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A PRESENT NEED.

"In time of peace prepare for war" is an axiom of wide application, and in no direction does it better apply than to matters of civic health and the important questions affecting the food supply of the city.

This report was published in The Telegraph of the next morning and in the following issue the matter was fully discussed editorially.

The health of the citizens demands the most rigid care of the city's meat supply. Nothing but a modern abattoir will serve the purpose.

THE CIVIC BURTHEN.

Acting under the legislation passed at the last session of the House of Assembly the aldermen have appointed a committee of their own members to enquire into and report on the assessment act now in force in St. John.

In other words the respective chairmen of the four city departments are the committee to decide whether the present system of taxation is the best possible way, and if not whether its defects can be rectified by amendment or by the introduction of a new method of civic taxation.

The first matter of importance, then, for this investigating committee to decide, is whether the present law is defective and if so in what respects.

We believe the present system is defective in that it unduly taxes the manufacturing and jobbing interests by the imposition of high valuation on plant, machinery and stock in trade which could be more equitably adjusted by a system which would substitute a tax based on business assets and personal property and incomes.

We have shown that the personal property discovered this year in St. John for taxation purposes is only a little over 50 per cent of the value of real estate, and that the general bearing of the present system is to oppress the laboring classes and the manufacturing and distributing interests which create the city's wealth.

ROOSEVELT'S PROPHECY OF ROOSEVELT.

There is a curious revelation in the news of this morning.

When Theodore Roosevelt was governor of New York he wrote an article for the Youth's Companion which was pigeon-holed by the editor at that time for reasons we must guess at.

It was known twenty years ago that Theodore Roosevelt had a well-defined ambition to be president. Possibly the editor who delayed the publication of the article which Governor Roosevelt wrote, did so anticipating his election to the greater office, an event which clearly would greatly enhance the value of the paper.

Whether or not such was his purpose, the article to be published now will arouse much more interest than it would have commanded had it been printed in 1900, when it was written.

It is practically bringing about a settlement of the coal strike, the president performed a great public service, although he virtually departed from precedent in substituting private agreement for public government, and thus seemingly confessed that the laws of the republic could not be invoked swiftly and successfully to meet the emergency.

He and justified the means, and the people agree with him, though the procedure set many students of affairs thinking.

In the paper he prepared in 1900 and which is to appear next week, Mr. Roosevelt wrote that:

"The President of the United States occupies a position of peculiar importance. In the whole world there is no other ruler, certainly no other ruler under free institutions, whose power compares with his. Of course, there is the enormous personal factor of the incumbent himself to be considered entirely apart from the power of the office itself. This is merely another way of stating that in any office the personal equation is always of vital consequence."

"The enormous personal factor of the incumbent," upon which he laid stress when he wrote of the presidency, has been emphasized by his action within the last few weeks.

It is not too much to say that the effort of the Republican bosses to sidetrack Roosevelt by electing him vice-president was due to their recognition of the weight of the personal equation in the highest office. They feared him as a man who would not be pliable in their hands.

When Theodore Roosevelt wrote of the prospective President Roosevelt he knew his subject. Few authors could have written as he did and been less open to criticism after becoming president, for in a great measure his conduct in office has justified his prophecy concerning himself and his estimate of the duties of the chief executive.

BRITAIN'S DECREASING BIRTH RATE

British students of sociology have been very much exercised of late about the decline of the birth rate in Great Britain.

According to the census of 1901, the birth rate was 31.57 per 1,000. After the decade 1841-51, when the rate was 35 there had been a steady increase until it reached 37.9 in the decennium 1871-81.

The decline in the birth rate during the last decade may be accounted for in several ways. During the first portion of the decennium 1891-01 a commercial depression existed in Britain, and it has been observed that such a condition has a material influence on the birth rate.

In recent years there has been probably a greater tendency among the British masses to accumulate some capital before marrying, and thus the tendency to defer matrimony has been increased. There also appears to be a certain close relationship between high culture and a low birth rate which cannot be construed as a mere coincidence, but which is rather a phenomenon that has been observed and will be more plainly seen on comparing the conditions of the various European nations.

The birth rate in France is a source of anxiety to the statesmen of that country. The population there is almost stationary. The French families are not nearly as large as they were a century ago, and the government is finding the greatest difficulty in obtaining recruits to keep up the strength of the army.

Among the peasantry and masses of Germany, on the other hand, the birth rate appears to be steadily increasing. The Germans are more easily contented and are not so much given to the accumulation of capital as the British and French.

The last German census shows that there has been a marked accession of population due entirely to the natural increase. At the same time the government finds more young men available as recruits than are required to meet the demands of her immense military system.

In Russia, where the standard of the laboring classes is much below that of Germany, the birth rate is even higher than in the latter country, and like Germany she draws more men annually for the army than she needs.

The decline in the birth rate is not such a serious matter to Britain as it is to the other European nations which are entirely dependent on conscription for the supply of soldiers to defend their empire, and still it is a matter of grave importance, and sociologists will await with interest the results of the next decennial census.

A COMPARISON.

It is the fashion just now in Tory circles to attempt to persuade the people of this section of Canada that Mr. Borden and the men who accompanied him on his western tour made a profound impression upon the country. Some may believe that they did so. Better not believe anything of the kind. Better, perhaps, than bald assertion one way or another is the following comparison of men made by the Manitoba Free Press:

It is not unfair to assume that Mr. Borden was accompanied by his ablest lieutenants—the men who would be called upon to become cabinet ministers should there be a change of government. To those who sat under them and listened to their speeches we propound the questions: "What do you think of them as prospective cabinet timber? Do you believe they are big enough men to cope with the great national issues which are coming up for settlement every year? We know very well what the answer will be. The West will not be a consulting party to the programme of replacing Mr. Sifton by Mr. Boyd, Sir Richard Cartwright by Dr. Sproule, Sir William Mulock by Mr. Blain, Mr. Fisher by Mr. Pope, Mr. Fitzpatrick by Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Blair by Mr. Fowler, and Sir Wilfrid by Mr. Borden. The contrast is a little too startling."

It is indeed a little too startling when presented thus simply. And when the success of Liberal rule, and the prosperity and content of the country are considered also, the western tour of Mr. Borden and his lieutenants from the fact that it permitted the western people to make such a comparison and draw conclusions which must prove disastrous to Tory hopes.

BRITAIN'S VIGILANCE.

The members of the German Navy League and the Pan-Germans have long been ambitious for their country to become a dominant naval and commercial power upon the Atlantic. The "eighteen year programme" passed by the Reichstag in 1890, and which has since been reduced to eight years, was intended to greatly strengthen the naval power of Germany.

To supplement this extensive programme the German government has given to the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American companies large subsidies to assist in the construction of steamers with a remarkably high rate of speed, such as the Deutschland, Kronprinz Wilhelm and other vessels of a similar type.

The organ of the League, Die Flotte, recently stated that the fast steamers of the German trans-Atlantic lines could be employed as commerce destroyers to paralyze the trade of Great Britain or any other nation in the event of war.

The recent action of the British government in granting to the Cunard Company a subsidy for 24-25 knot steamers, and the construction of a number of naval vessels with a speed of 25 knots or more, has caused considerable consternation among the naval enthusiasts of Germany, and has destroyed their dream of the German supremacy on the Atlantic.

We find that others besides ourselves were so astonished at Mr. Powell's disgraceful charges that they took notes of them and forwarded a copy of the charges to Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, who has these statements in his possession. We can get the necessary affidavits to prove the accuracy of our report.

The Mail says pertinently: "If Mr. Powell knew these charges were true why did he not make them in communities where all the circumstances were known, instead of iterating them at Revelstoke, 3,000 miles from the scenes of the charges? Why did he make such sneering remarks about Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the French-Canadian? It is only the lowest type of politician who will make such disgraceful charges against his neighbors when away from home and then lie about it on his return to his home."

In the chaotic English of the Sun editor, the word is now with Mr. Powell.

SORE EYES CURED

"Actina," a Wonderful Discovery Which Cures Diseased Eyes, No Matter Whether Chronic or Acute, Without Cutting or Drugging.

There is no need for cutting, drugging or probing the eye for any form of disease, for a new system of treating afflictions of the eye has been discovered.

Granulated sore eyes cured by a home treatment and self-administered by the patient. There is no risk of operating on thousands of people who have been cured of blindness, falling cataracts, granulated lids and all afflictions of the eye through this new discovery.

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RIGHT.

A large and expensive boat, with costly equipment, burning rapidly, and manured by a small army of officers and employees, would find it unprofitable to stop at a wharf to get a few tubs of new potatoes, or a crate of berries, or a small catchment of spring chickens, which would be good enough business for a cheap boat with two or three hands and no luxuriant accommodations.

That's the idea. Never mind the chickens! A big for your "tubs of new potatoes!" What is needed is a low rakish craft of great speed "manned by a small army of officers and employees," which can dash up and down the river and give the people who live along its banks something to look at. It is a picturesque idea and there should be no flippant delay in carrying it out.

The vessel clearly must be large enough to carry the "small army of officers and employees" who are to man it, and it would be suicidal to allow any thought of freight or passengers to weigh in its construction. There should be several captains and a generous number of first and second officers to command the "employees," by which nautical term it is as a rule, the low-browed crew is referred to. And no cheese-paring policy should interfere with the "luxurious accommodations." Chickens and potatoes! Perish the thought!

What do the people along the St. John river of chickens (spring) and potatoes (new)? What they want is a spectacle, and when they line up, and the great steamer glides by, "with her small army of officers and employees" dressed in daisy uniforms, on deck, when the band plays and the whistle whirrs in triumph, it will be indeed a grand day. Those meat-spirited folk who persist in thinking about shipping produce can stick to the good old woodstove.

The Sun man has gone very deeply into this matter, and if he will demand 25 knot boats and limit the crew to 500 men of all ranks, his plan cannot fail to receive enthusiastic support. The Sun is a deeply thoughtful newspaper.

WELL MR. POWELL?

When Mr. H. A. Powell, the rejected of Westmorland, made a weak-kneed denial of the insult to the I. C. R. employees credited to him in the West, the Tory organs with suspicious alacrity accepted his word for it, although his tardy retraction was neither manly nor complete. The Telegraph expressed doubt as to the sincerity of his stand in denying the slanderous language attributed to him, and of the stand of the Sun in apologizing for him.

The people of the country and of Westmorland in particular, will be interested in an article which appears in the Kootenay (B. C.) Mail reaffirming the truth of its report of Mr. Powell's speech and saying:

The St. John Sun has undertaken to apologize for Mr. H. A. Powell's reported reference to I. C. R. employees as "the scum of the earth." It says the Kootenay Mail is a lying newspaper. The Colonel says: "The opponents of Mr. Powell will be hard up for material against him if they use such a misleading and incorrect report."

In replying to the above statements we have to say the St. John Sun had no representative at the meeting and is not in a position to accuse the Mail of lying. The editor of the Colonist was at the meeting and we challenge him to publish a verbatim report of what Mr. Powell said. If he does it will be found that our report was a correct record of the principal features of Mr. Powell's address. Our report was compiled from a verbatim report taken of the main portions of the address.

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COUNTRY MARKET.

More Poultry—Fish Yet Scarce—Plenty of Vegetables and Beef.

The produce market was very good this week. Poultry is much easier and turkeys are commencing to come in, as well as geese. There is plenty of native beef, and pork is quite firm. Vegetables are plentiful, excepting potatoes, which are very scarce.

There is no change in the prices of the fish market, the stormy weather preventing a catch. The schooners are in commission and have laid in their ports nearly all week. Corrected retail prices to date are:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Beef, Pork, Mutton, Chicken, Eggs, Butter, etc.

SOUND AS A DOLLAR

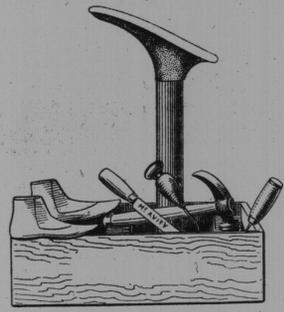
That is the result of a course of treatment with Scott's Emulsion. We have special reference to persons of weak lungs and sensitive throats.

Scott's Emulsion does something better than others. This is one of them. It has a peculiar action on the throat and lungs which gives them strength and makes them tough.

That's how Scott's Emulsion drives out coughs, colds and bronchitis. It keeps them out, too.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

The "O K" Cobbler Set.



The most popular and best on the market. With it you can at any time mend the shoes of your family, thus saving money and delay.

Set consists of Stand, Three Laste, Pegging Awl, Hammer, Knife, one Package Heel and one Package Sole Nails, all packed in a box.

Every family needs one.

Price, - 75cts

T. McAVITY & SONS

In Regard to Faces and Heads.

I always love to study faces. The characteristics of the proprietors are as plainly imprinted upon them as is somebody's "Celebrated Tonic" on your front board fence. Everybody "goes upon his face," to a greater or less extent. It is the same as the painted canvases that hang out in front of the side show at the circus, to indicate what is within.

If you want me to read a man without spectacles, send me his head (I don't care about his body) and it shall be done. You will notice that a man with a big head has large ideas, not only of other things, but—of himself. He has room in it for all he knows—and maybe a great deal more, too. He will endeavor to keep on good terms with himself, and hold himself in as high estimation as he can, and is generally good-natured enough to let his wife's aunt stay three weeks before he grows.

Small heads denote nervous organization, or disorganization, with quick thought, because they don't have so much space to look over when they want anything on the jump. It also indicates economy; the owner don't have to buy such a big hat; his barber charges less for cutting his hair; he is little on both sides of the ledger.

A man with a big nose has a future as well as a big nose before him; he will follow wherever his nose goes, and if he gets into a fight he will always have something between him and his enemy. That kind of a nose won't be much account for anything practical, unless it may be to "talk through." The owner of such a nose will have a happy wife, and be sure to get smoothly along at home, in fact he will find it his interest, seeing how good a handle it is.

A nose with a hinge to it prefixing the face of lovely woman denotes scorn for worldly things in general. No other nose is near so perfect as this, and the possessor does not have to wait long as Mike Auber did for something to turn up when she has something so handy for occasions.

A sharp pointed nose is indicative of great penetration and sharp language. The acutest held that possessors of such noses were good people to avoid, but they were old fogies evidently.

A flat, hard cheek denotes persistency and firmness of purpose, and shows that its owner cannot be put down or aside with impunity.

Red freshly painted cheeks, put on rather lavishly, denote the most delightful superficial modesty which is the chief charm of the society woman. If after a while much of it is left on your shoulder it implies surprise and profanity.

People with a dark-brown glass eye are generally inclined to seeing only one thing at a time, and are without widely extended views of life or other things, or of comprehensive matters in general.

A very red nose has got to be of late a sign of a counter, or I would say a counter-sig, denoting a certain mental tendency to the non compass vermentis state.

People wearing black wigs are generally fiery and passionate in disposition, and ardent in their loves, and some of them, in their spirits. They are awful people to have, and get out of patience in less than seven or eight years. Very unreasonable they are!

Women with small and close-set false teeth on gold plate are of a very confiding nature, and if they have a secret they will confide it to you to keep it—on the rounds. These teeth manifest great intelligence of everyday happenings and unhappenings, and you should endeavor to keep your own fingers from between them or you might find them pinched.

A short nose and a long upper lip attached to a pretty girl are characteristic of a girl who would not tear her hair out for kissing her, and you would be less liable to bump noses in the performance.

Large mouths accompanying women are indicative of great thought and contemplation—of how to converse in company and make their mouths small, so that all their talk won't fall out at once.

Two eyes very close together stand for business. The man who owns them is

very careful in trade; he sees like an eagle bore. Everybody will be his friend, except his enemies, and whenever he gets mad he becomes engaged; then his eyes are all nose.

Big ears are symptoms of generosity boiling over in exuberance, and show that the man has not been stingy—at least, in the matter of ears, and that there is nothing small about him. If he would not give a beggar at his gate anything, he would at least give him directions to the next house, or give him a thrashing if he was insulting.

Dark-brown eyebrows pasted on a lady's brows indicate that she would make a model step-mother after she had some practice with the hickory switch, and heard the first wife mention it a enough.

A short chin denotes plenty of muscle of this kind, as it isn't much to wag, unless it has a mole on.—[By Washington Whitehorn.]

LOST COPPER LORE FOUND.

Reported Important Discovery in the Lake Superior Region.

Boston, Oct. 20.—Prof. Alexander Agassiz, his sons, Maximilian and Rodolphe, and Henry A. C. Taylor have gone to the Lake Superior copper region.

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"DO IT NOW."

TAKE.



The best to be had for backache is the stomach, constipation, indigestion, sick headache, poor nervous system, a lame origin in the stomach. These three ailments best right, with the stomach, backache, indigestion, and the best blood purifier, and speedily and painlessly acts on the bowels, stimulates the liver and assists digestion, cleanses the system, and tones up the whole system, while purifying it, speedily cures all ailments, and for the cure of all ailments, see Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, Co., Montreal.

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