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## THE POST OFFICE.

The Globe last evening published a three line item stating that George F. Beverly had been arrested for assaulting Postmaster Hanington in his office. This was all the readers of the Globe found in that paper on the subject of the quarrel in the post office. The Telegraph in the morning had told of the previous day's trouble, and of Mr. Beverly's resignation, and his threat of proceedings against the postmaster, but the Globe said not a word about that side of the case. The news of Mr. Beverly's arrest, however, reached the Globe office in remarkably quick time, and was thought to be good enough to print. The fact that Mr. Beverly had laid a formal charge against the postmaster on the ground of assault was known to the Globe, as well as to the other evening papers. They announced it; the Globe did not. They did not announce the arrest of Mr. Beverly, because it occurred just as they were going to press, and they received the news too late. The Globe, with a whole day to get at facts which were common street talk, published only a three line item about the arrest of Mr. Beverly.

## THE LEAGUE MEETINGS.

Last night's discussion on public ownership at the Fabian League meeting was interesting and useful as a statement of general principles and a relation of what has been done in this city with regard to certain franchises. No doubt it is merely preliminary to a more exhaustive consideration of the whole subject, in which much more information touching the whole question will be given. The Times yesterday was under a misapprehension, through having been misinformed. This journal was given to understand that a civic taxation was to be discussed last evening, but it appears that Aid. Maxwell will open up a discussion on that question at the next meeting of the League. It is a question of more immediate importance than public ownership, and will no doubt be discussed by many others besides members of the city council.

It may be well to point out to the League that the city council has not brought about any reforms in the matter of civic taxation. In addition, therefore, to those of the members of the council, who have done practically nothing, it would be well to get the views of persons who have strong opinions on the subject of taxation, and who desire to see a change made with as little delay as possible.

## PROFITABLE PUBLICITY.

The best kind of publicity for western Canada is given to the country by such persons as the Englishmen, interviewed by the Times today. They have lived in the west, and are going home to the old country to spend Christmas. They are coming back to Canada. While at home they will tell their friends of the great opportunities this country offers to the energetic young man, and their words will carry weight. No amount of lecturing or literature or pictorial advertising could carry conviction with as much force as the story of the experience of actual settlers told by themselves to people who know them. These young men will come back, and will induce others to come with or after them. They will be a link between the old land and the new, and a source of strength to the empire. Canadians wish for them a happy Christmas, and a safe return to the golden west.

## THE CZAR AND REFORM.

An interesting letter from St. Petersburg asserts that not only is the czar in sympathy with the general scheme of reform proposed by the members of the Zemstvo, but that he has sent their memorial to the imperial council with his personal approval of most of its demands. The letter asserts that the czar has overcome the influence of the holy synod and other antagonists of reform, and is determined to alter the present system of government in Russia. Referring to the Zemstvo memorial and the czar's action, the letter says:

At the present moment this all-important, history-making document has been handed over by the emperor to members of the imperial council, and may be altered according to suggestions made by that august body, but there are points which the emperor has already decided on. These are as follows:—First, that there shall in future be perfect freedom of the press. Second, that perfect freedom of conscience shall be allowed. This means a great deal, especially to the Hebrews, as it permits them to hold property in districts hitherto restricted. Third, that people shall have a right to vote in the legislature of the country (which means representative houses). Fourth, that for the impartial rendering of justice judges shall be im-

movable, as in England (hitherto on the slightest pretext they have been removed by the chief of the zemstvos). Upon one point, however, the emperor does not agree with the resolutions of the commission. His majesty will not, under any circumstances, sanction the control of the budget by the people. The imperial council has been directed to work out the project with as little delay as possible. When this has been done the highly interesting question will arise as to when the imperial ukase will be issued making law of the newly-given reform. It might come in the event of a great Russian defeat in order to buoy up the spirits of the people and rouse them to renewed enthusiasm. It might be given as a crowning act upon the day of rejoicing and as a climax to the grand day when the war is over and a treaty of peace shall have been signed. Both possibilities are already talked of by those who are behind the scenes of politics in this country.

This correspondent speaks with an air of confidence which is somewhat impressive, and even asserts that the czar was the real initiator of the reform movement. If the statements made are even partially true it augurs well for the cause of reform. Against a combination of czar and common people, the bureaucracy would be compelled to yield reforms.

Great interest is being manifested in the opening of the first session of the new parliament. An Ottawa dispatch says:—There will be an unusually large attendance at the opening of parliament next month, unless all signs fail. Not only will it be the first session of a new parliament, but it will be the first state appearance of the new governor-general, both of which circumstances lend additional interest to the proceedings. Already members-elect have written the governor-general, and it is just possible that after all these demands have been met there will be no places available for others who have been accustomed in the past to be favored with invitations to the floor.

Archdeacon Williams of Stratford, who has been elected Bishop of Huron, is a comparatively young man. He was born in Wales in 1859. He graduated from Oxford University, taking the degree of M. A. in 1885. He was ordained a deacon, and the following year was made a priest. In 1887 he came to Canada as professor of theology at Huron College. Later he was for three years special preacher at St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1892 he was appointed rector of Stratford, where he has since resided. Last year he was created an archdeacon.

If the people of Russia secure freedom of the press, other reforms will not be long delayed. But it was only last week the minister of the interior thought it necessary to suspend one publication and confiscate a whole issue of another.

## THE HOBOS.

(Special by Megaphone from City Hall, Dec. 1.)

Ald. Christie is determined that there shall be no reckless waste of water this winter. He remembers that last winter the water supply was very short in the north end of the city, and he will not stand for any such extravagant waste as would be involved in giving hobos a bath. The Salvation Army has a shelter for catthens and such indolent gentry as infest the city in winter. The army wants to take these men in when they are hungry and dirty and penniless, give them a bath, fatten them, make them comfortable for the night, and make them do some work to pay for it. This does not appeal to Ald. Christie. He would prefer to see them going about hungry, and dirty, begging, stealing, frightening households, and doing this winter as they did last winter. The water supply must not be diverted to any such purpose as washing the hide of a hobo.

No money will be granted to help the army in its sanitary campaign. The question has been sent over for one month. It would be impossible to determine in any shorter time what effect water and soap and disinfectants would have on a catthenn. Moreover, it is necessary to have hungry hobos going about, in order to keep the police busy. Besides, it is not necessary to spend the \$200 to pay for another blunder in connection with the Sand Point berth or the new ferry steamers. If you take away from the aldermen the luxury of making costly blunders and making the people pay for it, they won't have any Christmas.

Edith—You seem to be very anxious to have yourself agreeable to Mr. Short. Why not give your attention to Mr. Long? Evidently, he is much struck by your looks. Eradine—That's because he is a married man; at least, I suppose he is. Married men are always very free in their attentions. Perhaps it is because variety attracts, or possibly it is because they can make love without committing themselves.

NO HOLDUPS IN CANADA;  
A LAW ABIDING COUNTRY

General Superintendent of the C. P. R. Denies Sensational Stories in New York Press—Canada, Unlike the States Holds No Such Rascals.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The sensational dispatch from St. Paul, which appeared in New York papers, regarding the alleged holding up of passenger trains in the west, consequent upon Canadian railway company's refusing to be blackmailed, was shown to a prominent official of the Canadian Pacific here, who pronounced it absolutely foundationless. No blackmailing demands upon nor threats to any official of the company have been made, nor have there been any attempts to wreck trains, and the whole story is characterized as a transparent fake so far as the company is concerned.

The despatch to which the above refers is as follows:—The Canadian Pacific, in spite of extraordinary precautions to prevent the fulfillment of threats made by a band of desperate criminals, the Despatch announces that the Canadian Northern roads have been unable to entirely suppress the band. Within three weeks eighteen attempts to wreck through passenger trains at widely separated points have been made, and only by the exercise of stringent precautions, coupled with good luck, has at least one terrible wreck been avoided. The railroad refuse to make public any of the details of the recent passenger train wreck. F. W. Johnson, superintendent of a St. Paul detective agency, returned on Sunday from a

trip over the Canadian roads, having stationed a dozen of his best men at various points along the line. The general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific received in August a threatening letter demanding \$50,000 for the Canadian Northern. He paid no attention to the letter save to place detectives on all trains. Toward the close of that month another letter was received and then a third. The letters all demanded that the company show while instead of green markers on the through trains to indicate that negotiations might be begun. No attention was paid to the demand, and within the last month narrow escapes from derailment have been of daily occurrence. The band is believed to be very expert, and those who have done the actual work are thoroughly versed in the railroad knowledge. It is now thought that the accident in which Lord Minto's train ran into an open switch, killing two persons, was one of the first moves of the band, for the railroad say that the opening of the switch could not have been an accident. There have been two train hold-ups in Western Canada and scores of robberies, all of which are attributed to the unsuccessful blackmailers of the railroad. The Canadian and American police and the Canadian Secret Service are in constant communication concerning the robberies.

REFUSED  
THEIR AID.

Treasury Board will Not Make Grant to Salvation Army Shelter.

At a meeting of the treasury board yesterday Ald. Christie protested against Carleton storekeepers retailing ferry tickets in their stores. The board of works will take up the matter.

Ald. Robinson was in the chair, the common clerk and Ald. Christie, Holder, Tully, Bullock, Maxwell, Macrae, Friel and Delev, Reeder, Skinner and Chamberlain, Sandall were present. Staff captain Turpin, on behalf of the Salvation Army, explained in reference to the operations of the Metropolitan and Catthenn shelter. In October they had found the accommodation of great benefit to the men. During November 430 men had been through their hands, sixty-six had done some work by splitting wood, etc., to earn their bed and food in the morning, 109 came with orders and 250 had paid for the accommodation. In connection with the shelter they had a labor bureau, and places had been found for thirty-seven men of fifty-seven applications. An expense of \$1,500 had been incurred. Each man had a separate bed and good bedding, thirty being down stairs and forty up. The place was open for inspection at any time. The matter was discussed at length by the different members of the board.

Ald. Christie moved the matter be over for further investigation for one month.

Ald. Bullock moved in amendment that a grant of \$200 be made. The amendment was defeated and the original motion carried.

CATHOLICS WORK  
FOR TEMPERANCE.

A New Society Founded in Toronto With a Prohibition Platform—The Treating System.

(Toronto News.) Following the example of activity set by other temperance people since the Liberal Convention, the Catholic Temperance and Debating Union of Toronto was formed at a meeting of representative Catholic gentlemen at St. Peter's Hall on Sunday last. The proposed platform of the Society, which will receive the consideration of the members at the next general meeting, to be held in St. Peter's Hall on December 7, is as follows: (1) To abstain from all intoxicating drink; (2) not to frequent saloons, bar-rooms, or similar drinking places; (3) neither to treat nor to accept a treat, in saloons, hotels, or similar drinking places; (4) to say a prayer every day for the cause of temperance.

A circular letter is being sent out to Catholics by the men who inaugurated the movement, and the following is an extract therefrom: "The Catholics of the city for some time past have felt that an organization of this kind was badly needed, not only for the cause of temperance, but also for the benefit to be derived from a general literary society of this kind among the Catholics of the city. The movement deserves the earnest consideration of every member of the church, and all are requested to attend the next meeting."

Children—How did you like it when you told her her dress wasn't half bad? Eradine—She sought to square herself by roasting me. Nickers—Are you at all short sighted? Wicken—Only when I see cheap coarse along who is short of funds.

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