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## WHAT OF ST. JOHN?

Hon. Fred Magee, in an address in Moncton at the opening of the summer vocational school this week, presented a strong case for vocational schools. He pointed out that New Brunswick had been behind most provinces and states in recognizing the value of vocational training. He said the provincial board had been accused of trying to interfere with cultural education but such is not the case. The board is naturally friendly to that sort of education, but only three or four per cent. in the province go on with cultural education, and it is the aim of the board to increase the earning power of the remaining ninety-six or ninety-seven per cent. Last year, he said, the province sent \$100,000 to correspondence schools in the United States, and he asked why we should not keep this money at home and train our young men and women for their life work. Vocational surveys had been made in Fredericton, Edmundston and St. John and one is now in progress in Moncton; and Mr. Magee was able to point out that as a result of the survey made at Edmundston there is now being erected a composite school costing in the vicinity of \$150,000. One-third of the floor space will be devoted to vocational education. The two governments pay half the cost of this school. He referred regretfully to the tardiness of St. John in dealing with the matter, and intimated that Moncton might become the seat of a technical college. Another interesting suggestion was that if the University of New Brunswick considered favorably an amalgamation with the other provincial universities the present U. N. B. institutions could be used as a technical college.

If St. John is to adopt a progressive policy in regard to vocational training it should not be too far behind Moncton, Edmundston and other towns.

## THE PROGRESSIVES.

Canadian Finance of Winnipeg is of opinion that the Progressive movement in Canadian politics will eventually disintegrate, but that it has had and still has its uses. The Winnipeg Journal resents a recent criticism by the Montreal Gazette, which said—

"What the nation needs more than any other single thing at the present moment is a revival of genuine Conservatism. That is the answer to sectional Socialism. Give the government a solid and sincere Conservative bloc to support genuine Conservative policies, and the vagaries of our breezy imitation Bolsheviks from the west become no more than a source of innocent merriment."

Canadian Finance objects to the term "imitation Bolshevik," and makes this vigorous reply—

"There are many people in the west who do not support the Progressive platform in its entirety, but there are few who will deny that the western members have attended to their duties at Ottawa in a very businesslike manner. The Progressive movement is a direct result of the failure of the two old political parties to give Western Canada a proper consideration, and so long as these parties consider that their main duties in parliament are to make political capital for themselves by throwing mud at the other fellow, they will add to the power of the Progressives."

Canadian Finance further asserts that "the Progressives are entitled to a great deal of credit for the manner in which they handled the Crows' Nest Pass agreement," and, alluding again to the growth of the party, it says—

"It is interesting to review the history and growth of the Progressive movement. Farmers were compelled to organize to protect themselves. A little more than twenty years ago the farmer was getting it in the neck from all directions. Conditions were so bad that he had to choose between two alternatives, go out of business or organize and fight. He chose the latter. In the past twenty years he has fought with ever increasing power. Today the Progressive party at Ottawa have the government in their power and at any time could join the Conservatives and defeat the administration."

It is claimed by some observers that the Progressive movement will reach its peak in the current Manitoba elections and then begin to disintegrate. Canadian Finance is disposed to accept this view, because the farmers expect more from their representatives than the latter can possibly accomplish, and therefore a reaction from which the old parties would profit would occur. We shall very soon learn whether the Progressives have gained ground in Manitoba. If they have, and should be able to form a government, there is no reason to assume that they will prove less capable than the Progressives of Ontario. If they should not gain ground in Manitoba the assumption that the movement is near or has reached its peak might not be so far astray.

Premier Norris says the Liberals will have the largest group in the new Manitoba legislature. The Progressives say he has another guess coming. With five or six parties in the field one man's guess may be as good as another's.

Assuming that group government is unworkable, Canadian Finance says—"Perhaps at some not very distant date we shall have two main groups at Ottawa—a Liberal-Progressive government and a Conservative opposition; but it is to be hoped that the rise of the Progressive party will have impressed upon the public men of the east that the west is not content to sit on the doorstep at Ottawa and beg for that which rightly belongs to it, namely, a proper place in the affairs of the nation." And if by that means the west gains recognition it will suggest to the maritime provinces the desirability of such united action as would relieve them also of the necessity of sitting on the Ottawa doorstep.

A former Fredericton man now residing on the Pacific Coast writes to the Fredericton Mail—"I understand that some of your merchants don't want new business in there. Now that is just what you need to break the jam and start things going. Not only will it help your city, but it will help those who are now opposed to it. It is a pity that some people with capital could not try and exploit a water power system up the river somewhere, for, with cheap power I have no doubt that Fredericton would become a fine point for manufacturing." Fredericton, in due time, as a result of hydro development by the Foster government, will get cheap power.

About six o'clock yesterday three different men very obviously under the influence of liquor were to be seen in Prince William street. Doubtless others might have been seen in a number of other streets. Even those whose duty it is to enforce the law ought to know what this means.

In some streets of the city the application of a coat of paint to houses has had a brightening effect that should stimulate other property owners to pursue a similar course. With much street improvement in progress there is a greater incentive to improve the appearance of the houses.

Citizens of St. John and persons in the province generally who need men or women to work for them should get in touch with the new branch of the employment service here. Many applicants are registering and by that act express their desire to get something to do.

The Gyro Club is now formally installed as a local institution. Its members must all be young men. It should be a force for fellowship and progress in the city's life.

Canadian money looks good to Mr. Jack Dempsey, and he is perhaps surprised at the number of people who have no particular use for it. Some real fighters would be glad to see the Lancaster Hut furnished, but they must wait.

There is a dead-lock at The Hague between the Russians and the other powers. The former want everything their own way, and so long as they maintain that attitude there can be no agreement.

The United Organizations are keen for action to give the city cheap light and power with the least possible delay. Assurance is given that steady progress is being made.

Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, says Great Britain is financially stronger than at any time since the close of the war. That is good news for the Empire and for the world.

Before another week passes there will be important further developments in regard to hydro in St. John.

The treaty with the United States having been ratified, Japan will now hold her Yaps.

All employers who can do so would do well to give their employees the half holiday this afternoon.

This is a glorious day for an outing at the water sports at Lily Lake.

## THE FERRY STEAMER.

To Editor of The Times: Sir—Westsider states in your issue of the 10th inst. that the good mahogany benches and doors in the ferry steamer, including brass and nickel plates, have been very nicely enriched with a coat of dark brown paint. Westsider has, however, failed to notice that the life belts, which have always been kept in an easy place to reach, namely under the seats of the whole length of the cabin, have been removed and stowed away in an attic built over the doors at each end of the cabin. There seem to be more bells than space was allowed for, so they are piled and hammered in, in such a manner that it would be most impossible to get one out. Certainly the bottom ones could not be separated from the pile and there is no means of reaching the top ones. Someone should take the responsibility of inspecting this new move on the part of those in charge of our ferry service.

Yours truly,

ANOTHER WESTSIDER

West St. John, July 14.

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# FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

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Lesson No. 53

## THE PLATE BATTERY

A vacuum tube receiving circuit is dependent upon the plate battery or "B" battery for the supply of energy which actuates the telephone receivers.

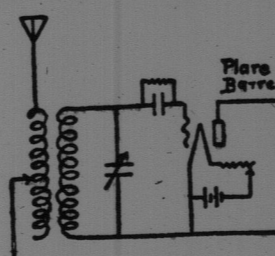


Diagram showing connection of Plate or B battery

The plate battery is connected across the plate and filament, in series with the telephone receivers and the plate feed back or "tickler" coil in the case of regenerative receiving systems. The positive terminal of the plate battery is connected to the plate, no signals being heard in the telephone if the polarity is reversed. The current which flows from the plate to the filament through the vacuum tube is very small compared to the current consumed by the filament of a vacuum tube, and therefore a plate battery of small ampere hour capacity is sufficient to furnish current for months.

It will be recalled that the vacuum tube detector functions in a manner different from the crystal detector. The signal which impinges on an antenna system does not actuate the telephone receivers, but serves merely as a trigger to control the flow of plate current. In other words, a small change in the voltage impressed upon the grid results in a large change in the current flowing in the plate circuit.

The plate of "B" battery is usually made up of a number of small dry cells sealed in a block with an insulating compound. There are usually fifteen such dry cells in a unit, all connected in series giving a total voltage for the block of twenty-two and one-half volts. This voltage is sufficient for the satisfactory operation of most detector tubes, some requiring even less voltage, in fact a lower voltage. These taps are usually in the form of sockets connected to each cell of the block into which plugs can be inserted, giving variations in voltage from one and one-half to twenty-two and one-half volts in steps of one and one-half volts. Another method is to have taps of wire or brass strip connected to certain cells in the group, different manufacturers having their own details of construction.

For voltages in excess of that furnished by a block of "B" battery two or more blocks may be connected in series for use with amplifying tubes which require voltages of forty or sixty volts or more. The same plate battery may be used for both the detector tube and the amplifier tubes by merely taking a tap off at the proper point for the detector tube.

Another type of plate battery is the storage cell variety, which may be either of the lead-acid or the alkaline cell type. The storage battery for plate purposes consists of a contained in which are a sufficient number of small storage cells to give the required plate voltage. This type of plate battery has the advantage of being capable of recharging a feature not present in the "B" battery of the dry cell type. The dry cell plate battery, however, will furnish good service for from six months to a year or more dependent upon the time actually in use.

## RADIO MUSIC FROM STEEL STACK

Cleaners in a big steel smoke-stack near Greenville, A.S., hurried into the open air when they heard a hand play "Dixie." They were unable to locate the hand and it is believed that wireless waves were responsible for the phenomenon.

The big metal stack supported by guy wires apparently operated as a complete receiving set and reproduced the notes and musical airs of a nearby radio concert.

## A WANDER SONG.

Sing a song of an open road,  
Of life at twenty-one,  
Of unstained youth, a love of truth,  
Of battles to be won  
When spring is at its fairest,  
And time not yet begun  
To write with words the sad old words  
That 'man is wolf to man'.

Sing a song of a rugged road,  
Of life at forty-five,  
When youth lies dead, and truth seems  
Fied,  
The battles still to strive,  
When autumn leaves are falling,  
And all seems drear and wan,  
The path that leads to God,  
If faith shall befall.

Sing a song of a journey's end,  
When the weary are past—  
A hymn of praise for summer days,  
Mid life's long storm and blast,  
The winter's frost o'ertake you,  
A shelter shall befall.  
Thou wilt not leave me homeless,  
Great Architect of All.  
—B. Johnson, in Chamber's Journal.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Edens Old and New.  
St. Mary's Garden at Oxford is a veritable Eden. "Really," said Miss Lamb, "this garden is like Paradise! The undergraduates must fancy they have returned to the garden of Adam and Eve." "Indeed, you would think so," said Dean Craik, "from the way they avoid the trees of knowledge. They are a good deal cleverer than Adam!"

Why She Quit.  
"Why did the new girl in the ribbon department quit?" The boss here found out that her work here interfered with her attendance at the movies and her late night parties.

Airy About It.  
"I am quite taken up with this thing," said the man who was enjoying his first ride in an aeroplane—Boston Transcript.

WHY HE CRIED.  
It was a soiree musical. A singer had just finished "My Old Kentucky Home." The hostess, seeing one of her guests weeping in a remote corner, went to him and inquired in a sympathetic voice: "Are you a Kentuckian?" "The answer came quickly: 'No, madam, I am a musician.'"—Boston News Bureau.

The Walatrop Family.  
Mrs. Walatrop in Sheridan's "Rivals" is one of the funniest old ladies in modern comedy. Her family is far from extinct. The Rev. Robert Collyer was fond, in his old age, of reciting his early struggles and triumphs. One evening his desultory introduction was unusually lengthy, whereupon one of the ladies let me say that I was born in Illinois in Yorkshir.

Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, would attack President Grant, or Charles E. Smith, in articles that were devoted to Dana's habit of "re-irritation." James Russell Lowell knew an old dame in Boston who told him that she greatly admired Benvenuto Cellini and his "grand delinquency style." As Cellini was a thief and a murderer, as well as a consummate artist, this admirer built better than she knew. Of kin to her was the ancient lady in Brooklyn, who, speaking of her granddaughter Anna, said: "She has gone to Newport on a pleasure excursion."

# RADIO CONCERT AT OAK HALL MON. AFTERNOON

Oak Hall have had a radio receiving set installed in their Germain street store and the first radio concert will be held Monday afternoon from 4.30 to 5.30. The Jones Electric Radio Co., Ltd., have put in this radio set at Oak Hall, and the afternoon concert will be broadcasted from the Jones Co's Broadcasting Station, C.K.C.R.

This concert will include both vocal and instrumental numbers and Oak Hall invite all interested in radio to drop in Monday and hear some fine music. 7-16

## Man in the Street

In a collision between an automobile and a street car, according to a contemporary, the street car was "broke up slightly." The English language, it appears, also suffered a severe jolt.

Garage Man—"How far did you say this car had gone?"  
Owner—"Oh, roughly, about 2,000 miles."  
Garage Man—"Roughly is right."

It has been officially denied that Rainmaker Hatfield has been operating these parts during the last two months.

Card in a store window—"Assorted kisses, 85 cents a pound." How about selling them by the dozen?

## PEOPLE WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSASSINATE

The amiable citizen who passes you on a hot day, after you have had three punctures and a blowout and are sweating and swearing because you have another flat tire and nothing with which to patch it, and in a misguided moment of false humor inquires: "Just tire trouble?"

The man who steps on your favorite corn—one that you cherish tenderly, and then smiles blandly as he asks "Did I spoil your shine?"

The man who attempts to be funny when supposed to be expressing regret at the death of your mother-in-law.

The dental gentleman in a white coat who prefaces a near-murder with the remark: "Now this won't hurt very much."

The street car motorman who always starts his car with a leap and a bound, just at the right moment to land you into the lap of a fat lady with muscular rheumatism.

The traffic cop who signals you to go on and then waves three or four old ladies into your path.

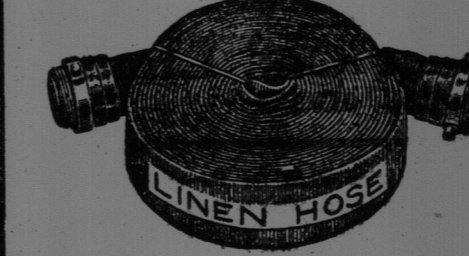
Headline in a local paper: "Cork in complete control of republicans." Lucky republicans!

Paper says "Canada's pressing need." Must have been out in the rain.

The only woman member of parliament returns her salary increase. Easy seen she's not trying to support a family.

Hangman arrested for trying to strangle.

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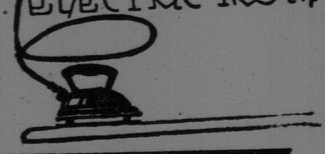
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