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CITY DEVELOPMENT.

It was unfortunate that two meetings conflicted at the board of trade rooms last evening, for both were important. However, the two were in one while Sir Douglas Hazen and Mayor Hayes spoke, and thus all present got the benefit of an excellent address on the war stamp and the value of it; and also of a clear statement by the mayor of matters involving large expenditure which are now being pressed upon the attention of the city council. A smaller, but yet a deeply interested audience heard Mr. Wignone, Dr. Frink, Commissioner Bullock and others on harbor commission and harbor matters generally, W. S. Fisher on industrial expansion, and several speakers on vocational training. There were no formal resolutions, nor was the discussion directed along any particular line, but the meeting was well worth while, and should be followed by others dealing with specific questions, and with ample time for the discussion of each. President Emerson would not doubt find a hearty response to invitations to attend a series of meetings dealing with matters relating to reconstruction and city development. All those who heard the general discussion last evening realized more clearly the variety and importance of the problems calling for the best consideration the citizens are able to give to them. It was decidedly inspiring to see so many business men in the board of trade rooms, and they should be encouraged to come. Members of the city council would be glad to have the opportunity to hear public discussion of matters with which they must deal, and the board of trade rooms might well be made a forum for such deliberations.

There should be no misunderstanding about the question of vocational training under discussion last evening. It is not proposed to spend \$250,000 of bond. What the city council has been asked to grant this year is not in excess of \$5,000. No doubt the time is coming when St. John will not be satisfied with anything less than a thoroughly equipped vocational high school—and it cannot come too soon; but there must be a beginning, and that is what the city council and board of school trustees are asked to facilitate, bearing in mind that the provincial government pays half the salaries of teachers. There is no excuse at all for delay in this matter, the importance of which is fully recognized by representatives of labor and of capital.

Mr. W. S. Fisher's remarks about industrial expansion opened up a fruitful and profitable field of discussion. He would have a special commissioner go abroad and present our advantages and attract the attention of capitalists to this field. He sees no good reason why American concerns should not start branches here as well as in other parts of Canada. We have the natural resources, the geographical position, and the medium of transportation. The need of some action along the lines suggested by Mr. Fisher was emphasized by some remarks by Mayor Hayes, who pointed out that because St. John does not grow more rapidly in an industrial and commercial way it is always necessary to go back to existing sources for new revenue, and increase the burden of taxation upon them. Instead of gaining new industries we are at this moment in apparent danger of losing one with a large pay roll. It is therefore of the first importance that the question of industrial expansion be made the subject of earnest consideration by practical business men, and all who desire the growth of the city.

The questions of harbor commission, housing, permanent streets, water extension, municipal ownership and others touched upon last evening offer a most inviting field for open discussion. By all means let the board of trade afford the opportunity.

From all parts of the world come messages of regret at the passing of Cal. Roosevelt. His fighting quality and his high sense of public duty had won for him a great reputation. In the United States it is said that his death will cause a revision of political plans, because he was the foremost figure in the ranks of the Republican party. In the hour of his death all factions were hushed, and the nation mourns the loss of one of its greatest men.

The free night schools in the city now have about eighty registered pupils, including men as well as boys. This is a very strong argument in favor of more such classes, with a wider range of subjects—in a word, of proper facilities for vocational training. There should be hundreds of students in evening classes in this city.

The Prince of Wales was attacked for a time to the staff of the Canadian corps in France. Now his brother, Prince Albert, is on the staff. Both have shown themselves to be of strong democratic tendencies. Being sons of their father, and grandsons of King Edward, they are running true to form.

E. A. MCKENZIE'S ADDRESSES

There are two things we must not do, in the opinion of Mr. F. A. McKenzie, if we are to do right in regard to Germany. First, we must not permit German cunning to drive a wedge between the Allies and the United States. Second, we must scorn the German plea to let bygones be bygones. "We cannot do that with the people who tortured our soldiers in prison, bombed hospitals, conducted submarine warfare, used gas in battle, outraged women and committed so many other crimes."

Mr. McKenzie speaks with feeling and conviction, because he saw the fruits of German savagery, and he declares that if we fail to make the like impossible in the future we are fools indeed. The visit of this veteran war correspondent to St. John was an event of more than passing interest, and his addresses and the pictures thrown on the screen brought very vividly before the large audience the horrors of the war, the splendid work of the Canadians, and the vital part taken by Britain in saving the world. His tribute to the Americans was admirable. The little incidents, telling of heroic deeds, which were interspersed through his address, brought his audience closer to the brilliant men who never faltered in the path of duty. His counsel to the Great War Veterans was wise, and his appeal in their behalf and in behalf of the families of soldiers was not less worthy of the man and the cause.

THE EXAMPLE OF MAINE.

Our neighbor, the State of Maine, is setting us an example that should be deplorable to the people of this province. It is conducting a campaign against illiterates. It proposes to have all illiterates between ten and twenty years of age in school before the census is taken in 1920. In an interview last week in Augusta, Dr. A. O. Thomas, the state superintendent of public schools said: "All that we will have to do to accomplish that is to eliminate 2,507 persons between the ages of ten and twenty years from the list of illiterates. We plan to have taken with the census of next spring a list of every such child between those ages, the names and addresses of the parents, so that they can be looked after and placed where they may receive an education adapted to their needs. This matter was taken up at the conference of superintendents last July and arrangements made for checking up the school attendance with the census roll, and when finished, we will have the desired information. This will be done before the taking of the United States census in 1920 and there is where the 100 per cent perfect will come in. The location of the illiterates will be followed by placing the children of that class in the schools and all that will be necessary to remove them from the list will be their courses of study. The compulsory attendance law, if looked after as enforced, will prevent any new crop springing up, and all we will have to do will be to educate those on hand."

New Brunswick must have a compulsory attendance law for children of school age, whether it goes as far as Maine proposes to go in regard to illiterates up to twenty years or not. Education is the key to provincial progress.

The spread of Bolshevism in New York is said to have become alarming, with five groups, well supplied with money, stirring up the workers. Secret agents of Lenin and Trotsky are said to be behind the movement. Their work, of course, is chiefly among the foreign element. America may not care to intervene in Russia, but Russia is intervening in America, and the challenge should be accepted. Bolshevism should have no place in a free country.

Civil war appears to have broken out in Berlin. The restoration of order in Germany will be a long and difficult task.

LOCAL NEWS

The week of prayer opened in Charlotte street Baptist church, West St. John, last evening. Dr. J. A. Morton delivered a powerful sermon on "The Divine Challenge to the Church at Home."

Fletcher Peacock, director of technical schools for the province, was in the city last evening and held a consultation with the executive of the local school board regarding the board's action in technical instruction for the city schools.

At a special meeting of the St. John Presbytery yesterday afternoon arrangements were made for the ordination and induction of Rev. H. L. Eisner as pastor of St. Matthew's church. Rev. W. H. Townsend will preside and induct, Rev. F. S. Dowling will address the congregation and Rev. H. C. Fraser, the minister.

The work of organizing the system of employment agencies in the maritime provinces has been placed in charge of E. McQuirk, who will have a conference with members of the New Brunswick government. The dominion government intends opening about a dozen agencies throughout the maritime provinces, the financial burden to be borne by the federal government.

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G. W. V. A. OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association last evening the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Captain G. Earle Lohan, president; 1st vice-president, Lieut. Samuel C. Tippet; 2nd vice-president, Nursing Sister Henry; executive, A. E. Frame; Major G. J. Morgan, Egbert Robertson and the retiring president, Major Johnston; treasurer, C. L. Moffat; Sgt. E. A. Paddy is the secretary of the association. The newly elected vice-president was the first president of the association in St. John, and was largely instrumental in the formation of the G. W. V. A. in the city. Major Johnston's position as a member of the executive is given him by the constitution of the organization which says that the retiring president shall serve for two consecutive years as a member of the executive. The only other business of importance besides the election of officers, which was transacted at the meeting, was the passing of a resolution that the G. W. V. A. go on record as considering that the appointment of a chief of police for the city should be given to a returned soldier.

FREE NIGHT SCHOOL RE-OPENS

After a two weeks' Christmas vacation, the free evening school for boys and men re-opened last evening at 7 o'clock with a good attendance. The classes in arithmetic, writing and reading are conducted by Rex H. Cormier in the King Edward school, at the corner of Wentworth and St. James streets; and the mechanical drawing classes, taught by W. S. Vial, meet in the Centennial school, Brussels street. More than eighty ambitious boys and men are now taking advantage of this splendid opportunity to increase their earning capacity by means of the free instruction, which the evening school affords. New pupils may enroll at any time but it is wisely to their advantage to apply for admission immediately. A very cordial welcome awaits returned soldiers at this school. The instructors always accord them special consideration and endeavor to shape the course so as to meet their individual requirements. Either of the instructors will gladly furnish full information to any persons who are interested. Those in charge are gratified with the excellent attendance, with the interest and attention displayed by the pupils, and with the progress already attained.

IRVIN S. COBB MADE

CHEVALIER OF FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—Irvin S. Cobb, writer and humorist, was notified here today by Deputy High Commissioner De la Roche of France that he has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Mr. Cobb said he presumed the honor was conferred in recognition of his writings in behalf of the French people.

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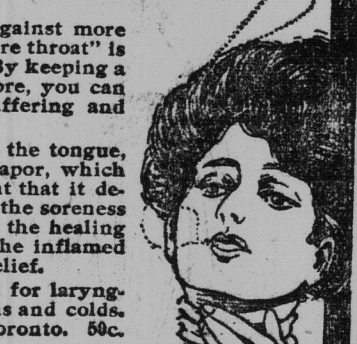
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In the Oddfellows' hall in Germain street last evening the formal installation of officers of the Silom Lodge, No. 28, was conducted with full ceremonial by the district deputy grand master, Joseph Murdoch, and his suite. The names of the officers installed are as follows: Noble grand, Arthur McClure; vice-grand, T. S. Fenwick; financial and recording secretary, A. E. Jenner; treasurer, John Jackson; wardens, Arthur Boyer, conductor, G. L. Harding; R. S. S. W. McAuley; L. S. S. William Duncan; R. S. N. G. Albert Wiley; L. S. N. G. Charles Kees; R. S. V. G. K. R. Pain weather; L. S. V. G. George Stevenson; inside guardian, W. H. MacBride; outside guardian, M. E. Moore; junior past guardian, Charles H. A. MacFarlane; chaplain, C. J. Stammers. After the installation ceremony the members of the lodge spent a very pleasant social evening and the lodge was a great success. Refreshments were served and the whole evening was voted one of the best the lodge has enjoyed.

Death of a Veteran.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 6.—"Jake" Stencil, aged fifty-three, one time star between the Pittsburgh and Baltimore baseball teams, died here today after a short illness.

Election of Officers Deferred.

Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—With a recommendation from the executive committee the election of officers by the National Baseball Commission was deferred till today.

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The mills and merchants of England say that the price of wool and of cloth will go higher, and there will be no relief for over a year—or until after the 30,000,000 men in the war go back to civilian life—and they will want at least two suits each.

These sales—and I may tell you they are being conducted all over Canada—are a protest against this viewpoint. We want cheaper clothes—because we want to sell more clothes. The higher the price the fewer suits a man will buy each year—that's natural, for men are the thrift makers.

Our design is to help start the downward trend—so that we shall more speedily return to the day when a real good, serviceable suit can be bought for \$20 to \$25. We admit frankly that most of the old \$15 were abominations—and kept down the wearer's self-respect and marred his prospects in life.

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