow it may be difficult to get capital to extend lines in profitable directions. Automobile traffic had seriously reduced street railway revenues. Increased rates will not of necessity be a cure-all.

It is extremely doubtful if our street railway companies can be adequately supported by private capital, and it may well be that the ultimate solution of the problem will be found in public ownership or operation, as no other method offers a reasonable assurance of the restoration of credit and obtaining the needed capital. Private operation has many advantages, but public service may be more important than profit. Massachusetts already has public operation of about half its street railway mileage.

Under private operation the car rider pays; under public a whole community may be assessed for the cost of the service, or some portions of the community may be supplied with service at the expense of the others in order to promote purposes which would not be the concern of a private company.

Address To Women's Canadian Club

Dr. Thomas Carter of Surrey, England, Gave Vivid Description of Indian and Palestine to Large Audience Last Night.

The German Dream of a railroad from Berlin to Busrah, and from the Cape to Petrograd, the wonders of ancient cities of Mesopotamia and Palestine, the Biblical associations connected with places and towns in those lands, the triumph of Allenby's army, and present day work of fighting against ignorance and heathenism were all strikingly pictured last evening at an illustrated lecture given before the Women's Canadian Club by Dr. Thomas Carter of Surrey, England. There was a very large audience in the Germain street Institute and the views shown were greatly admired while the clever descriptions were followed with deep interest.

Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley president of the Women's Canadian Club presided, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Dearden Mrs. Tilley spoke of joining the Association of Canadian Clubs, after which the lecturer was introduced.

Dr. Thomas Carter, who is general secretary of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission was for five years Chaplain of the King George Hospital London and told of some experiences there.

He began by showing views of the King and troops in England and pictures of war heroes including Lord Roberts to whose work in India he paid a wonderful tribute.

The plan of a German railway to connect Australia, by means of a short sea trip, with Berlin, and Capetown with Petrograd was shown on a map and Dr. Carter said this big dream was shattered by a big Empire. He told of water pipes being stored three years before the war for use in the desert by a German who "Did not know a war was coming. A picture of Lord Kitchener dre wforth the comment that he knew India and Egypt thoroughly and realized full well the dangers to be faced by the Empire.

Most beautiful and interesting views were shown of the town of Sinbad the Sailor, the reputed site of the Garden of Eden, the tomb of Ezra, the capital city of the Hittites, Kut el Amara, the city of Bagdad, the city of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's palace and the carvings still remaining on the walls, the streets where Daniel walked, all that is left of the Tower of Babel, Jacob's Pillar at Bethel, Damascus, Nazareth, Jerusalem. Speaking of General Allenby and after describing his campaign and entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Carter said that it was a wise choice when this man was picked out for the task, which demanded a Christian gentleman and true hearted strong soldier. If a blunderer had laid sacrilegious hands on spots held sacred by millions, the whole world would have risen against him. Allenby had discharged his trust with a beautiful fidelity.

Many fine pictures of India were given and speaking of the subject near his heart, Dr. Carter told of the work of the Zenana Mission which is striving to fight against the Pardah system by means of which 40,000,000 Indian women spend their lives secluded. The lecturer illustrated this shut-in state by asking how it would seem for Canadian women to spend a year in one room and said he was sure no one man could be found in all the world to stand it. He showed views of schools, hospitals, leper refuges, babies rescued from starvation, slavery, and from the infamous lives of temple children and a veterinary hospital where animals are saved from the atrocious cruelty of natives.

A fine Christian Indian soldier, who had been a rescued baby visably brought before the audience the good work accomplished. The man has a splendid war record.

Dr. Carter has a particularly pleasing voice and with many touches of humor and pathos held his hearers' attention. He has offered to give an illustrated talk on "Old London" but owing to the short notice the Canadian Club will be unable to avail themselves of the offer.

Miss Jessie Lawson said in moving a graceful vote of thanks that not only the East and West had met, but the past and present. Mrs. Alfred Morrisey ably seconded the vote of thanks which was tendered the distinguished lecturer by Mrs. Tilley. The following new members were added to the club last evening:

Miss D. Purdy, Mrs. J. D. Seely, Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, Mrs. F. R. Patterson, Miss Bessie Seely; Mrs O. W. Chesley, Mrs. Charles Bostwick, Mrs. R. L. Daniel, Miss Bertha Ruddock.

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After having been in poor health for the last few months, Mrs. James Moses, of Erin street, began taking "Liv-rite Tonic." It has made such an improvement with her that she has told the proprietors The Maritime Drug Co., 108 Prince William street, of it and given them permission to use her name in connection with it. She writes:—"When I became run down in health I wondered what was the matter. The symptoms seemed to agree with your description of liver complaint as I had a general weariness, could not sleep well, was troubled at times with headaches and dizziness and my blood was very thin. So having heard of others being helped by your tonic I decided to try it. I am very glad I did so. It has made such a difference in my health. I am now my old self again. Liv-rite is a great remedy and cannot be too highly spoken of."

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Miss Simpson is not entirely cured yet, but so great are the benefits she has received from Dodd's Kidney Pills that she is firmly convinced they will effect a complete cure. She has been a sufferer for eighteen years and underwent four months' treatment in a hospital before trying Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are a Kidney remedy. They relieve the work of the heart by putting the kidneys in shape to strain all the impurities out of the blood. Pure blood carried to all parts of the body means new health all over the body.

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FIRST ANNUAL DINNER BATHURST BOARD OF TRADE

The first annual dinner of the Bathurst Board of Trade, was held on Tuesday evening, January the 27th. About one hundred members and their guests partook of the splendid banquet. The local orchestra played five pleasing numbers.

J. L. Ryan, barrister and president of the Bathurst Board of Trade acted as toast master. Expressions of regret at their inability to be present were read from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and His Honor Judge McLatchy and others.

The toast list follows:

"Our Legislatures"—Responded to by O. Turgeon, Esq., M. P.; Hon. J. P. Byrne.

"Our Sister Boards of Trade"—Dr. D. Murray, George Gilbert, K. C.

"Our Town"—Rev. M. Wallace; His Worship Mayor Burns; Alderman Connolly.

"Our Industries"—F. T. B. Young, Esq.; A. Loosen; B. C. Mullins.

"Our Spiritual Guides"—Rev. J. A. Wheten; Rev. J. A. Cooper, D.D.; Rev. G. A. Ross; Rev. A. D. Archibald; Rev. E. P. Wallace.

"The Ladies"—L. L. DesRoches, Esq.

Miss Ruby Windsor favored the gathering with two vocal solos—"The Radiance in your Eyes" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

Miss Jennie Windsor gave a splendid reading which called for an encore.

His Worship Mayor Murray, who is also President of the Campbellton Board of Trade, referred to the cordial relations that have always existed between the two towns. Rev. Mr. Wallace of Louisburg, Cape Breton brought greetings from his town and was well received. Many expressions of regret were uttered relating to the unavoidable absence of Angus McLean, of Bathurst Lumber Company Limited. A Loosen represented the Company, and George Wightman, of Gloucester Lumber and Trading Company attended.

Bathurst has shown marked development, was agreed on by all that the great development of Hydro-Electric, now under way assures the attraction to Bathurst of many industries, was the belief of the speakers. It was suggested that all the business people of Bathurst stamp on their stationery, "Bathurst, the Town of Cheap Power."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, 1920—G. A. Schryer, Esq.
Vice-president, 1920—B. C. Mullins Esq.

Members of the Council—S. B. Bond, Esq., H. A. Melanson, Esq., Geo. Gilbert, K. C., L. L. DesRoches, Esq., A. McLean, Esq., A. E. McLean, Esq., E. P. MacKay, Esq., E. J. White, Esq., J. L. Ryan, Esq., Smith Morse, Esq., Secretary Treasurer — Jas. B. H. Storer.

No change is reported in the matter of the machinists' strike in the city. W. D. Killins, of Ottawa, a fair wage officer of the Labor Department, is in the city endeavoring to arrange an understanding.

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KNOWLES—In this city, on January 29, 1920, Joseph Knowles, aged eighty-five years, leaving his wife and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 93 Elliott Row.

BANNISTER—On January 23rd, at the home of her daughter, Hamilton Mountain, N. B., Eliza Bannister, widow of the late William Bannister, of Halifax, N. S., in the seventy-third year of her age. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Swain, widow of the late Lieut. Swain; a son, W. H. Bannister, residing in West Roxbury, Mass., and three grandchildren to mourn their loss.
(Halifax, N. S., and Boston papers please copy.)

HAGGERTY—At Mill Street, Fairville, on January 29, 1920, Charles Haggerty, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn.
Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Katherine O'Brien, Mill street, Fairville, Saturday morning at 8.30 to St. Rose's Church for solemn High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

FEBRUARY SUIT SALE

Odd Suits and Broken Lines of Suits

Our policy has always been to dispose of these during February at considerable reductions.

Many wait for this event because they have been pleased with their purchases at previous sales.

Sale prices at mostly $20, $25 and $30, savings of $5 to $10 on each suit. In small sizes a few at $15.

Coat models are regular, close-fitting and waist-line. Prices keep advancing which makes these all the better bargains.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

LECTURE TO THE TRAIL RANGERS

A very interesting lecture was given last evening in the St. David's church by Dr. G. G. Corbett to the members of the "Trail Rangers." Several X-Ray plates were shown. The most interesting to the boys was one showing a wounded soldier with a bullet wound in his chest.

After the lecture arrangements were made to commence a Hit and Miss League. One point will be given for good attendance and three will be given to each member winning a basketball game. An initiation next Friday was also planned.

TOPICS OF THE DAY

"The learned preachers who declare that the world is losing faith should consider the number of hair-restorers on the market."—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Can We Conquer Russia by Kindness?

The hand that feeds Russia is liable to be bitten, in the opinion of some skeptical editors who doubt the wisdom of applying to our dealings with Lenine the apostolic injunction: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." According to one paragrapher it looks as though the Allied statesmen thought the policy of "feed the brute" ought to work as well with a hostile nation as it is supposed to do with a balky husband. The Echo de Paris wonders how "we are going to do business with the subjects of Moscow without doing business with Moscow, since by military requisition they can take anything sent into Russia." The New York Times, in taking a dig at Mr. Lloyd George, says that he "having failed to kill the wolf, now offers him a juicy bone." Yet as we study the editorial opinion in this country we find much approval of the new Russian policy. The Newark News calls it "the most sensible and hopeful move that has been made in dealing with the Russian muddle."

Don't miss reading this comprehensive article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 31st. It will give you all the available information upon this vital subject. The article is illustrated with a clear map showing "Bolshevik Expansion Since July 1, 1919." Other enlightening articles in this number are:

ADMIRAL SIMS' DEPTH BOMB

The Situation Aroused by Admiral Sims' Charges is One That "Must Finally Break Sims or Daniels."

Hoover as Presidential Timber
Clemenceau's Fall as Viewed Here
Why the Kaiser Ought to be Tried
A Costly Strike Failure
Mexico Through Mexican Glasses
The Bolshevik Way With the Press
Japan Tiring of War in Siberia
Hot Clothes for Aviators
Opening New Orleans' Back Door
Dr. Einstein's Own Story
"Salesman's Fright"—Its Cause and Cure
The "Walk-out" of School Teachers
Bryan Waking up the Sleepers Again
Maud Powell—American Violinist
Where Asphalt Comes From
The Church's Duty Toward the "Red"
Verdict of the Churches on Spiritualism
The French in America: Occupational Life—Assimilation—The French in Canada
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