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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1913.

INVESTIGATE THIS BYLAW

A bylaw will be submitted to the rat-

ifiers of the city for approval on

May 28, authorizing the city to borrow

\$250,000 to establish an industrial building of

some kind. The expenditure has been suggested

by the industrial bureau. The gentlemen interested

in that institution have led the city council to be-

lieve that the erection of such a building is all

that is necessary to attract a cloud of smaller indus-

tries, which are not able to come at the present

time.

The idea is worthy of consideration, but there is

much about it which should receive much con-

sideration. The city council has established a rule

that nothing which is not absolutely necessary

in the way of expenditure shall be submitted dur-

ing the present year. There are some details re-

specting the control of the building, the manage-

ment of it, the tenants who should occupy it,

and other matters of some importance which

should be furnished before the people vote upon

the bill.

It might be well to hold a public meeting to

discuss the question. There is an organization in

Calgary, known as the Progressive League, which

would show some enterprise if it should call a

meeting of citizens to discuss this very important

subject.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE NOT SAUCE FOR

THE GANDER

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English mail, prints letters from some prominent

men of advanced politics, Britishers and other-

wise, and the general tenor of their remarks is to

the effect that it is to be regretted that the sensitive

Duchess of Bedford postponed her visit to Portugal

so long. So prominent a Socialist as R. B. Cun-

ninghame Graham observes that had she happened

to go there during the time of the late King

King Carlos I., of blessed memory, she would

have found an identical state of affairs existing in

the Portuguese jails during that monarch's happy

reign. The only difference, the famous English

Socialist sarcastically remarks, would have been

that the unwilling guests in those uninviting in-

stitutions were men of democratic leanings, Lib-

erals, Republicans, Socialists, and the like. As

most persons are aware, Mr. Cunningham

Graham is a traveller, and a traveller familiar

with the Iberian Peninsula; on which account The

Albertan begs leave to commend his words to

those hyper-sensitive individuals who are today

agitating their minds over current events in the

land of Camoens and Vasco da Gama.

If conditions in the Portuguese jails are bad,

remarks Cunningham Graham, those of the Rus-

sian prisons are a thousand times worse; and

beside this fact, no sympathetic duchess has yet

risen to say a single word about the matter.

Aye! As Hamlet says, there's the rub. Portugal

is a republic; and Russia, if not now avowedly

an autocracy, is in practice a near autocracy.

And, as all the world knows, there is an unwritten

law which lays it down that republics may not do

what autocracies may do; or, put in more homely

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THREE

comforting to raise an uproar concerning the

wickedness of weak sinners. Every British heart,

the pitiless Socialist goes on to say, bounds with

indignation in its honest owner's heart when

abuses are complained of in the little lands that

possess no adequate army or navy. It is quite

another thing, however, when men and women

are tortured, rot, and die in the prisons of great

powers; large and powerful countries in which

much British capital has been invested.

The name of Senor F. T. del Marmol is well

known to London journalists, and to all readers of

El Pais (Madrid), La Depeche (Toulouse), and

Fray Mocho (Buenos Ayres). This newspaper-

man has himself been a political prisoner in the

Castle of Montjuich—the Bastille of Spain—and

has exposed its horrors in books and papers with-

out, as he says very truly, a single Ultramontane

or dowager duchess lifting up a voice—unless it

were to excuse the government which authorized

them. Reference is also made to William Archer's

book, "The Life and Death of Francisco Ferrer,"

and to the pathetic letter in which that martyr

for free education—who was judicially murdered

by the Spanish Clericals in 1909—refers to his

treatment in prison while he was yet on "trial."

There is no doubt that Senor del Marmol will

be only too glad to put the hyper-sensitive on the

track of the revolting conditions too often exist-

ing in the political prisons of the monarchy of Spain;

and, for the benefit of those unacquainted with the

Spanish tongue, it may be noted he is a master

of English.

One word more. If the Portuguese Republic

shuts up its antagonists in the jails left to it as

a legacy by Carlos I. and Manuel II., all that

can be said by judicially minded men is that the

incarcerated individuals are but reaping what they

have sown. Now these Royalists and Ultramont-

anes, laid by the heels in prison, are having a

taste of the bitter bread they made their adversaries

eat when they themselves were in power; and in

the seclusion of the Azores Islands—whether the

republic, with remarkable clemency, is de-

porting them, instead of delivering them over to

the executioner—they may meditate with profit

upon the venerable Confucian precept, "Do not

unto others that which thou wouldst not have

others do unto thee." To The Albertan's mind,

the astonishing thing is, that the Portuguese Re-

public has not called in the aid of the hangman

and the firing-squad to rid it of the factious.

In the history of monarchical and Ultramontane

countries it could easily find unimpeachable pre-

cedents for inflicting on its foes the fate of Fran-

cisco Ferrer.

THE FREIGHT RATES

The criticism of the government in the delay in

the adjustment of the discriminatory freight rates

is not directed at the railway commission so much

as at the government and at the Conservative

majority in the House. The delay of the railway

commission has been caused by the slothfulness

of the legal representative of the government. The

government shows no disposition at all to hurry

along this important measure.

The attitude of R. B. Bennett in the matter of

freight rates is of interest to the farmers of Alberta.

He plainly pointed out in the House that freight

rates should not be reduced and that the discrim-

ination should continue to exist because the C.N.R.

was a poorly built road and its maintenance

and working expenses were necessarily high.

On the other hand he argued that the G.T.P. was

well built and therefore expensively built and con-

sequently its fixed charges were high, and it could

not stand reduction of rates either. The C.P.R.

was the only railway of the three that could stand

reduction in rates, and, mind you, he is not asso-

ciated with the C.P.R. either.

It is generally believed that Mr. Bennett in

this instance spoke for the government, so it is

very easy to figure out the attitude of that ad-

ministration in the matter of wiping out the dis-

crimination in railway freight rates which now

prevails in Western Canada, contrary to the ex-

press terms and intent of the Railway Act.

merely the Balkan war was not

worth while even to the victors. That

is the way of all wars.

A Liberal worker has been committed

to trial for election irregularities

in the riding of Clearwater. It is im-

possible at this time to say whether

he is guilty or innocent of the charges

if he is guilty he should be punished

to the very limit. There is too much

election irregularity in this country

and there will be too much of it as

long as election crooks are allowed to

do their crooked work without proper

punishment.

The Edmonton hospital is having

some internal troubles. There the

hospital board declines to have doc-

tors upon the board of management,

which seems to be a reasonable at-

titude for the board to take. If all hos-

pitals adopted such an attitude, there

might be less trouble in the manage-

ment.

Has the city the right to do an ad-

vertising business? Its charter does

not permit it. The city is calling for

tenders for advertising now. It un-

doubtedly has the right to lease space

in its cars, but it has no right to en-

gage in the business really competing

with legitimate local advertising busi-

nesses.

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Mann

DUST

Dust is an ornamental variety of

pollution mud which grows in great

profusion on platons, hard wood floors,

and quartered oak sideboards. It is