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THE CLIQUE AT WORK

The citizens committee which is conducting the campaign in favor of the adoption of the commission plan of government will see the propriety of acting with promptness, and with a determination that the public shall not be hoodwinked by any group of persons who have reasons of their own for desiring a continuance of the present system. The Standard this morning says:—

"A movement is now on foot among the citizens, supported by the majority of the common council, to introduce such reforms into the present system as will result in a smaller council, more frequent meetings to expedite business, and other improvements as experience may suggest."

The gentlemen for whom the Standard speaks, and in whose behalf it has grossly misrepresented the whole case, had not the slightest intention of introducing any "reforms" until the agitation for the adoption of a new system had assumed formidable proportions. Their "experience" had not led them either to suggest or desire any "improvements" until the whole system was threatened.

This reference is not to the whole council, but to the little clique for whom the Standard speaks, and who are determined to resist any action that might endanger their prospects as bosses of the city. The Times refuses to believe that this latest dodge to kill the commission has the support of a majority of the members of the council.

The Standard endeavors to create the impression that this demand for a plebiscite on the question of a reduced council comes from the people, and the Times is charged with a desire to refuse the people an opportunity to express their views. The truth is that the latest scheme has been hatched by a clique to confuse the public mind. The people asked for a plebiscite on the commission plan. A small group of aldermen, who might be legislated out of office by the commission plan, are the persons who are now seeking another plebiscite, and the Standard is their mouthpiece.

This, then, is the situation. Mayor Frink and the best element of the city council agree that the present system of city government is bad, and they favor the commission plan; but another element of the council wants no change, and is engineering "a movement," under the guise of reform, to defeat the commission plan. It is also useless for these gentlemen to proclaim themselves the champions of liberty and fair play, or to charge the Times or anybody else with attempting to interfere with the right of the people to express their opinions. The people will express their opinion, whether there be one plebiscite or a dozen. The little clique of aldermen may do their worst to bedevil the issue, but the people will move straight forward to a complete change of the present system of city government. And in that movement they will have the sympathy of the mayor and the better element in the council.

If it can be shown that there is any desire on the part of the citizens to have a plebiscite on the question of reducing the number of aldermen and holding on to the present system, the Times will endorse the action of the council in making provision therefor. The right to have a plebiscite on one question involves the right to have a plebiscite on another. What this journal claims is that the present demand for a second plebiscite is engineered by a few aldermen to confuse the public mind, and if possible to retain the present system with all its imperfections except that the number of aldermen would be reduced. Moreover, even if a second plebiscite were called for, the Times is quite confident that the commission plan will carry. On one side are the great mass of the citizens, who are weary of an outworn system; on the other are a few interested individuals working in diverse ways upon prejudice and public sentiment to serve their own ends.

MISREPRESENTATION

Ald. Black of Ottawa, who spent a day or two in St. John, gave an interview to the Standard, in which he is thus reported:—"He thought from what he could learn while in the city that St. John was well governed, and did not think the necessity for any change was at all comparable to that of Ottawa or Cedar Rapids where, according to the lecturer of Tuesday evening, a

million obtained which made extraordinary steps absolutely essential."

Ottawa can ill spare, even for a brief trip to Mexico, so discerning a man as Ald. Black, who in a couple of days can determine whether a city needs a change of government. Laying this aside, however, it may be pointed out that Ald. Black—or the Standard—utterly misrepresents the conditions in Cedar Rapids prior to the adoption of the commission plan, and misrepresents also what Mr. Sherman said about them. Mr. Sherman distinctly stated that there were no extraordinary conditions. There was incompetence and waste, and the new system substituted business methods and completely changed the conditions. This is exactly what we want in St. John. Attempts to patch up the present system have always resulted in failure. What is wanted is a complete change in the system.

BENEFITS OF RECIPROCITY

The Ottawa Journal, Conservative, like the Citizen, does not see any danger to Canada in reciprocity with the United States. It expresses the view that the change would be of general benefit. If there should be a higher cost of food to our own people here and there as the result of a larger market for the farmer, two factors would quickly affect the situation. Thus:—

"First, the increased profits of farming will stimulate farming, will cause a greater production of food, and so tend naturally to a return to lower prices. Secondly, the greater profits of farming at first, or latterly the increased amount of farming done, must stimulate national prosperity, and result in better profits and higher wages to the mercantile and industrial classes, so that even if food remains more costly, people will have more money to pay for it. The Journal imagines that the first effect of reciprocity will be to increase the price of food in Canada a little; here and there; but that very speedily the stimulus given to food production in Canada by the arrangement will result in national advantage which will more than compensate a majority of the people."

A Saskatchewan farmer writes to President Estabrook of the board of trade that after twelve years he is tired of the long drive and severe winter there, and asking the price of farm lands in New Brunswick. This bit of information should be given the widest publicity. There is no more desirable home for farmers in all Canada than in this province.

It is a curious fact that certain interests in both the United States and Canada are opposed to reciprocity. The more is changed, the more is desired, however, and the more general the expression of views, the clearer it becomes that the high-tariff men cannot have their way. It is clear from the Ottawa despatches that the Conservative party is itself divided, while the Liberals present a solid front.

In the public accounts committee yesterday Mr. Carvell showed that a false report of evidence submitted in the Dalhousie dredging enquiry had been printed in the opposition press. Mr. Carvell also showed that Mr. Crockett had pursued his favorite tactics in conveying a false impression to the committee relative to the dredge used at Dalhousie. Exposure does not daunt Mr. Crockett, however; and he may be relied on to pursue the same policy in all matters relating to the department of the minister of public works.

The decision of the Peaseport Pulp and Paper Company to adopt a policy of reforestation on their property in New Brunswick will direct public attention more generally to this important matter. The provincial government might well devote some attention to the matter of planting trees on areas now barren, which a generation hence might be a source of wealth to the province. While our forests are being rapidly denuded no practical step has been taken to ensure constancy of supply.

Eleven cities in the state of Illinois have lately adopted the commission plan of government. In the state of New York a state-wide campaign for the adoption of the plan in the cities of the state was decided upon a few days ago by a great convention of representatives from twenty-three cities. Considerably more than one hundred cities are now governed by the new system, and the number is rapidly growing. It is a great popular movement for better municipal government, and wherever introduced has proved a remarkable success.

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THE ANONYMOUS VALENTINE

(By Wilbur D. Nesbit, in February Canada Monthly)

Huh! All the other fellows went. An' sent some girl a valentine. So I did, too. W'y, say, I spent a nickel at the store for mine. It had a lot o' printed stuff about a narrow an' a heart. Said it was broken—just a bluff!—An' said th' narrow was a dart.

What? Naw! Aw, quit your jokin', now.

When all th' other fellows did, W'y 'course I had to, anyhow. Or else they'd say I was a kid. They couldn't give a valentine. Th' fellows wrote their names on theirs. I didn't put my name on mine—If she can't guess 'fess me, who cares?

Phaw! Who'd I send it to? Aw, say! You think I'd mail it? I don't guess! Th' other fellows did that way—z She'd know who'd wrote that there address.

Hubb! If I'd 'a' wrote her name, W'y 'course I'd put my name inside! Well, you must think I'm mighty dumb! You think I want to be guyed! I just had to do it this way. Just as indifferent as could be, I didn't write her name, no, sir!



LIBERAL FATHER.

Charles—Will your father permit you to take your piano away when we marry? Agnes Oh, yes. He says he will insist upon it.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"Hello, Binkie," said Jorrocks. "I hear you turned up at Willogby's fancy dress ball."

"Yes," said Little Binkie.

"What you go as?" asked Jorrocks.

"Why," said Little Binkie, "I gathered up my New Year's mail and went as a bill like 'Harper's Weekly'."

APPROPRIATELY NAMED.

Smith has a lovely baby girl.

The store left her with a flutter, Smith named her Oleomargarine.

For he hadn't any, but he—

—Judge.

THOSE UNKNOWN HUSBANDS.

"My wife and I are going to spend a few months with her people at Strong's Corner," said the meek little man, "and I want you to mail my paper to me."

"Yes," said the clerk. "What's your name?"

"Well—to make sure, I guess you'd better address it: 'Mary Strong's Husband, Strong's Corner.'"

—Catholic Times.

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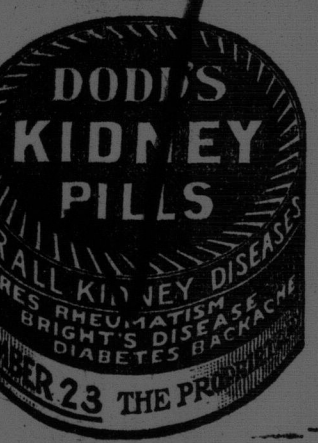
CONDUCTOR AND ENGINEER BLAMED

(Canadian Press)

Brantford, Feb. 8.—"The jury is unanimous that Conductor William Meschan and Engineer Robert Earle in charge of engine 629, were responsible for the wreck in collision with the regular train No. 39, which caused the death of Peter McFarland and others."

This was the verdict returned by the jury at Princeton yesterday afternoon, touching the wreck between Paria and Drumbo on the Buffalo and Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk last Saturday night in which six lives were lost.

Meschan was not at the inquest, it being reported he has gone to the States, but Earle was in attendance although he had to be carried in a stretcher. He admitted that he forgot all about the passenger train into which he crashed.



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February Canada Monthly

Canada has recently had some experience with Russian political methods in connection with Savva Florenko, the refugee whose surrender was demanded by the Big Bear. And in this matter it is interesting to observe Arthur Stringer's Terrorist play now running serially in Canada Monthly (formerly Canada-West), their dusty little lives to play."

Emerson Hough tells in "The Abducted Bride," a story of "Barth" and how plain old case, is pictured at home. Few of us have ever met a live "Red," and it is difficult to understand without reading first Ontario flying machine ever was invented, and Ernest Cavendish discusses the cover is a drawing of a Valentine Girl, Stringer has worked out curiously. It is

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