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## HELPING HAND NEEDED

St. John is not a large city, and there is never anything like the amount of poverty and distress in winter that must be coped with in cities like Montreal or Toronto. Nevertheless, the present winter is certain to bring its quota of idle men, seeking something to do, and, perhaps, very greatly in need of money to pay the bare cost of living. The Times has already discussed the matter, and urged that some provision be made to provide penniless men with immediate relief, for which they would pay in manual labor of some kind, and also that a system be devised to bring together those in need of work and those requiring men to do their work. This journal office more takes the liberty of calling public attention to the need of such action.

The situation in Toronto this winter is more serious than usual. Not only are there many immigrants seeking work, but quite a number of factories are reducing their working staff. At a meeting of the representatives of charitable institutions at the home of Prof. Goldwin Smith last week it was decided to make an earnest appeal to the city council and the dominion and provincial governments to provide employment for men on large contracts. Rev. Dr. Wallace said a heavy wave of distress was imminent. Only a few days ago seventy men employed by the Grand Trunk Railway in the city were laid off indefinitely. The majority of these have large families. All the speakers, says the Globe's report, emphasized the fact that the demands for help so far this fall had been very much larger than last year, when a different condition of affairs existed. The resolutions adopted were as follows:

"That employers of labor be asked to consider the possibility of distributing the work so as to keep as many persons as possible employed throughout the winter, even though it be necessary to give only half time to all."

"That the city authorities be requested so far as possible have the city work distributed among as many people as possible, even should it be necessary to give shorter time to all."

"That the public works for which contracts have not already been let in the city should be carried on by day labor in order that it may be distributed as equitably as possible among all nationalities."

"That all employers having work in contemplation should hasten that work in order to give employment to relieve the distress imminent during the winter."

"That the Dominion government be requested to procure employment for as many as possible, and as soon as possible on the construction work of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and other public works, and that the work on the western gap be begun without delay."

"That the Ontario government be urged to establish a free labor bureau for artisans, such an institution already having been established for farm laborers."

It may be said that this is not a cheerful state of affairs to be advertised, but it is as well to face the facts and to discourage any influx during the winter in addition to the large number already vainly seeking something to do. Indeed the conference which adopted the resolutions quoted expressed the opinion that "information should be sent broadcast that it would be unwise for people seeking employment to come to Toronto."

As stated at the outset, St. John has no such serious problem as this, since at the present time labor in this city is being employed. Nevertheless there will always be appeals for aid by persons who drift into the city, or who through some cause are thrown out of work. For these, and in the interest of the whole citizenship, some kind of relief work that would offer them a chance to earn enough for their needs should be provided.

## DR. PUGSLEY SMILES

Dr. Pugsley is still yearning for power of expression. It did not come to him yesterday, though Mr. Kemp of Toronto made remarks about "a whipped spaniel," and Mr. Lavergne, declared that whatever Dr. Pugsley had to say he should say now. To loud cries from the opposition that he should rise and speak, Dr. Pugsley answered with a smile.

The Sun this morning says that the opposition showed symptoms of an uneasy

conscience, and Dr. Pugsley "preferred to give them further opportunity to express themselves." The Sun, whose correspondent no doubt received some inspiration, says further:—

"It is believed that he (Pugsley) would like to hear from the leader of the opposition, whom he has challenged, to ask him a few leading questions from his place in the house."

In other words, the dark secret must be literally torn from the tortured bosom of the minister of public works. Well, the opposition doctors are warming up to their work. The operation bids fair to be performed, whatever the effect on the patient.

## BANKS AND THEIR PATRONS

Of course everybody is pleased at the splendid showing made by Canadian banks. Even the man who cannot get his paper discounted may feel a certain sense of satisfaction that the banks could discount it if they would. It shows that conditions are sound at the base. And yet there are a good many men who have lately been thinking just what is said in the following financial article from the Toronto Globe:—

"The sentiment expressed in the vernacular of the street as 'This country's all right,' is stronger now, possibly, than two weeks ago, and it would seem that the present is the supreme opportunity of the banks to step in and start those wheels that have stopped, turning again. The banks have taken a good deal of gratification out of piling up their currency reserves, and vying with each other in strengthening their individual positions. The spectacle of banks overlooking their public duties to compete for the honor of making the best showing has not heightened the regard which the business men from whom the banks derive their profits feel towards them, but it is undoubtedly true that the series of impressive bank statements have favorably affected the minds of people in Great Britain and the United States, in addition to the revival of confidence it has produced in this country. This result having been attained, there can be no reason why the banks cannot now use for the benefit of the public a portion of the reserves which they have been quite properly accumulating for an emergency."

Touching this matter of the banks and the people, the Montreal Star has a pointed suggestion for Mr. Fielding, which is also in the minds of very many persons throughout Canada today. We quote:—

"It seems that Mr. Fielding is paying four and a half per cent for money which he borrows from the banks; but he is not paying anything like that on the money which he borrows from the mere people. If Mr. Fielding would offer to pay four per cent on all deposits with the government made by the common people, he would get a lot of money now lying in the banks at three per cent, and he would save his beloved country an interest charge of half a per cent per annum. Why the government should prefer to pay the banks four and a half per cent than to pay the people four per cent, is a puzzle which the finance minister should explain."

## TEMPERANCE GAINS

The no-license party has made very notable gains in Massachusetts. Worcester, Lynn and Woburn decided in yesterday's elections to abandon license, and there were substantial gains in the temperance vote in many other places. Chelsea, which is so closely connected with Boston as to be a part of it, except in civic government, has gone back to license. That Chelsea, so closely connected with Boston, should go back to the system prevailing in Boston is not nearly so significant as the fact that Worcester or Lynn abandoned license. A press dispatch thus sums up the situation:—

"As against today's gain of Worcester, Lynn and Woburn and that of Haverhill, last week, the temperance workers have only the loss of Chelsea in today's balloting and of Pittsburg last week. The victory in the two manufacturing cities of Lynn and Haverhill, and the overturning of Worcester, which has a population of over 128,000, is probably one of the greatest waves of prohibition which has struck Massachusetts since the local-option law has been in effect."

The investigation into the city hall affairs is not reassuring in its general results. That such a condition of affairs should have gone on for a number of years is evidence not only of a lax system but of indifference to the city's interests on the part of some who must have known.

William Randolph Hearst was the marplot in the Boston elections yesterday that turned the city once more into the Republican column. His Independence League, or the Boston branch of it, split the Democratic party. The Republicans swept the state pretty generally in the majority contests.

Since the federal government is warning immigrants not to come to Canada before spring, Premier Robinson's three worthies may have a chance to help him in the provincial elections before trying their persuasive powers in the United Kingdom.

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I sometimes think that never Burns the Bread.

So Black as when the Tea is Boiling Red; That every Cabbage plant the Garden wears.

Knows more than any human Cabbage head.

And this new Maid who looks so fresh and Green.

On whom with all my woes I fain would Lean;

Ah, lean upon her lightly, for who knows How soon she will get up and Quit the Scene?

Ab, my new Handmaid, fill the pan that Boils.

Today of unwashed dishes, stacked in tiers. Tomorrow? Why tomorrow I may be Myself Obligated to wash them—and for Years!

A box of Biscuits underneath the Bough, A Can of Beans, a bag of Salt, and then Burned out and singing in the Wilderness.

Ah, wilderness were Paradise now!

When the Angel of the Muddy Drink Called Coffee, Threw the grounds into the Sink.

And taking her Departure leaves you there Alone to Clean Things up, you should not Fear.

Ah, make the Best of so-called Help my Friend.

Until we, too, into the Dust descend. Take up the Work where Irelings left it.

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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

A TIMELY JOKE.

"Mistah Walkah, what am de difference 'tween money and a man?"

"I can't answer that one, George. What is de difference between money and a man?"

"When de money am locked up it gits tight, an' when a man gets tight he am locked up."—Chicago Tribune.

## ALWAYS THE SAME.

Professor (coming from his club holding up triumphantly his umbrella to his wife)—You see, my dear Alma, how stupid are all the anecdotes about our absent-mindedness; you see, I haven't forgotten my umbrella.

Mrs. Professor—But, my dear, you didn't take your umbrella with you; you left it at home.—Frankfort Weisblatt.

## A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

(Cleveland Leader.)

"We wish," writes the editor of the Tartan Trumpet, "to correct an error which crept into our issue of last week. In describing the unfortunate runaway accident on Main street we wrote: 'While waiting the arrival of the ambulance, Doctor Skinner, who was fortunately present, took the victim's pulse.' It was the printer who carelessly changed the 'I' in the last word to 'r'. We make this correction in justice to Doctor Skinner, whose fees are always moderate, and who never presents a bill in advance. Office over Jed Kimball's drug store."

## ONE ON THE FISH.

"Dois' any good?" asked the curious individual on the bridge.

"Any good?" answered the fisherman, in the creek below. "Why, I caught forty bass out o' here yesterday."

"So, do you know who I am?" asked the man on the bridge.

The fisherman replied that he did not.

"Well, I am the county fish and game warden."

The angler, after a moment's thought, exclaimed, "Say, do you know who I am?"

"No," the other replied.

"Well, I'm the biggest liar in eastern Indiana," said the crafty angler, with a grin.—Recreation.

## PEOPLE OF NOTE

**Charles J. Badger**

Captain C. J. Badger who succeeded Admiral Sands as superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis, was born at Rockville, Md., Aug. 6th, 1833. He was made a midshipman while still at Annapolis in 1850, and became an ensign in 1854. He served on the Greely relief expedition to the Far North with great credit and was in command of the water front interval of the United States at San Francisco during the great earthquake there and was warmly thanked by the municipal authorities for the aid he furnished them.

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