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WAKE UP ST. JOHN'S

Unlike a political contest, a civic election awakens little interest in St. John's, whereas in other cities it is the chief topic of conversation for weeks before hand, the canvassing by the candidates is energetically conducted, and the voters allow nothing to keep them away from the booths on polling day.

For a city with a population of over 36,000, it is not to our credit that such lack of interest is taken in the selection of its governing body, a matter which closely concerns one and all. Even if the powers of the Council under the Charter are restricted, and the revenue rightly due the city is withheld, these are not reasons, but merely weak excuses, for the apathy shown, for it stands to reason that so long as citizens are disinterested in the matter of civic elections just so long will the city be denied its full rights.

What St. John's requires is a body of men in office who can bring power to bear on the Legislature to compel recognition of these rights, men who are thoroughly aware of what is required to make this a modern city, and who possess the ability to deal with the problems and have time to devote to them. At present practically anyone who feels so inclined may offer himself as a candidate. He places his views in a general way before the public, and because he is unopposed by others who could, if they would, formulate a policy and make an effort if elected to have it carried out, he is returned. Then for four years he meets his colleagues once a week, takes part in discussions of a stereotyped nature, which for the most part are of a negative character. He has little to do with the work of the municipal employees, and draws his cheque which, if not large, is at any rate not altogether disproportionate to the amount of work performed.

Scarcely a day during a session of the Legislature, but the House is crowded. Has anyone ever heard of an audience during the weekly meeting of the Council? And yet the discussions are, or certainly ought to be, on matters which immediately concern us—the expenditure of our taxes, housing, sanitation, health, the condition of the streets, and a hundred and one other every day affairs. All that the public know of these discussions is contained in the meagre weekly report, which makes no mention of the stand taken by the individual members on any question, and is referred to for the most part in order to learn to whom permission has been granted or withheld to do this or that.

The lack of funds is the chief reason given for not proceeding with any suggested improvements, but it would be far nearer the truth to say that the shortage of funds was due to the waste incurred in the money expended. In the operations undertaken, the service given by the workmen is poor owing to the lack of proper supervision, and in many cases the work does not indicate expert knowledge of the difficulties to be overcome either in the planning or in the execution.

It would be interesting to know if there has ever been drawn up a definite plan of improvements for the city. How can there be, when houses which have been for years an obstruction to traffic and disfiguring to the street lines are rebuilt on the same site? How can there be, when a settlement such as that off Newtown Road is permitted to be made without the slightest regard to the position in which the houses are built, and lacking the most primitive facilities for the disposal of the sewerage? How can there be, when permission is given to erect a stable here, a garage or a factory there, without regard to the fact that it is right in the middle of a popular residential section?

In fact, is there anyone on the permanent staff of the Municipal Council who is familiar with the methods followed in up-to-date cities, or who is really capable of town planning? We submit that, judging from the operations carried on for years, there is not, and that is the chief reason for the backward condition of the city of St. John's at the present time.

Even when it comes to matters that are obviously primitive, unhygienic and objectionable, no attempt is made to alter them. The garbage is collected during the daytime, when citizens on their way to work get the full benefit of the clouds of ashes, and the provisions in the various grocery stores are poisoned by them; the night soil cart, which have been a horror for years, still rumble round the city about midnight, polluting the atmosphere, and we have good reason to believe, make their presence in certain quarters even more obnoxious by emptying a part of their contents down the already malodorous hoppers. Garbage of the most objectionable kind is dumped near residential sections, even in a part as populous as that near the Gas Works.

Under such circumstances can it be said that the permanent officials are showing that they are capable, and can it be said that the Councilors are really on the job?

Under the present system of elections candidates are elected to represent the city. Would it not be better if they represented a ward? At present their work is haphazard; would it not be more effective if they worked on a definite system? At present the improvements effected are spasmodic; would they not be to greater advantage if those responsible were following a clearly defined town planning scheme? The alteration in the general appearance of the city might be a slow process, but it would be sure, and permanent; whereas the improvements effected to-day are of a temporary nature, with the result that the patch is torn away from old material and the rent is made worse than it was before.

If there is to be a change in the existing state of affairs, the citizens of St. John's must awaken from their long sleep.

Clark-Bourlamaque Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

Mr. Francis J. Hunter begs to announce to the Stockholders of the above Company that he will return to Canada a week from to-day, and very soon afterwards the shares of the Bourlamaque will be raised from eighty cents, as at the present time, to one dollar to one twenty five.

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Motor Car on Fire

At 9 o'clock this morning, the fire apparatus from the Central Hall was called to 185 LeMarchant Road, where a motor car owned by Mr. E. J. Benson had caught fire. The owner was in the act of moving the machine from the garage when it caught ablaze. The car was badly damaged.

CONFEDERATION LIFE. — aug17.1mo

PEPPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

Oct. 31st.—Some knowledge of mountaineering seems necessary these days if I am to reach the office, since I must climb the embankments that are left on each side of the car tracks while the new rails are being laid. Troubled this day by bills from my wife's dressmakers, being that I had thought all her accounts were paid, and the new bills seem as large almost as if she had just bought her fall clothes. She tells me, however, that she did discard all her early fall gowns, since in the newest designs the waist line is a few inches higher. I did say nothing, yet would do a great deal if I might but lay my hands on the person who is responsible for these changing designs in women's fashions.

Am told how Mr. A. Bailey may contest the City Election, as a candidate for councillor, and do see in the news sheets how one, Mr. Collett, seeks others to join him that he may lead a civic party to the polls. So, methinks the election will be more interesting than most expected of it.

Home all this night, busy about my accounts and find my gettings but, since my spendings for the month, which if not good, is better than it might be. So ends this month of cold and storms such as I have never yet experienced and trust I will not again.

Nov. 1st, (Lord's Day)—A bitter cold day, like mid-January, so I home, and do remain by the fire, being the wisest and most comfortable place on such a day. Anon comes Povey and among other things tells me how there will be 2 women candidates for councillor, being Mrs. McNeill and Miss Kennedy, and will indeed make it an interesting election, seeing how 'twill be the 1st time that women will have taken a part in public life in this country. Indeed, I will now watch the result with the keenest interest where before I was mighty apathetic. Povey talks also of the Canadian elections and seems how King will continue in office tell the House opens where he will be at the mercy of the Progressives nor is his Government like to last long. Povey stays talking all the evening and in this manner, the day passes with much pleasant discourse and an odd drink.

Shakespeare says:—"The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity as iron is most strongly welded by the fiercest fire." We can also say that the comradeship of the years of War has welded us in unbreakable links to those who look to us for assistance, the distressed, the fatherless children and widows. Our outward sign of the responsibility of "That Pledge" is the Flinders Poppy. Let each of us wear it on Nov. 11th.—nov2.11

This Week at St. Thomas's

Monday—Young People's Mission Circle (Seniors), 8.15.
Tuesday—Junior Chapter Brotherhood, 7.15; Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Seniors), 8; St. Margaret's Guild, 8.
Wednesday—Monthly Meeting W.H. M.S. at 3 p.m.
Thursday—Young People's Mission Circle (Juniors), 4.15; Women's Bible Conference, 7.30 (Chapel).
Friday—Women's Association, 3; Evening Prayer and Address, 7.30; Choir Practice, 8.15.
Saturday—Intercessions, 8.

While Away Dull Cares

Positively if you want to forget you ever had a trouble; if you want to chase away your blues the writer knows of no better way than visit Mrs. Malone to-night at the Casino. Unquestionably John Burke's ascream as Dave Delaney and he's only a fair sample of the rest of the cast.

Incidentally, the net proceeds are for Belvedere Orphanage and the lions of the show are materially helping the little orphans by their presence.

Tickets are selling fast at Huttons and you are requested to get yours early.

Delicious Afternoon Teas served from 4 to 6 p.m., High Teas from 6 to 8 p.m. and Concert at 8 p.m., at the George St. Mission Circle Sale, on Wednesday, Nov. 4th.—nov2.11m.w

Yesterday at the Cathedral

Yesterday, All Saints Day, the services at the Anglican Cathedral were most appropriate to the festival and were attended throughout the day by large congregations. At Matins, Rev. Canon Jones, the rector, was the preacher and the sermon at Evensong was delivered by Rev. J. Brinton.

Following the evening service, a port organ recital was given by Mr. Jovan, the new Organist, who recently arrived from England, and was much enjoyed by all present.

Temperance Sunday at Wesley Church

At the morning service yesterday, Rev. Hammond Johnson was the preacher, taking his text from Genesis 4th chapter, 9th verse: "And the Lord said unto Cain, 'Where is Abel thy brother?' and Cain said, 'I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?'" Cain was a liar and a murderer, and the Rev. gentleman made this charge also against the Liquor traffic, and constituted his congregation a jury to decide if the charge was proven. He quoted insurance statistics showing 11 per cent. more deaths occurred in the families of users of intoxicants than in those of total abstainers, and that twenty-five per cent. of suicides was from that cause, and further that twenty-five per cent. of the inmates of insane Asylums were there directly or indirectly through strong drink. Intoxicants promise to give strength of body, strength of mind, good sight; it also promises to enrich a country, but those promises are a lie both to individuals and countries which they have discovered. He next proceeded to show that the liquor traffic was also a murderer, and quoted statistics to show that war was a mild thing compared with loss by the drink curse, for while war had slain its thousands, alcohol has slain its tens of thousands. He deplored the awful perils of the sea and how mothers and wives were distressed over the loss of loved ones, but the lament of a mother over the death of a drunken son which rum had robbed of his manhood and sent to death was more terrible. This evil is not an impersonal one, but must be accepted as a personal one and combatted by all the power at our disposal. Jesus believed in a personal devil in closing the rev. gentleman pointed out that the Jesus identified Himself with all the weak and suffering ones, and showed that those who minister to the victims of the drink traffic and endeavour to help them are doing it, "Inasmuch, unto Him." A man's relationship to the drink question is after all a matter of personal relationship to Jesus. This forceful deliverance so incompletely reported was followed with intense interest by the large congregation present.

At the evening service Rev. H. B. Stanger was a special preacher. He is Field Secretary of Religious Education for the Maritime Provinces, and has been itinerating in Twillingate District in the interests of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Work. We have space but to indicate the general line of thought followed by the speaker. In part he said that the highest life demands that adult and younger folk shall co-operate with one another. Every human being is of such value that the youngest or most uncouth must not be neglected. And the dependence of youth on adults and that of adults on youth indicate that there must be co-operation. Youth is indebted to adults for protection and love. Adults are indebted to youth for the future of the community, and for the future of the church and for development of character in loving and unselfish service and sacrifice. Adults because of larger experience should accept larger responsibility for youth. They need to realize the conditions in which youth lives and should provide intelligent and efficient training for them. Adults can help most by living in Christian association with youth in home, church, pleasure, business and recreation. Youth will do its part by loyalty to God's will within the soul and by obedience to conscience. The larger proportion of young men and women in the congregation expressed the great interest taken in this live subject so ably dealt with by the preacher. It is regrettable that five soprano voices were absent from the choir. Revs. Ira F. Curtis and J. F. Clarke assisted the Pastor in the administration of the Sacrament of "The Lord's Supper."—A.W.M.

Magistrate's Court

One drunk, arrested Saturday night was released on deposit of \$1.00.

A case against a business man, charged with a breach of the Highway Traffic Act was postponed until Wednesday, owing to the party being ill.

Ingersoll Guessing Contest

AT AYRE & SONS' BOOTH AT THE FAIR.

Thousands of Guesses Were Recorded From All Over Newfoundland. The watch ran 32 hours, 4 minutes and 9 seconds. As no one recorded the exact time the 1st prize of a Reliance Ingersoll Watch or Lady's Wrist Watch goes to Miss Ada Martin, 75 Circular Road, who guessed 32 hours, 14 minutes, 7 seconds, the nearest to the correct time.

The second prize of an "Ingersoll Yankee" Watch goes to Mr. Ronald White, 35 Leslie Street. In congratulating the winners we hope they will receive the same satisfactory results from their prizes as the "Ingersoll Watch" users have experienced the world over.

S.S. Alredale, from Montreal direct, is due here to-night.

Geraldine Mary Reaches Port

ABANDONED STICKLESTAD AFTER TWO DAYS TOWING—"RELIEF" TO THE RESCUE.

S.S. Geraldine Mary, after an unsuccessful attempt to tow the disabled ore boat Sticklestad, arrived in port this morning at 6.30 for bunker coal. It is possible that she will finish tomorrow morning and proceed to England with her cargo of paper, as she is now 20 days out from Botwood. The Sticklestad has been drifting about the ocean since Oct. 5th with a broken shaft, and her provisions are running low. She had about two weeks' supply on Friday last, but it was expected that on the next day the S.S. Victor Emanuel would be alongside when the necessary provisions would be given provided the weather permitted. In messages that passed between the ships the captain of the Victor Emanuel stated he was prepared to stand by the Sticklestad for 24 hours in order to make the transfer.

From Messrs. Furness Withy Co. it is learned that the Sticklestad is about 300 miles E.N.E. of St. John's, and that the American tug "Relief" would be alongside her to-day. Passengers on the Geraldine Mary state that the ship must now be half way across the Atlantic, as when last sighted she was about 500 miles off and drifting before a North-west gale. The Geraldine Mary had the disabled ship in tow for two and a half days, and during this time succeeded in bringing her less than 200 miles. At times not more than 2 miles per hour was made. Capt. Whitmer of the Geraldine Mary is beaten out by his trying experience as during the past week he has had but little sleep. Rough weather and the parting of a six inch steel salvage rope compelled him to abandon the attempt at towage. The large cast iron bollards at was smashed in three pieces and the next one was started by the strain. The cable which was hitched to all the towing bits on the port side snapped close to the stern of the Geraldine Mary, and about 70 fathoms was left on board the Sticklestad. The Geraldine Mary has as passengers, Mr. R. C. Duckfield of the E. Reid Co., his wife and child and Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain. Mr. Duckfield states that the manner in which Capt. Whitmer maneuvered his ship in the various attempts to connect with the Sticklestad could scarcely be excelled in seafaring annals. The Geraldine Mary was 130 miles from the Sticklestad when the S.O.S. came. The ship's course was altered, and at 8 a.m. the following morning the disabled ship was seen on the horizon. Coming alongside nothing could be done for that day owing to a storm of wind and mountainous seas. For two days the Geraldine Mary was obliged to stand by, during which time messages were exchanged. The first attempt made to connect a line was by launching a barrel from the Sticklestad. This could not be picked up and the Geraldine Mary had to again manoeuvre for position. When this was effected, after many hours, a second barrel was launched, but as soon as it was caught, the line parted. Then a third manoeuvre for position was made, and the third barrel floated off. This one had a life buoy attached so that it would be easier to grapple. Floating lines on rats from the Geraldine Mary were then tried but with no more success.

After the last attempt the captain, by skilful management, brought his ship close to the Sticklestad and allowed the latter to launch a lifeboat with a line attached. This was secured by those on the Geraldine Mary, but preparations to bring a line had scarcely begun when it parted. Another attempt by the men on the Sticklestad was made, and this time successfully. The towing hawser from the Geraldine Mary was connected on to the anchor chains of the Sticklestad and the towing began on Tuesday last. For two and a half days the Geraldine Mary tugged away until 4 a.m. Thursday, when the cable snapped and carried away the bollard. Nothing further could be done and the Geraldine Mary bore up for port arriving here this morning.

Member of Malakoff's Injured by Heavy Sea
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED AT KING'S COVE.
Special to Evening Telegram.
KING'S COVE, Nov. 2.
The following message has been received from the Telegram correspondent at King's Cove:—
On Saturday evening last while the S.S. Malakoff was passing Southern Head on the way from St. John's to Blandford she shipped a heavy sea. One of the crew Hunt, of Wesleyville, was thrown against the bulwark and received a severe wound in the head. The ship proceeded on her way and arrived safely at Openhall, where the services of a doctor were procured and ten stitches had to be put in the wound. It is said that there are shoals in the vicinity where the accident occurred not accurately charted. A very heavy sea has been running here the past few days causing considerable damage to the Government wharf and shed. One motor boat was destroyed, but shipping in port rode it out safely. CORRESPONDENT.

Missed Steamer on Saturday

Owing to the early sailing of the Red Cross boat on Saturday, one passenger who was here last summer for the first time, missed the trip. On inquiry at the steamship office it was ascertained that he failed to get the required passport owing to being over-weight. Meanwhile he is giving his services to-night at the Casino in the capacity of Baby Jack. He weighs six hundred and forty seven pounds.

Lady Candidates in Civic Elections

We understand that in the coming civic elections two lady candidates will take part in the contest, namely: Mrs. J. McNeil and Miss May Kennedy. This will be for the first time in our history that the men have not had the field to themselves.

WINNER OF CONGOLEUM SQUARE.

The drawing for the winner of the Congoium Square, given away by Bowring Brothers, Ltd., took place Saturday night and Mr. Andrew Devereaux, Harvey Road, was declared the lucky winner.

During the month of November we will give away, each day, ONE LADIES' DRESSING GOWN, worth \$5.00, FREE. Every person who visits our store may register and has a chance to win one.

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From the Muezzin's Tower

The Oriental Dance takes place in Grenfell Temple on November 19.

The Oriental Fete takes place in Grenfell Temple on November 20.

All Baba and his Forty Thieves will be in attendance but have promised to steal only a few hours from the night. The music of the Robber Band is guaranteed to steal over you imperceptibly.

One kind of Turkish delight is to have a Christian on the business end of his scimitar. The other is the delicious sweetmeat to be sold by Turkish maidens at the Fete.

Don't flirt with any of the veiled maidens you see lounging around the Courtyard. One of them may turn out to be your best girl.

The night after the Dance an Oriental Fete will take place and you can buy anything you require from Persian Pussycats to White Elephants.

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BORN.
On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at the Grace Maternity Hospital, to J. and Mrs. Stuckless (nee Laura Aley) a son. Mother and baby doing well.

DIED.
This morning after an illness of long duration, Sarah Ann Murrin, widow of George Murrin, aged 68 years, leaving four brothers, 2 daughters and 1 son; funeral from her daughter's residence, 40 William St., on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. —nov2.11

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Capt. W. J. Cook, died Nov. 2, 1920. To the memory of him we loved so well.
His spirit is gone with Christ to dwell;
Dear John, we miss you as the days go by
And shall, I know, until I too shall die.
When I hope to meet you at the Throne.
Where we shall know as we are known.
Father.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Geo. C. Whitten and family wish to thank all kind friends who sent wreaths, notes of sympathy or in any way helped to lighten the sorrow felt by the sudden death of a beloved wife and mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. H. E. Pettie wishes to thank all her numerous friends who sent her letters or telegrams of sympathy in her recent great loss, and especially those who went to her assistance in her trouble.

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2nd—Everyone, Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys and Girls can nominate and vote.

3rd—To nominate, fill out coupon below and mail immediately to our Committee at G.W.V.A. Rooms, St. John's. Should more than one person send in the name of same lady, only the first one received at our headquarters will be credited to the candidate; all coupons received in duplicate returned to senders and only the first hundred free votes credited to the nominee.

4th—After a lady is duly nominated, her standing will be published in this newspaper each day.

5th—Most popular lady to be known as Miss or Mrs. Newfoundland, and receive first prize a handsome diamond ring. Second high lady will receive a beautiful gold wrist watch. Third high lady a gold prize.

6th—Additional votes can be secured from shop-keepers most everywhere or direct from our committee at one cent each.

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1st Prize: Round Trip to New York for two, or \$1,000.00; Five other prizes.

TWO SURE THINGS:

1. The Sweep will be drawn on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1925.

2. Every Ticket sold will have an equal chance of winning a Prize.

TICKETS: 10 CENTS. BUY A FEW EVERY DAY.
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Personals

Mr. J. H. Fulmore, Superintendent of Motive Power, Newfoundland Government Railway, left by yesterday's express, enroute to Pittsburgh, to visit his mother, who is very ill. Mrs. J. H. Fulmore accompanied him.
Mr. Peter J. Cashin left by yesterday's express for Corner Brook on business for his firm.
Major Butler, in charge of the Employment Bureau, at Corner Brook, is at present in the city.
Mr. J. E. McLurg, Vice-President Beaco mines, left by yesterday's express for his home in Sydney, N.S.

TRAIN NOTES.—The express reached the city at 1 p.m. The Carbonar train arrival on time (12.25 p.m.) The Humber Special goes out at 5 p.m. and will connect with the Sagana at Humbermouth for the Straits.

Caibou arrived at North Sydney yesterday morning.

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT IN THIS HOUSE.

Government Boats

Argyle left Petite Pointe 11.45 a.m. Saturday, outward.

Portia arrived Argentina noon yesterday.

Prospero left Lewisporte 4 p.m. Saturday, coming north.

Gloucester leaving Argentina this afternoon.

Home, no report since leaving Lewisporte 4 p.m. Friday.

Kyle at Port aux Basques awaiting arrival Sunday's express.

Melgie at Shambler's Cove noon Saturday, going north.

Sagana at Humbermouth.

Malakoff left Port Blandford 7.50 a.m.

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