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KEEP AWAKE

This week-end may be, if the people of Saint John will bestir themselves to make it so, one of the most momentous in the city's history. His Worship the Mayor has published his policy; it is straightforward, fair, easily digested. Very shortly, without a doubt, the machinery will be set in motion to give effect. The fuel is there to start the machine, but as it gathers momentum more and more will be needed.

Go home this Saturday and talk it over with your wife. Call in your friends, both of you, or go out to visit them; draw them into the discussion; make them see, if indeed they do not already understand, that it concerns them, that their active help and support is required. Plan to spread the movement amongst all with whom you will come in contact next week, your associates in work or recreation, your neighbors, if you have any.

Do your utmost to line up every man and woman and to exact from them a promise to do the same, to draw in every local organization, retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, everyone. Approach the Commissioner of your ward and he will know the extent of real live support he can promise His Worship. If meetings be arranged, attend them. Write to your out-of-town friends; get them to do as you are doing. Point out that the prosperity of Saint John is the prosperity of the Maritimes. Urge them to approach their own aldermen or county councillors, mayors or wardens. Get busy. This is only a local matter in the first place, but it affects every city, town and county in the Atlantic Provinces. We are fully awake now; do not doze again.

And this means you.

ENFORCING CIVIC BY-LAWS.

At a recent committee meeting of the Common Council, the Commissioner of Public Safety reported that many persons in the City were illegally storing gasoline for sale contrary to one of our civic by-laws.

As Mayor White pointed out to the Commissioner, where there is a by-law the remedy for dealing with its infraction is the apprehension and conviction of the offender with the consequent imposition of the penalty provided by law.

The course of the Commissioner of Public Safety is quite clear in this instance as it is in every instance where violations of our laws are concerned. But this little incident brings to the fore the whole subject of our civic by-laws.

Through the course of years the City of Saint John has accumulated an unwieldy mass of by-laws, to which additions are constantly being made. Few, if any, ever have been repealed and yet many of these by-laws have become obsolete while many more, so far as their enforcement is concerned, are as dead as Julius Caesar.

We all are agreed that if certain conditions necessitate the passing of a law, such a law should be passed—but once it becomes a law it should be enforced. If changing conditions cause its violation to be no longer a matter of moment then the sane and safe course is, not to wink at the violation, but to repeal the law. This is the only way that the respect of a community for the laws that govern the actions of its citizens can be maintained.

This leads us to the suggestion that our City fathers might be well advised to appoint a small commission for the purpose of making a thorough study of our by-laws and then submitting its recommendations to the Council for the repeal of those, the enforcement of which is found to be no longer necessary.

THE RIDDLE OF LONGEVITY.

There are precise rules for many things in life, such as playing bridge, crossing streets safely and operating motor cars, but the rules for reaching a ripe old age differ with each newly discovered centenarian who ventures to expound the reasons why he has been allowed to live.

The latest adviser upon long life is Sigmund Drieger, who has just celebrated his 103rd birthday in New York. He attributes his long life to the fact that he has imbibed plenty of alcoholic stimulants and that he has always smoked.

NATURE'S SWEET RESTORER.

Marshall Pilsudski has overthrown the Government of Poland and captured Warsaw. He chased the President of the Republic out of town and personally supervised the unpleasant details incidental to well and truly shooting up his political opponents. And when he was offered the dictatorship he pathetically said that he could "sleep and sleep."

What a great light the pathetic sleeplessness of Pilsudski throws on misunderstood history! Julius Caesar, who thrice refused the kingly crown and won the praise of Antony for putting citizenship before ambition, was in reality only a sleepless man. When he advised Thomas Cromwell to throw away ambition, he was telling him, in the language of the times, to take a nap.

How much nicer life would be if all revolutionary leaders and embryo dictators would follow Marshall Pilsudski's technique and defer action until they could "sleep and sleep." The world at large probably would be considerably happier if they, one and all, out-rivalled Rip Van Winkle.

Greater Production

Greater production through a thrifty class of immigrants. Greater production through the improvement of facilities—transportation, tariffs and other laws and regulations.

But more especially, greater production through the increased earning and saving powers of present day Canadians, particularly the rising generation.

Larger Markets

Larger markets through the increased earning and hence buying power of Canadians. Larger markets by reason of the quality, grading and packing of Canadian products.

And larger markets through a direct appeal to and in the language of the countries with whom Canadians wish to trade.

Not at all a bad slogan.

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Went After His Girl

(Sault Star.)
Tommy Cassidy, 25, was walking with his girl, Mary Garibaldi, on the pier in New York on Sunday afternoon, when she tripped and fell into the water.

Tommy pulled off his coat and called out to the people near at hand: "Folks, I can't swim, but here I go. Do what you can."

After considerable splashing and spluttering Tommy and Mary were both fished out of the water before the breath of life departed.

Tommy is 25, Mary is 22—interesting ages. Mary certainly needs someone to look after her, and next month is June.

Some Birds

(Tara Leader.)
The wife of a Unitarian minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was "Partridge." Her first husband's name was "Robins." Her second husband's name was "Sparrows," and the present one "Quail." There are now two young "Robins," one "Sparrow" and three "Quails." In the family one grand-father was a "Swan," and another a "Jay," but he is dead and now a "bird of paradise." They live on "Hawk" avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this is a "Tiger," and a member of the family.

That Would Be Fine

(Orilla Packet-Times.)
A coal strike in Ontario is impossible, but it would be fine if someone would strike coal in the west.

Just Fun

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