

February 3, 1904.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Liberals have decided to hold a provincial convention. Evidently we are in for a season of active politics.

Wolves are reported to be numerous and savage in Ontario this winter. This item has no political significance.

The Fredericton papers are taking almost as lively an interest in the St. John campaign as if they were being waged in York county.

One redeeming feature about this winter is the fact that we shall be able to enjoy thirty days to tell our grandchildren ghost stories about it.

The man who makes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before takes second place as a benefactor to the citizen who puts one bushel of ashes or sand where the glare lies.

Although the price of steel rails in the United States is quoted at \$28 per ton, the Pennsylvania Steel Company is said to have sold 40,000 tons to the C. P. R. to be delivered next summer at \$21.75, laid down in Montreal.

Canadian live stock breeders, says an exchange, are not to be blamed for declining to exhibit at St. Louis. They can well afford to stay away from United States exhibitions until they are fairly treated in the matter of herd books and pedigree.

Referring to the proposed new steamship berths the Fredericton Gleaner says: "The people of Fredericton are interested in the development of St. John as a winter port and many of the readers of the Gleaner will also be interested in the tenders for the necessary timber for building these wharves."

A despatch from Ottawa states that arrangements are being made for a big political meeting in Montreal this week, to open the Liberal campaign in St. James division. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine and the Hon. L. P. Brodeur will probably be present to support the candidature of Mr. Gervais.

An Ottawa letter to a Toronto paper gives some interesting speculations relative to the staff of the railway commission. It is pointed out that, as there is no practical railway man on the commission, the staff may be made to include one or more gentlemen of practical experience. This letter suggests that Mr. Pugsley, who has been secretary of the railway committee of the privy council for years, and who is a cousin of Attorney-General Pugsley, may be made secretary of the commission, and that C. J. Smith, traffic manager

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of the Canada Atlantic, may be appointed as the traffic expert, whose task may possibly be as large as that of a commissioner.

As had been anticipated, Hon. Mr. Emerson was on Saturday re-elected by acclamation. The minister will no doubt take some part in the St. John campaign, the character of which will be more easily determined when the Conservatives have named their candidate, for which purpose they will meet this evening.

Factory men in Ontario who last season refused 12 cents per pound for cheese are now loaded up with stock for which the highest offer, according to the Mail and Empire, is 9 cents. In Oxford county alone there is said to be over \$300,000 of cheese stored. It does not always pay to hold for higher prices.

Premier McBride of British Columbia informed the legislature last week that sixteen railway propositions are before the government, but no assistance will be given to any road which does not mean business. The trouble is that it generally takes some years after the aid has been granted to discover that the business which the promoters of the road meant, and that which the government meant, were entirely different propositions.

A Methodist church in Toronto has decided to have a standing advertisement every evening in one of the city papers, to take the place of pulpit notices and inform the members from day to day of all that is going on in the church. It is longer?"

an eminently practical reform. Advertising should be as valuable to a good cause as a doubtful one. And there are doubtful ones which flourish by that means.

The following interesting statement is made by Rev. J. G. Shearer, of the Lord's Day Alliance, who is well known in the lower provinces as well as in the west: "Indications are that at the next session of the Federal House a member of the Cabinet from Quebec will introduce a bill for the enforcing of Sabbath observance from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This measure is to be upheld by the Roman Catholic church, as well as by the Protestants. Several of the archbishops whom I have seen are heartily in sympathy with the proposed bill."

Personal Intelligence.

John Humphrey, formerly of St. John, but until recently with P. Burns & Co., in Greenwood (B. C.), has been promoted to the firm's head office in Calgary. Greenwood curriers presented to him a pair of curling stones.

Rev. G. M. Young, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), has accepted the call unanimously tendered him by the quarterly official board of Fairville Methodist church.

Mrs. A. M. Hill, wife of Rev. A. M. Hill, Fairville, is now out of danger and is gradually recovering from her illness.

Sympathetic—Toast master (to chairman of public dinner)—"Would you like to propose your toast now, my lord, or should we let 'em enjoy themselves a bit longer?"

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AN ACADIAN ADONIS.

The Liberal press of the maritime provinces has had a lecture read to it. The self-constituted censor of its morals is the Apollo of eloquence, Mr. Hance Logan. A lecture on ethics is sometimes dry. One from such an authority cannot fail to be entertaining. It would seem that the leader of the "white waistcoat brigade" in the house of commons is not like Buddha, perpetually absorbed in the contemplation of his own perfection. Narcissus is apt occasionally to tear himself away from the reflection of his own pretensions to admire the beauty of truth, loyalty, constancy and rectitude. Let it be hoped that he finds this an agreeable recreation.

The passage of time may make the most faultless features coarse and the most exquisite figure obese, but the beauty of the moral law is imperishable, and its contemplation an undying delight. Mr. Logan's admiration of the virtues soars to as high a pitch as the tone in which he casts his weighty words of wisdom.

Those who have heretofore named Mr. Logan's speeches to the hollow echoes of sounding brass and tinkling cymbal must pause in wonder, at the new note Acadia's adonis has struck. They must no longer despise him as a boy politician, nor sneer at him as the Harry Lehr of the Liberal party. They must revise their opinion of the new prophet at his rise in state.

When Mr. Hance Logan lectures Liberal journals on seamanship they must forget some things. When he exhorts them to joyousness and gladness, they must forget the man who, owing almost everything to Hon. A. G. Blair, was the first, after the minister's resignation, to rise in the house of commons and pour abuse and contumely upon the leader in whose private car he used to travel, and whom he had formerly favored, upon and flattered.

When Mr. Hance Logan speaks of unselfish devotion to the public weal, they must forget, certainly, luxurious European towns. When he admonishes newspapers on the score of consistency, they must forget the individual who was elected to parliament on ardent professions of free trade, and who is now on the stump making speeches justifying a tariff embodying a protective principle.

When Mr. Hance Logan extols the singleness of purpose, they must forget that there are politicians who promised the people cheap coal oil, but have made coal oil dear by supporting the granting of a monopoly to the Standard Oil trust, and have received from the trust contributions to their campaign funds.

If only they can, in the words of Hon. Mr. Siragusa, "forget some things," they will experience much edification from Mr. Logan's ethical discourses. Those who cannot forget, say, in contemplating Mr. Logan in his now role, see visions of "the sucking pig" playing on the hole of the asp. As for us, to whom Mr. Logan's moral maxims were particularly addressed, we can but say that we received his admonitions with all the respect which such words from such a source deserve.

THE C. P. R. AGREEMENT.

In the civic arena the greatest interest will now centre in the proposed agreement with the C. P. R. The full text is not yet ready, but an interim report will be handed in to the city council on Monday, after which the public will know exactly how the matter stands. The leading features may be here indicated:—

- (1) The city to construct the new wharf at Sand Point.
- (2) Warehouses and tracks to be built by the railway company.
- (3) The wharf and land to be leased to the company for forty years at such rental, not exceeding five per cent. per annum on actual cost, as would provide interest and sinking fund.
- (4) The company to maintain the wharf in good condition.
- (5) At the end of forty years the company to have the right to renew the lease, and so on in perpetuity for similar periods, at a rental based on the present annual value of the land.
- (6) The city to discontinue Union street for vehicular traffic south of Charlotte street, to give place to railway tracks, etc.
- (7) The city to provide land for ship and deck accommodation.
- (8) The company to have full control of wharf and berths, with the right of assigning the berths to vessels with freight for or from C. P. R. points.
- (9) Exemption of the property from taxation.
- (10) The cost of present or future dredging to be omitted from cost of construction.

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(11) The city to convey to the company the water lots (about forty acres) from Fort Dufferin to Beatty's Rocks.

(12) Necessary provincial legislation to be procured ratifying the agreement.

(13) A formal agreement and lease to be executed.

The civic committee first got the company to agree to raise the rental to a sum "not exceeding five and a quarter per cent. per annum." Then it took up Clauses 8, 9 and 11, and proposed alterations.

In clause 5 it proposed that the renewal rental be fixed by arbitration at the end of forty years, at the then annual value of the land.

Clause 8 was made to stipulate that freight originating in New Brunswick, or consigned to a St. John merchant, should pay wharfage and other tolls and fees to the city, the latter in consideration of this contributing a proportionate sum to the cost of wharf maintenance.

Clause 11 was altered to read that the water lots be leased to the company for a term of ten years, and if the company should in that time fill them in and make them suitable for railway purposes the city should then convey them to the company.

This is about the present position with regard to the agreement, which will have to be further considered, perhaps amended, and discussed by the city council at an early date.

At the meeting of the civic committee yesterday, Ald. Baxter expressed himself dissatisfied with Clause 11, even as amended. He argued that the city should not be compelled to wait ten years before taking action, if the company failed to utilize the water lots. He would favor an arrangement whereby if the company did not construct a sea wall and give positive evidence of a determination to utilize the property, and some other company did want it, the city could regain possession. He felt that it was most important to keep an open door, if events should transpire as he had suggested. He further argued that there should be a provision for accommodating seavoice through those lots.

This question of the water lots is likely to be one of the most interesting to be discussed by the council. The above summary of the whole agreement gives the essential features, subject, of course, to amendment.

It is evident, as has already been intimated by The Telegraph, that the chief bone of contention in the proposed agreement with the C. P. R. is the lease of the water lots, some forty acres, between Fort Dufferin and Beatty's Rocks, to the company for ten years, with a stipulation that if they utilize the property for yards and tracks it shall at the expiration of ten years be granted to them.

The members of the civic committee were not themselves unanimous as to the terms proposed, even as amended. Ald. Baxter's objections, which were stated on Saturday, are also those of some others. It must not be taken for granted, however, that in negotiating with reference to these lots the committee were volunteering to give away something to the C. P. R. It was stated in the city council yesterday that the railway company would not consider the question of the berths at all unless an agreement of some kind with reference to these lots for yard room was included. They were then asked for an absolute grant at the outset, but later modified their demand and agreed to take a lease, with a provision for a grant after ten years if they utilized the property in the meantime.

So far as could be gathered from the discussion yesterday, some arrangement with regard to yard room is necessary or the deal concerning the new berths is off altogether. If that be true the city is face to face with this situation: Either they must make terms with the C. P. R., or they must go on and build the new berths themselves, trusting to the future for a paying business, or they must throw up the sponge, let the government they do not want any dredges at present, and sit down and wait for something to turn up.

In plain English, that is the position, and no amount of abuse of the C. P. R., or criticism of the civic committee or the deal concerning the new berths is of any use. That is what the council must remember when it meets next Friday.

It was stated emphatically yesterday by members of the committee that the granting of those shore lots to the C. P. R. will not shut out any other company from Sand Point, since they can go in and build wharves right in front of those lots. It was also stated that the C. P. R. would no doubt give back to the city the strip of 1,000 feet they now own, from the C. P. R. wharf down toward the Beacon. Of course these statements, if true, can be confirmed.

for a "dimmed" and perplexing situation.

That can best be done by treating the whole question in a business-like manner. The interim report of the committee is now before the public. It might very properly be discussed by the merchants and others having the interests of the city at heart.

The civic committee deserve great credit for having devoted so much time and attention to the matter, and they are entitled to the assumption that they have acted in good faith, and not without a sense of their responsibility as representatives of the city. If the result of their work thus far is not satisfactory, they have at least done their best. The result is before the people, and it is now for the people to express their views, having always in mind the facts of the case and the urgency of the situation.

There are two dredges ready for work, and it has been decided to give them something to do. That indicates a desire for new berths. These must either be provided by the city alone, or by the city and the C. P. R. It has been declared over and over again that the city cannot afford to spend another dollar. If that be true, there is the other alternative. The question should be decided one way or the other without delay.

THE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

The Conservative convention Monday night without a dissenting voice nominated J. W. Daniel, M. D., as their candidate in the current campaign for a seat in the commons at Ottawa. Until yesterday Dr. Daniel had not been mentioned at all on the street, though he may have been in the minds of the leaders of the party.

This is Dr. Daniel's first introduction to the political arena, aside from civic affairs, but he has always been a strong supporter of the Conservative party. But since he sat as an alderman for three years, and was for two years mayor of St. John, it cannot be said that he is lacking in knowledge and experience. As a matter of fact he is a clever public speaker, and has taken an active part in public affairs.

Dr. Daniel is a son of the late Rev. Henry Daniel, so well known to the Methodist church of this province for over sixty years. Dr. Daniel has been president of the New Brunswick Medical Society, is a member of the St. John Board of health and hospital commission, has been president of St. George's Society, and holds the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel in the 3rd Regt. C. A.

Dr. Daniel was first elected to the city council in 1894, and was re-elected in 1898 and 1897. After that he was mayor for two years, holding that office at the time the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York visited the city. When an alderman he was chairman of the treasury board, and as alderman and mayor he had a great deal to do with questions relating to winter port development.

It will thus be seen that the Conservative candidate is in touch with the affairs of the city at all points, and is well equipped for public life. What strength he will develop in a political campaign such as that which is now in progress remains to be seen. Personally he is widely known and esteemed as a good citizen.

The fight is now on.

MORE ELECTIONS.

It appears to be reasonably certain that Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., will be the next Surveyor General of New Brunswick. The Gazette, which no doubt reflects the feeling of a leading member of the administration, in its issue of Monday evening, said:

By the resignation of the Solicitor General, which is necessitated by his acceptance of the candidacy for parliament, and by the appointment of the Surveyor General to the office of Collector of Customs, which is a now certain will take place very shortly, there will be two vacancies in this constituency. Then, owing to the fact that St. John city and county have six representatives in the legislature, and to the great importance of the chief commercial community of the province being represented in the government, it is reasonably certain that one of the present representatives will be asked to take his position in the executive. Mr. George Robertson is generally spoken of as the one likely to receive this distinction. Should he be appointed to a portfolio, there will then be three elections. As the legislature will likely be called together some time during the latter part of this month, in order to have the seats filled before the session it will be necessary to bring the elections on without delay, so that it is not unlikely that the people of St. John city and county will, in the course of the next few weeks, be called upon to choose four representatives, one for the Dominion Parliament and three for the local legislature.

The above article may no doubt be accepted as forthcoming events which are actually to occur. The St. John constituencies certainly have an undoubted right to a representative in the government, since they have heretofore had two. There is much speculation concerning the office of solicitor general, but though several names have been mentioned, that of Hon. Mr. Sweney, of Westmorland, perhaps the most frequently, yet there is as yet no definite assurance.

So far as Mr. Robertson is concerned, there can be no question as to his ability, and if for many years he has lived in the city he has never lost touch with those interests which are peculiarly within the province of the Surveyor General.

WHITAKER WRIGHT.

The Telegraph today prints an interesting story of the career of Whitaker Wright, the tragic end of whose life was the sensation of the week. At twenty-one years of age he had not a

cent. He went to the American west and made \$10,000. After that he was known to the New York and London Stock Exchange, and then as the promoter of companies which, in 1899, numbered forty-two. Then came the gigantic London & Globe Finance Company, into which money was poured like water by trusting investors, and the collapse of which astounded the financial world. "That day," says one writer, "will ever be remembered as London's Black Friday." The story of the disclosures of the last three years is well remembered, and now Wright is dead. Writing to a friend in New York in December last, he said: "I expect next month will see the end of all my troubles." The prediction was fulfilled.

In connection with the tragedy the Boston Herald recalls an interesting fact and makes the following observations:—"The familiar proposition that truth is stranger than fiction is again illustrated by the career of Whitaker Wright, which furnished Harold Frederic with the material for his novel, The Market Place. In the novel, Promoter Wright is described under the guise of Stormont Thorpe, and his remarkable achievements in finance make the story exciting. The hero achieves wonderful success, and disaster hasn't overtaken him when the story closes. Mr. Frederic was not a sensationalist. Probably he thought aside by his hero would be quite too awful."

A FOOLISH PANIC.

There can be no objection to the widest discussion of the proposed agreement between the city and the C. P. R. with regard to the proposed new steamship berths. On the contrary it is desirable that the question should be fully threshed out before any signature is placed at the foot of an agreement. But there is no reason at this stage to vote a want of confidence in the committee which has had the matter in charge, as was practically done by the city council yesterday, oddly enough with the approval of some members of the committee.

The committee have devoted a great deal of time and attention to this question. Their report, which is printed in today's Telegraph, shows that they have succeeded in gaining from the C. P. R. some modifications of the proposals originally made by the company, and they asked for authority to continue negotiations, with the explicit understanding that no agreement would be made until it had been submitted to the council for approval. The Telegraph has felt that the committee might have taken the public confidence at an earlier stage, but deferred to their judgment in the matter, with the assurance that the fullest opportunity would eventually be given for discussion of the whole scheme. Yesterday the committee fulfilled their pledge by making a full statement of the negotiations up to the present time. They should have been given the authority they asked to go on and deal further with the matter, for if they are not able to arrive at a satisfactory agreement it is quite clear that the thing cannot be done. As it is, they have practically been told that their labor is not appreciated, and that the council doubt either their ability or their good faith. In either case the action of the council yesterday was in a very bad taste.

DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

The Ontario colonization department reports that the arrivals of English farm laborers in that province this season are larger than last. Last week ninety arrived, and fifty or sixty this week. The department has several agencies through which it is able to reach the desirable class in the old country and is also receiving more hearty co-operation from Ontario farmers, a large number of whom are applying for men to work throughout the year. Some, also, are providing cottages in which married help may live. The more energetic of these immigrant laborers will, of course, take up land themselves within a few years of their arrival, and become valuable citizens. This is the kind of immigration which, next after the class possessed of some capital, is likely to be of most value to Canada. There is always a drift of our own people from the country toward the cities, and there are always eager traders. Tillers of the soil are needed, and if they come with practical experience gained in the old country they can soon adapt themselves to the new conditions and become themselves producers of wealth and a source of strength to the country. The province of Ontario has agents of its own in the old country through which, as well as the dominion and private agencies, it may reach these people.

A CONSCIENTIOUS MAN.

A good deal of objection has been made to the levying of succession duties, but the prejudice is apparently being overcome, and this source of revenue regarded as a legitimate one. The Toronto Globe gives a curious and exceptional instance of a man's desire to meet the requirements of the law. It says:—

"A testator in eastern Ontario in making his will fixed himself the amount of succession duty under it at \$2,000, and made provision that if the amount properly collectible under the legislative scale did not come up to that sum it should be increased by a sufficient contribution from the estate itself. A few years ago," adds the Globe, "such an incident could hardly have occurred, and even yet the prevalent disposition in both devisors and devisees is to 'beat' the government if they can do so."