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## THE COMMISSION

The legislature will adopt the St. John commission bill, with some slight changes. The main principles of the new system are approved, and the city will in April elect five commissioners to replace the present city council. Three of these commissioners will remain in office two years and two of them for four years. As this is a time of expansion in St. John, with new problems to present themselves for solution, it is now the duty of the citizens to choose as the city rulers for the next two years five of the most capable and independent men they can induce to enter the field as candidates. There will be no lack of candidates, for there are already more than five quietly or openly in the field.

## THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The Liberals in the legislature yesterday endeavored to get inserted into the St. John Valley Railway bill a provision that construction must begin on the Grand Falls and Robitsek sections in time to ensure their completion at an earlier date than is provided by the government bill. It was pointed out by the Liberal speakers that the money is available and there is no sound reason for delay. But the amendment was voted down, and the people of the Grand Falls and Robitsek sections must await the pleasure of Mr. Fleming.

The members of the opposition made it clear that they were not voting to delay the measure, but to secure equal rights for all the people along the route of the new railway. They failed, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that the government was compelled to adopt the plan of the Liberals, and provide for a railway from St. John to Grand Falls, operated as a part of the Intercolonial system. The people know that it is to Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Carroll and the Liberals in the legislature that they owe their escape from a railway between two points on the C. P. R. and have the assurance of a through line, though delayed in construction, from St. John to Grand Falls, giving through connection with the west.

**THE NEWS FROM LONDON**  
The Times special cable from London today expresses the view that the coal strike will be settled, although there are still some difficulties in the way. The labor men recognize their power, but their leaders appear also to recognize the fact that the blind exercise of that power would produce conditions worse than those now existing. The miners cannot be compelled to return to work on any conditions. If they are obstinate, a crisis of the gravest character will result, but the general opinion seems to be that a compromise will be reached at Monday's conference.

The resumption of the Unionist leadership by Mr. Balfour is a remarkable development. The praise lavished upon Mr. Bonar Law appears to have been premature. If the government has its troubles, so also has the opposition. Moreover, the latter has no policy in relation to the coal strike, and therefore has no ground upon which to base an appeal for the defeat of the government.

## HERE'S AN EXAMPLE

The Eastern Townships of Quebec have caught the new spirit of the east. Twenty-seven delegates from towns, cities and villages, and representing thirteen boards of trade, met in Sherbrooke this week and organized the Eastern Townships Association of Boards of Trade. Here is an example for the boards of trade in New Brunswick. The Montreal Witness gives the following report of the meeting at Sherbrooke:—"The principal business was the passing of a resolution appointing a large and influential delegation to go to Quebec this week and ask the provincial government for an annual grant of ten thousand dollars for three years to carry on a publicity campaign for the Eastern Townships. As R. C. Wilkins, president of the Farm-ham Board of Trade, said, the east in years gone by has been blood in order that railways might be built and the west opened. In doing so, we neglected the east and now must do something for ourselves. Seven delegates were appointed to go to Quebec, and will be accompanied by as many members of various boards as can go. The objects of the new organization, as outlined in the constitution adopted, are as follows:—"To promote commercial, financial, farm-

ing, industrial, mining and co-related interests of the Eastern Townships as a whole."  
"Meetings will be held every quarter, the next one to be held at Lake Megantic in June. Great enthusiasm was displayed by all present, and for over four hours the delegates discussed ways and means for carrying on a systematic campaign for advertising this section. Their intention is to have at least three men in the old country trying to get desirable settlers to locate here. In all probability an Eastern Townships office will be opened in England, and another central office here, where the business part of the campaign will be attended to."

## THE CEMENT AGE

In Kansas City there is now being held a Cement Show, to demonstrate the uses to which concrete may be put. In view of the prospect that St. John will soon have a cement industry on a large scale, Times readers will be interested in the following article from the Bangor Commercial, telling of the uses to which concrete is put. The Commercial says:—"Primarily concrete was used in sidewalk construction; then came curbs and gutters for roadways, a use that gradually extended to entire roadway construction. Next concrete was used for foundations for buildings, and abutments for bridges, and then for the buildings and bridges themselves. It was used in the great New York subway, the Hudson tubes and the Pennsylvania railway terminal, and 6,000,000 barrels of cement will be used in the Chicago subway system. Concrete built the railway from Miami to Key West on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico, over which trains are now running. It formed the great wall 16 feet high in front of Galveston to prevent a second destruction of that city. It is entering for the most part into the construction of the Panama canal, whose opening will mark a new era in the world's history. Here and there are concrete telegraph poles, concrete ties for railways, concrete culverts. It is used to build cold storage houses, refrigerating plants and sugar refineries. In addition we find concrete used on the farm and most recently in ornamentation for both interior and exterior decoration. Truly the age is at hand."

Has the contract for the Courtenay Bay works been signed? If not, why not?  
"An old friend."

It is up to St. John to elect five energetic and capable men as the first city council under the new charter.

The senate is trying to safeguard the public interest by amending the Borden government bill with regard to highways.

The St. Andrews Beacon says:—"New Brunswick abounds in fertile farm lands. Give the farmers a larger and more permanent market and there would be no limit to its agricultural expansion."

It pays to be a boss, or a superintendent, or a commissioner under the Fleming government. Note that expenditure of \$130 on a wharf, of which the boss got \$60. And so it runs through the whole list of provincial expenditures. It is surely time for a change.

## CENSUS RETURNS IN CARLETON COUNTY

Some Remarks Which Arise in Connection With Emigration

(Hartland Observer).

Following are the census returns for Carleton county:—

Parishes	1911	1901
Aberdeen	1,001	1,204
Brighton	2,035	2,788
Kent	2,724	2,779
Northampton	1,129	1,125
Peel	1,619	1,801
Richmond	1,470	1,699
Simonds	692	768
Wakfield	1,330	1,543
Wicklow	1,672	1,896
Wilmot	1,545	1,817
Woodstock	1,648	1,947
Woodstock t. v.	3,856	5,614
Total	21,446	21,621

It is really alarming to note that the parish of Brighton has lost 183 of her population in ten years; more so that Wicklow has lost 224. Aberdeen's loss is 149, Wilmot 274, Richmond 229, Simonds 76, Kent 85, Wakfield 15, and Northampton is fortunate in having gained one. Peel has had a gain of 218 and Woodstock and parish have both had substantial gains. The gain in Peel parish is undoubtedly due to the industry established at Siskin by the Peel Lumber Company.

In view of this alarming exodus from the country either the doctors must be dying off of the people, or measures must be taken by others to stop this alarming emigration. The Observer would suggest that the local government would do well to think seriously over the matter. There is an airy proposition, a highly sentimental and idealistic proposition to import people from the old country to accept at the hands of the government ready-made farms. What seems an absolute necessity is that the government gets right down to business and formulates a policy that will induce the people native-born to remain on the farms which their fathers made ready-for the Flemish immigrants. It is somewhat to say that the depopulation is caused by death. It has been caused by a spirit of unrest occasioned

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## THE REBEL

(William Lyon Mackenzie)  
(W. B. Hume, in March Canada Monthly)  
Dowder's with a heritage of brain and brain,  
A heart of fire, a pen of flame;  
An eye to see beyond the form the man,  
To tell the right, nor fail to note the sham;  
A voice uplifted in the people's cause,  
An Anglo-Saxon's heirloom; equal laws;  
One man, one vote-free speech, free thought;  
And all posts open, not bequeathed nor bought.

Such was Mackenzie. Worn out, he fought  
Still on his country's wall his thought—  
First in the forum, then at length the field;  
Not bullets, bullets—tricked, perforce must yield—  
And if he failed, his cause to triumph yet,  
Shall we, his heirs, for whom he strove, forget?

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

SOMEBODY.  
Somebody has to mend the socks,  
And search the frocks,  
And clean the crocks;  
Somebody has to wash the floors,  
And dust the doors;  
Somebody has to boil and bake,  
And make the cake,  
And fry the steak;  
Somebody has to buy things cheap,  
And wash and sweep,  
With little sleep.  
That's mother.

## FRINDLESS

"He hasn't a friend in the world."  
"That's tough. Whom does he blame it on when he stays out late at night then?"

## NOT FOR TIED BUSINESS MEN

"How did you like the sermon this morning?"  
"It was too heavy. Our minister seems to forget that he is preaching to tired business men who haven't the time or inclination to follow a plot."

## BOUND TO BE IN STYLE

"She's bound to be in style."  
"What's the matter now?"  
"She wants to divorce her fat husband so that she can marry one of those fashionable cap ones."

## A COMFORTABLE INCOME

"Pa, what is meant by a comfortable income?"  
"A comfortable income, my boy, is an income that gives a man a car fast which he wants to be buying automobile tires."—Detroit Free Press.

## "An old friend appeared to me very unexpectedly the other day."

"An old friend?"  
"Yes, the bottom of my coal bin."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## "What dirty hands you have, Johnnie!"

said his teacher. "What would you say if I came to school that day?"  
"I wouldn't say nothing," replied Johnnie. "I'd be too polite."

by limited markets for farm products and the huge advertising campaign carried on by competing provinces—and the lure of the states.

It is true our markets have improved wonderfully in the last fifteen years. They have practically had their origin in that time. And there was good reason for it. Since this gentleman has adopted the standard for the Valley railway, so vicariously prepared for by Pugsley and Carroll, he might have, without further humiliating himself, befriended the farmers and strengthened his own position, by defending the measure he strove so hard to defeat.

Now comes this grand policy, this heroic effort, to bring from the old country people unused to our way of living, unused to our climate, unused to our methods of farming, to grow rich upon the farms which the native-born population have left in despair.

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