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## EDITORIAL

**"Last Refuge Of Civilization"**  
Some weeks ago, we wrote an article appreciative of the people of Quebec, describing them as the balance-wheel of Canada. We thus aroused the ire of the London Free Press. As has become the custom among certain newspapers, the comments were in the personal vein quite typical of that class of editorial mind.  
Now along comes Prof. Sir Andrew McPhail, of McGill University, Montreal, with an address to the Canadian Club of Quebec, in which he pictures that province as the last hope of Canada. He avers that without Quebec, Canada could not be governed; that if that province maintains its spirit, it "will be the last refuge of civilization on the continent."  
Our language was not quite so strong as that. But it must be remembered that Prof. McPhail was speaking in the Province of Quebec, where old-fashioned notions of freedom of speech as well as large families still survive.  
Let us hope that the Free Press does not see the report of Sir Andrew's speech. We don't want another war.

**The Radial By-law**  
We believe thoroughly in the principle of public ownership, and especially in public control and operation of railways. We like the idea of having a fast electric service from here to Hamilton and to Elmira and to have it supplied by the people themselves. On principle therefore, we would support the radial by-law.  
But the details of the proposition must be right and we believe the Light Commission has performed a service in warning against certain dangers that may or may not lurk in the by-law.  
This city cannot afford to give up control of its streets to any outside body. If indeed subsection (e) of clause 2 does not mean that, we should have to on unmistakable legal authority. Mr. Hannigan's interpretation of that clause does not appear to us conclusive and we have grave doubts whether a letter from the Hydro Commission can override any clause of the by-law. Nor is there, in our opinion, any force in Mr. Hannigan's suggestion that the city is protected by the charter of the company from which the city purchased the railway. As a matter of fact we are not operating under a charter at all.  
The matter of shortage of power is perhaps not so serious so far as the new railway's requirements would affect it. Nevertheless, the citizens should receive full assurance on both these points.

## COMMENT

Peace by New Year's is the latest expectation. May it be realized.  
The only sign of activity in municipal election affairs appears to be in Labor circles.  
A New York man has married his mother-in-law,—says all this talk about mothers-in-law is a joke. He's keeping the joke to himself, as it were.  
Premier Drury and his Government are not in favor of building trunk highways. Their intention is to distribute reasonably good roads all over the province. Whatever they do, let the work be permanent. Millions have been thrown away in inefficient road construction.  
We are informed that representatives of the Ontario Power Commission have given the assurance that the adoption of the by-law will not commit us to the loss of control of our own streets. If that be so, one serious objection is removed. Most people would like to support the by-law, but we must be sure that the city is protected.  
A man was complaining on the Toronto market not long ago of the present price of eggs. No, he was not a buyer, but a farmer with eggs to sell. He declared that even if he got three dollars a dozen he would still be behind, at the present cost of producing eggs. He continued to persevere in the business of producing and selling eggs because he was sustained by the hope that some time and in some way he would be able to make good his loss. The capacity for self-sacrifice of a people is almost beyond belief.

Today is yours and mine; the only day we have; the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is a part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not of cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness.—  
David Starr Jordan.

Straw vote on whether there is a hell or not was taken at the Methodist church at Grand Junction, Col., recently and resulted:  
There is a hell ..... 131  
There is no hell ..... 24  
Doubt ..... 12  
Now that the majority has decided there is such a place, let us proceed with the task of keeping out of it.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY.

**Here's A Real Radical.**  
(The Canadian Nation, Ottawa.)  
In the working out of the destiny of our own native country, we will be held back by no traditions, experiences or ancient shibboleths of any other country. We will not wait till the last Amen has been uttered by pious fossils. We are in a hurry. We're actually going somewhere and we're taking the limited express. Maybe you'll collide with us up the line.  
And again, maybe we'll be sidetracked or ditched somewhat on the way. Howbeit, some day the C.P. wires will carry the story of our failure or achievement.

**The Body Social.**  
(Exchange.)  
There is irony, wit and not a little philosophy in the words of an English newspaper letter writer, where he says:  
"The middle classes are the brains, blood, heart, nervous system, mind and intellect of the body social. The working classes are the flesh, mighty sinews, skin, lungs and bones. The rest, heaven help them, are the clothes and adornments rendered necessary by this execrable climate, but they look pretty sometimes."

**Nickel Coinage.**  
(Montreal Herald.)  
The proposal that Canada should adopt nickel for coinage of small denomination, which was proposed at the Ontario board of trade meeting by the Sudbury representatives and carried unanimously, is one which has frequently been suggested to successive governments but never acted upon. Fifty-four countries use nickel coinage, while Canada with eighty-five per cent. of the world's nickel, has no nickel coin.

**An Insinuation.**  
(Rochester Herald.)  
A Philadelphia clergyman says that negro automobile labor is better paid than labor in the pulpit. But, dear man! negro automobile labor is very important in the modern scheme of living.

**Fresh.**  
(Exchange.)  
The grocer observed that his best customer was a bit ruffled over something, so strove to be obliging and pleasant.  
"I think," he said blandly, "living is getting cheaper. For instance, a year ago those eggs would have cost you two pence more."  
"A year ago," replied the customer, "when these eggs were fresh, they would have been worth more."

**Hotel Prices.**  
(Philadelphia Bulletin.)  
Captain Lindsey Polk, the successful director of a number of Florida hotels, said recently in New York: "We may charge high, but European hotels, even the best of them, are inferior to ours. While I was in Paris I saw an advertisement of a fashionable new hotel and the boast the management made was that it was as good as the best American hotels. I was pleased with this tribute." The captain smiled. "Well," he resumed, "our ideals are high. No more hotelkeeper like this old fellow who complained about his summer visitors: You wouldn't believe the nonsense that is in them. They are always wanting a clane tablecloth an' clane sheets to their beds. An' table napkins, no less! I'll tell you what, there's sure people in this world that think they can go into a hotel an' make a convenience of it."

Cornelius Husk, on his first visit to the seaside went down to the beach at low tide, and saw a big fishing-smack lying high and dry on the mud flats.  
"Hey, mister," he said to a fisherman, "how do you get that big boat down to the water?"  
"We don't take the boat down to the water, mate," said the fisherman. "The water comes up to the boat."  
Cornelius Husk gave a harsh laugh.  
"Say, mister," he said, "I may be from the country, but I ain't goin' to swallow that."

**Right Vs. Might**  
"Why did you turn out for that truck? According to the traffic rules, you had the right of way."  
"Yes," answered Mr. Churgins, patiently. "But the truck had the right of weight."

## LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus  
Will you please bring me a big doll and two reading books and a book to cut paper dolls and some nuts and candy.  
Oh yes my little sister and brother don't forget.  
Gladys Polzin  
139 Elgin St. Kitchener.

39 Weber St. W.  
Dear Santa Claus  
Will you bring me a sleeping doll and a scarf and bring Kathleen and Albert something too. Don't forget Para. and mamma.  
Good bye  
Loretta Schlosser,  
39 Weber St. W.

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Dear Santa Claus  
Will you bring me a toy horse what goes over and over and candy and nuts, and a game and bring Clarence 2 model builders and a game.  
Goodbye Santa Claus,  
Wilfrid Schlosser, 39 Weber St. W.

Dear Santa Claus  
Will you bring me a pair skates, please bring me a foot ball, please bring me a printer, please bring me a scales, please bring me a telephone, please bring me a wagon coaster.  
Your friend  
Joseph Lehmann,  
33 Shanly

Dear Old Santa Claus  
My name is Harold Heimbecker. I have a little sister called Jessie she would like a doll carriage and I would like heavy shoes and heavy stockings and a pair mitts. I hope I will get this Santa Claus.  
Goodbye  
Harold and Jessie Heimbecker,  
315 Wellington St.  
Dec 20, 1919.

Dear Santa Claus  
Will you please bring me what I ask for. I would like to have a pair of grey over stockings a rain-coat a pair of rubber-boots and a nice ring and a comb don't forget my mamma and papa.  
Your True Friend  
Marie Rau, 79 Mansion.

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a pair of skates, please bring me a hockey stick, please bring me a puck, please bring me a story book, please bring me a pair of mitts, please bring me a cork gun, please bring me a watch, please bring me a toy bank, please bring me a tool box, please bring me a printer, please bring me a drum, please bring me a bob sled, please bring me a coaster.  
Your friend Rudolph Lehman, 33 Shanly street.

Dear Santa Claus I will write a few lines to you. Please will you bring me a pair stockings for me and some candies and oranges and nuts and doll. This is from Kathleen Randall.  
162 King St. East.

Dear Santa Claus Please bring Alice my sister a doll and some candy and nuts oranges and some stockings. This is from my Brother Arthur he wants a pair stockings and a train and some candies and nuts and oranges don't forget mamma she wants something.  
162 King Street East.

Dear Santa Claus Gwendolynne I would like a stocking full of candy and nuts and some new pianoforte and a toy piano and some house slippers and some new hair ribbons and a bar of chocolate.  
144 Weber, E. Kitchener, Ont.  
Dec. 18, 1919.

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a pair skates (hockey) And two led pencils And a game of "Pinch," and some candies, nuts, and oranges, I would like it not to snow Christmas Eve. So you can come Please  
144 Weber, E. Kitchener, Ont.  
Dec. 18, 1919.

Dear Santa Claus—  
I am a good little girl & hope you will not forget me. Please send me a doll, & baby carriage with some nuts and candies.  
Odella McCutcheon  
181 Queen St. S. City.

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a story book, a pair of bedroom slippers a doll's bed. Please don't forget the oranges, nuts & candy.  
Yours truly  
Helen Miller,  
Moorp Ave. Waterloo, Ont.

144 Weber St. E. Kitchener, Ont.  
Dec. 18, 1919.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a cinna machine or you can call it a electric moving picture camera. And a game of "Old Maid" and some nuts, candies, and oranges please I guess it will not be to stormy for Santa Claus to come.  
Your Loving Friend  
Maurice Blummer.

144 Weber St. E. Kitchener, Ont.  
Dec. 18, 1919.  
Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a toy horse and wagon with a man on it. Two bars of chocolate and nuts, candies and oranges please. I do not want all these things if you cannot spare them.  
Your Loving Friend  
Alvin Plummer.

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring Marguarite a doll



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205 King St. W.

Dear Santa Claus  
I am a good little boy, and would like to have a drum a pair of bob skates a story book a set of boxing gloves, and lots of candies, nuts and oranges.  
My name is  
Allan Werle.  
Kitchener, Dec. 22nd, 1919

Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole:  
Dear Santa Claus please bring me a warm pair of boots, a train and some paints and don't forget my mother. Your loving friend,  
CARL R. HARDING,  
9 Queen St. S.

37 Weber St. W., Kitchener, Ont.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will write a few lines to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a doll a cradle a set of dishes and a table and chairs and a hair ribbon a pair of stockings and a pair of skates and don't forget my brother and sisters.  
From yours truly,  
Collette Caray.

Malahide elections will be held in Almyer town hall on Monday, December 29.

## STOP A MOMENT! LISTEN TO THIS

Cincinnati man tells how to lift off any corn without hurting one bit

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called frezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to the corn, the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts out with the fingers.  
It is a sticky substance which dries the moment it is applied and is said to simply shrivel the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. It is claimed that a quarter of an ounce of frezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.  
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