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### City's Peace Programme For Development

Discussion of Community Needs at Public Meeting

#### Must Go Ahead

Speakers Tell of Opportunities Awaiting St. John and Urge Courage and Enterprise in Dealing With the Situation

Vocational training, thrift and war stamps, nationalization of the port of St. John, housing conditions, street and water works improvements, new industries, taxation, municipal ownership of public utilities and other matters of vital interest were discussed last night at a meeting of business men in the board of trade rooms.

The meeting was presided over by R. B. Emerson, president of the Board of Trade, with Secretary Armstrong at his post. The speakers on the programme were Sir Douglas Hazen, who devoted his entire address to thrift and savings stamps; Mayor Hayes, R. W. Wigmore, M. P., and W. S. Fisher.

The first speaker was Sir Douglas Hazen, who maintained that if people economize and are industrious the chances are that they will be happy and prosperous. The thrift and savings stamp plan of the financial programme was made necessary by the war and conditions arising out of the war. When war broke out, Canada's credit was excellent in the London money market. Then a new era arose and this country faced problems entirely different. In the ten years before the war, the capitalists of Great Britain sent annually some \$200,000,000 for investment in Canada. When war broke out we found such large sums coming here not available. The British government agreed then to finance Canada in its war expenditures. Later Canada was informed that it was impossible to go on borrowing in London and that we would have to look elsewhere. It was necessary to finance the purchase of Canadian supplies for Britain and to send food across to prevent starvation among the Allied peoples on the other side of the water.

It developed that Canada was in better financial shape than was supposed, and the Canadian people came nobly to the rescue. The finance minister in making his first loan of \$50,000,000 surprised the bankers who were skeptical and had predicted that it would require six months to float the loan. The loan was readily subscribed twice over.

Civic and community problems were outlined by Mayor Hayes. He said that city hall had been careful in making expenditures during the war. It had been necessary, however, to spend \$60,000 for water extension to the East St. John hospital, and from \$35,000 to \$40,000 on the head of the Point wharf, on which a return of twelve per cent will follow. Now that the war is over, his worship said, there is a general disposition to call for larger expenditures. Technical education was being urged by manufacturers and others. This would call for an outlay of \$250,000 for a plant to carry on the work, with \$50,000 added for expenses.

In the matter of improved hospital accommodations, from \$225,000 to \$400,000 would be involved if the improvements asked for by physicians were made. It is a fact that the present hospital accommodations are inadequate and large sums might be spent to improve the situation. The streets of St. John are not as good as they should be, but this is no reflection on Commissioner Fisher. He has not been given the money. We are told other cities have splendid streets, but the burden there

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is thrown on the abutting property owners. Mr. Fisher says needed improvements here would cost \$150,000.

"He and I agree that the abutters should pay their share, but the citizens in general are not in favor of this plan," said the mayor.

"The extension of the new pipe line from Spruce Lake to the city is a necessity. The extension will probably cost \$350,000.

"There are very many welfare objects which Mr. Beidling has at heart. We all have. If we do as we should it will add to our burdens.

"A report on the street railway problem will be made soon and the commissioners may recommend municipal ownership, and it may be that something like this will have to be done. The company's financial position has not improved.

The tax increases this year will be greater than before. In other places large private donations have been made to hospitals, but it is not so in St. John. Supplies have gone up in price and one institution will need twenty-five per cent more this year to meet expenses.

The school board will need more, and it is so all along the line. The city officials and employees are not overpaid and need more. City hall would be glad to get an expression from the citizens on these problems.

Regarding the nationalization of the port, Mayor Hayes said that Hon. Mr. Ballantyne was ill and it would be some time before the matter came to a head. As the situation stands, the government values the port property at only \$12,500,000. Some people oppose nationalization, fearing that it will make the port expensive. The question should be treated on the same basis as that of the railroads and other public utilities.

In conclusion the mayor declared that we must know where the money is to be used for civic expenditures which may be made.

Mr. Wigmore Optimistic.

The next speaker, Mr. Wigmore, told the meeting he did not look upon the mayor's report as a gloomy one but as rather rosy. After the war when we have been restricted in every expenditure it looked encouraging. "We must look for an increase in taxes in the future. Provisions are necessary if St. John is to be in the forefront."

Speaking of the East St. John water extension which would cost more than \$60,000, Mr. Wigmore referred to the fact that the former offer of an English real estate syndicate to pay ten per cent of the cost was not now available. The cost of the Lancaster extension from Spruce Lake was necessary as the Lancaster Heights residents were indignant because of an insufficient water supply when the pulp mill was in operation.

Public works are necessary and there has been a curtailment of appropriations during the war. Now that the war is over necessary public works will be carried on. The matter of a harbor commission has been before the public several years until the people have come to look upon it as a political football which both parties have been using. The subject had been brought to the attention of the Ottawa government many times. He believed that the St. John citizens were strongly in favor of having the port placed under the government in commission. Hon. Mr. Ballantyne has

not looked upon the plan with a great deal of favor, although he had the harbor at Montreal as an example. Conditions in Montreal were inaugurated by Mr. Ballantyne and colleagues and are considered very satisfactory.

Mr. Carvell has said that a large amount of money would be spent here and, I think, that the situation is safe in his hands. I believe he will do all in his power to carry out that nationalization policy.

Commissioner Bullock was glad that these matters were being discussed. He favored a more thorough discussion later by the board of trade. He said his mind was open regarding the matter of a harbor commission. He was studying the question, he added, from a business standpoint. The commissioner said that the city would not have to make a harbor deficit this year as the income will equal the expenditure. The assessment on account of the ferries will probably be a little less. He did not think it advisable for the city to begin to beg for the government for the harbor. He thought that Mr. Carvell was favorable to the interests of St. John and he also concluded that Mr. Ballantyne was favorable. The government probably looked at the situation from purely a business standpoint.

W. S. Fisher.

W. S. Fisher, the next speaker, stated that he was heartily in favor of co-operation all around and that was also in favor of a harbor commission. "We have struggled for twenty-five years that this port should be made fit to handle the business of the country," he said, "and it is a national port in every sense. I believe that when our delegation gets to Ottawa they will convince the government of the righteousness of St. John's cause."

The greatest competition in commerce the world has ever seen is ahead of us. How are we going to meet it? All these years we have secured only a few industries. We are proud of the McArthur plant, the Maritime Mill Works, Pender's and the sugar refinery, the cotton factories and others, but we need many more. We have in the maritime provinces most all the material necessary to establish industries. Outside of British Columbia there is no district so highly favored as the maritime provinces.

The greatest asset is the geographical position of St. John as affecting our industrial life. We have steamship lines to many parts of the world. "We ought to have more courage and determination to make our advantages known and not hide our lights under a bushel. Hundreds of branch factories have been established in Canada by United States firms, but St. John gets few. Why? I think because we haven't gone after them. You can't get business unless you make your wares known. We should have a commissioner go out after industries and bring the attention of opportunity of St. John to investors. We suffer for lack of cheap water power."

"I am a strong advocate of technical education. L. W. Simms and other maritime manufacturers are going to a great exhibition in Lyons with exhibits from the Maritime provinces. This opens up the question of our export trade."

Mr. Fisher suggested that a trade committee be sent out. He thought perhaps the board might send its secretary once

in a while. He declared that confidence and co-operation were needed.

Dr. J. H. Frink.

In the discussion that followed, former Mayor James H. Frink said that he thought that the city committee had been weak during the last three years in one respect in that they did not hold daily meetings and discuss important questions more thoroughly. He favored the harbor commission and believed that the citizens would vote for it. He was surprised that the government offer of \$12,500,000 for the port property. He was sure the city had spent that much on the West Side alone.

A. M. Beidling explained the vocational training plan. He said a delegation of business men had appeared before the city council in advocacy of it and he understood that the council had expressed their full sympathy with the business men. He had heard, however, that a member of the school board had expressed the opinion that vocational training was merely a means of educating our people to go away, a sentiment he entirely disagreed with. It was the plan to spend \$250,000 for vocational training immediately, but to start in a small way. The plan was to have an

home. Percy W. Thomson favored Mr. Beidling's plan regarding technical education and he advocated higher salaries for teachers.

C. G. Harrison endorsed the harbor commission idea and he thought that the dominion government would meet the St. John delegation in a broad way. Mr. Harrison regarded the municipal ownership of the street railway as a dubious proposition and he considered that the problem was a grave one. Municipal ownership would place a heavy burden on the city commission. He favored technical education very heartily.

A. H. Wetmore spoke briefly, having prepared a paper but preferring to hold this over until a further meeting.

Before a crowded house F. A. McKenzie, the famous Canadian war correspondent, by picture and by description told of the way in which the Canadian corps "made Canada a nation and saved the British line" in the Imperial theatre yesterday afternoon. His pictures were remarkably good. Some of them showed in motion the actual fighting and the different branches of the Canadian army on the march, while others depicted the scenes of devastation in the battle areas of France. They were all of them of great interest and the narrative with which Mr. McKenzie explained them was the account of an eye-witness of no mean powers of observation. Premier Foster introduced the speaker and at the close of the address Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, the president of the Women's Canadian Club, under the auspices of which the lecture was given, expressed to Mr. McKenzie the hearty thanks of the club and of all who were present. R. Garino sang "The Trumpet" and as an encore "Boy of Mine," before the speaker was introduced.

FOR THRIFT DRIVE

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The following captains were appointed for the respective wards and county districts:

Brooks, Charles Belyea; Guys, S. H. Mays; Sydney, F. T. Lewis; Dukes, G. W. deForest; Queens, W. S. Lockhart; Kings, C. H. Smyth; Prince, Henry; Wellington, Wm. Ryan; Dufferin, J. U. Thomas; Victoria, T. K. Linton; Lunenburg, George A. Hynes; York, Lorne H. Usher Miller; Stanley, Chas. T. Green; Fairville, Coun. J. T. O'Brien; Beauséjour, Coun. J. P. St. Martin; W. B. Bettley and E. S. Vaughan; Salmon River, Morris Tufts; East St. John, W. E. Burdett; St. John, C. M. McArthur; L. C. Adams; Loch Lomond, B. B. Jordan; Black River, T. B. Carson; Musquash, parish, Coun. Fred Thomson.

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Salmon 1/2 lb......10c  
Pumpkin......35c  
Large California Peaches......35c  
Canadian Peaches 3c......20c  
3 bottles W. Sauce......25c  
20 lb. bag Oatmeal.....\$1.00  
Choice Dairy Butter......45c, 1b.  
3 cakes Happy Home Soap......15c  
3 cakes Imperial Soap......15c  
3 cakes Sunlight or Life Buoy Soap......21c  
3 cakes Surprise, Gold, Sigmund's or Naptha......25c, pk. up

Apples from.....\$2.50 bbl. up  
Potatoes......30c, pk.  
Carrots......30c, pk.  
Turnips......19c, pk.  
Beets......45c, pk.  
Parsnips......45c, pk.

Your Granulated Eyelids, Eyes inflamed by exposure to Sun, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Murine Eye Remedy. No Smarting, just Eye Comfort. At Murine Drugists or by mail 60c per Bottle. For Book of the Eye free write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.



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There is no better laundry soap obtainable at the price. Therefore if the cake of Gold Soap were no larger than any other it would be a good buy. But the Gold Soap cake is larger. It is one-fifth or more larger than any other laundry soap at the price. To use Gold Soap is to cut your laundry soap bill one-fifth.

## Gold Soap

The Big Good Laundry Soap

## Why Pay More Than These Low Prices!

### Specials For Monday and Tuesday

10 lbs. Finest Granulated Sugar for \$1.09

4 pkgs. Cow Brand Soda.....25c	Shrimp.....21c
10 lbs. Extra Choice Onions.....25c	Lobsters.....28c
2 pkgs. Bean.....25c	Hunt's Sliced Pineapple.....31c
2 pkgs. Tapioca.....25c	