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### MONDAY'S CIVIC DUTY.

On Monday the citizens of St. John will elect a Mayor and two Commissioners. One of the old Commissioners was defeated in the primaries. Whether the other one who is a candidate, and the Mayor, will be re-elected or either or both of them will be elected, will appear at the close of the polls on Monday. The issue will be decided by those citizens whose taxes are paid and who take the trouble to cast a vote.

It may be hoped that a vote of larger percentage of the total qualified number than was cast at the primaries. So far as the majority is concerned, the citizens have to decide which of the two men in the field they would prefer to have as the first citizen of St. John for the next two years. With regard to the commissionership, they are to elect two men who they believe would be the most capable administrators of an important department for the next four years, as well as a member of the city executive to pass on all matters coming before the council.

The issues are purely civic, and no other consideration should have weight with any elector. Except for the probable event of a recall there will be no opportunity for two years to rectify any mistake made on Monday.

A good deal of interest in the campaign had developed before the primaries were held, and it has been much more lively in the last two weeks. The candidates have been busy, and each appears to have a fairly active organization. It should not be necessary to urge any voter to go to the polls. Everyone should be sufficiently interested in the city's welfare to make a choice and support the candidates chosen.

Additional interest will attach to Monday's vote because the question of the proposed vocational school is to be decided.

### WORDS OF CHEER.

President Beatty of the Canadian Pacific told the Sherbrooke Board of Trade last night that Canada's fortunate position among the nations is no longer a debatable point. It is quite right. Canada is most fortunate. She has the area, the resources, and the geographical position in relation to the rest of the world. Her needs are people and money, and both are available. She must, however, choose the people with care and in expending money consider carefully the need and the probable return. Mr. Beatty advises caution but insists upon that spirit of confidence which is warranted by Canada's potential wealth. He has no place for the pessimist.

The President of the Canadian Pacific speaks in a national sense. His view embraces the whole northern half of the continent. He is speaking of the Dominion as a whole. What he says, however, applies as well to a province or to a city in Canada. There are the same opportunities in a lesser degree. There is the same room for expansion and development. There is the same need of a confident and determined spirit. There is no place for pessimism. However dull the outlook at any particular moment, the larger vision will pierce the clouds and behold the future growth and greatness.

It is to be feared that when times are dull the tendency of too many people, including some who ordinarily are in times of activity are leaders, is to magnify the present depression and fail to discern the brightness ahead. This spirit would discourage enterprise, make bad worse, and postpone the day of improvement. It is well to be prudent and not to plunge, but it is fatal to sit with folded hands. There is a measured optimism that is never daunted, but always finds a reason for pressing toward a goal whose existence is never questioned. It makes for individual success in life, for the growth and expansion of cities, and the prosperity of provinces and states. President Beatty and the men behind the Canadian Pacific have it, and they prove it in their works. Where should this spirit of measured optimism be more in evidence than in St. John, which is the Atlantic terminus of the C. P. R. and a port situated on one of the great trade routes of the British Empire?

### JOCKEYING FOR POSITION.

A curious situation has arisen in the House of Commons at Ottawa over the amendment Mr. Woodsworth moved in the budget debate. The amendment, we are told, was in effect the same as a Progressive moved last year, and which was accepted by the Speaker. It appears that when Mr. Woodsworth suggested certain alterations, which Mr. Woodsworth apparently accepted, Haasard carried both the original and the changed form of the amendment, and both were challenged by Hon. Mr. Meighen. Mr. Woodsworth then stuck to the original form of the amendment and is said to have expressed suspicion in regard to the changes that had been made. Of course the Speaker is above suspicion, and

could have no design in changing the form of words other than to make the meaning as he understood it more clear. It is incredible that he would deliberately propose changes that would enable him to rule the amendment out of order. However, the matter is now up to him, as Mr. Meighen has challenged both forms of the motion as out of order. If he could get the Woodsworth amendment out of the way there would be opportunity for one moved by Mr. Doucet of Kent, declaring for "a consistently maintained protective policy." The Speaker will give his decision on Monday. The incident affords an interesting example of jockeying for position.

### GUESTS OF ROYALTY.

The story of Queen Mary showing the young Scottish maiden, Isabel MacDonald, through Windsor Castle while King George and the maiden's father are together at a football match, will touch a sympathetic chord in every heart in the Kingdom and the Empire. Of course the Scottish maiden is the daughter of the Prime Minister, and it is the Prime Minister who is this afternoon with the King at Windsor; but, who, even a few short years ago, would have pictured Ramsay MacDonald and his daughter as intimate guests of Royalty at Windsor? It is true the Labor Premier is a man of fine culture, and has proved himself a statesman of high rank, while his daughter has had excellent educational advantages and the rare companionship of parents wise to guide and counsel her; but they represent the class which in former years did not receive Royal recognition to the extent now accorded.

We may be very sure both King and Queen will delight to entertain their guests, for they, too, are democrats in spirit, and do not need to peer under a coronet to discover genuine worth of character; and Windsor Castle has sheltered many far less worthy guests than the Scottish maiden and her distinguished father.

### A GRIM RECORD.

Dr. V. V. Anderson, director of mental hygiene, New York, made a very striking statement in an address in Toronto this week. He said: "Fifty thousand new patients entering the hospitals for the insane in the United States every year and 500,000 men, women and children locked up in prisons and correctional institutions! This figure alone, to say nothing of the larger number convicted but not sentenced, or arrested and not convicted, or criminals not caught, makes crime one of the most outstanding and menacing problems that face our nation today."

Those who are prone to weigh the cost of public health measures and the proper treatment and care of children from the physical and mental standpoint would do well to give thought to the financial burden the care of insane and of criminals imposes upon the nation. Dr. Anderson referred to this aspect of the case and then said: "Yet these conditions are in a large measure preventable, providing proper scientific principles are applied and treatment given to serious personality defects, mental twists and conflicts that point to shipwrecked lives. All constructive social forces must be centered on the training of children for a wholesome and socialized adult life."

The remedy lies in the last sentence quoted. The children must be treated for bodily and mental defects. The cost would be far less than that of caring for adults who had drifted into crime or insanity, for there would be the added benefit derived from the correction of defective children into producing factors in the community.

A London cable says that the collapse of the Irish Boundary Conference was anticipated. The Irish Treaty made provision for just such a contingency and a Boundary Commission will be established. It is inconceivable that north and south would go to war over this issue, serious as it may be. Surely Ireland has had enough of war.

Kent County, N. B., appears to be much in the limelight at Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Copp took occasion yesterday to deny that he had made certain statements which were attributed to him. Mr. Doucet, for a new member, is taking quite a notable part in the discussions in the House.

The career of the late Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, was a striking illustration of what a clever man, even if uneducated, can do through political manipulation in the city of New York. That polychrome lends itself to bossism, and Mr. Murphy was a born leader of the boss type.

Beets

Any left-over beets that have been served with butter and no vinegar may be creamed for the next meal by chopping them in coarse cubes and serving with white sauce, allowing a cup of beets to a cup of sauce.

### Press Comment

#### GO AFTER THE BUSINESS.

(Moncton Transcript.)  
When the suggestion was made a few months ago that a representative delegation from the Maritime Provinces should proceed to Western Canada to impress upon the exporters and importers the advantages of routing their traffic through Canadian ports, the Transcript pleaded for prompt action. There is a strong feeling that this delegation should go now, and the suggestion is finding fresh support.

The St. John Telegraph-Journal declares that "there is no business reason against the shipment of freight through Canadian ports," and that "from a sentimental standpoint Canadians should be true to their own interest by advancing and promoting the prosperity of such ports as St. John and Halifax in winter, and Montreal and Quebec in summer." We need, however, to advertise our facilities, and there is no place where they can be so well advertised as in the western provinces where much of the export freight originates. Some time ago at a conference in Halifax the suggestion was made that the Maritime Provinces should operate in making known to the rest of Canada the export facilities that we have. Nothing as yet has been done in this direction. It is to be hoped that something will be done forthwith, and it is encouraging to find increasing support of the idea. It is known that Sir Henry Thornton is strongly in favor of such a delegation and believes it would have splendid results. The similar delegation which went from Portland last year returned enthusiastically over what was accomplished.

Mere talk about the Confederation pact and the results it has failed to produce in the Maritime Provinces will get us nowhere. What we need now is action. We need to get after business. The Toronto Globe and other influential newspapers in upper Canada and in the West have again and again advised the Maritime Boards of Trade and City Councils to arrange for a delegation and have assured us that it will everywhere be warmly received and that the western shippers will welcome the opportunity to learn about the Maritime problems and particularly about the Maritime ports. By all means send a delegation as soon as possible.

#### A BIRTHDAY.

(Arkansas Gazette.)  
Smooth the cloth across the boards,  
Crystal and the silver bring;  
And one small cake and set it so—  
With seven candles in a ring.

And now I set them all alight,  
The seven candles in a ring,  
How bravely bright the flame points glow!  
How bitter is remembering

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### LIGHTER VEIN

"D'ye ken Mac told in the river on his way home last night?"  
"You don't mean to say he was drowned?"  
"Not drowned, men, but badly diluted."

"Feyther," said little Mickey, "wasn't it Patrick Henry that said, 'Let us have peace'?"  
"Niver!" said old Mickey. "Nobody be th' name of Patrick Iver said anything like that."

Counsel—"Tell the court where you were at 5.30 on Wednesday, March 21st."  
Defendant—"I was in Holborn."  
"Ahh! And what were you doing?"  
"Asking a man a question."  
"Ahh!—but how do you know it was 5.30?"  
"Aha yourself! I was asking him the time."

Two little boys who had been naughty all day were told by their teacher that they must stay after school and write their names 500 times.  
After the other pupils had gone they fell to work, and for several minutes wrote away without a sound. Then one of them began to watch the other unsuspiciously.  
"Why don't you write, Tommy?" asked his teacher.  
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