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WHY "EXPERIMENT?" The White Star Steamship Company prefers to send its steamers to a Maritime port rather than to Portland, Maine, where they are now going. This is known as the authority of Major Curry, General Manager of the White Star Line's Canadian services.

The latest revelations regarding this matter only serve to show more clearly than ever how necessary it is that the costly force of building up American ports with export freight of Canadian origin, and also by taking our imports through American harbors, should cease.

A few days ago in the House of Commons Mr. H. B. Short, the member for Digby, made the statement that the C. N. R. had a contract to supply cargo to the White Star ships at Portland, and he protested against any such policy or practice as un-Canadian and as encouraging and perpetuating a policy most damaging to Canada's economic and national interests.

What is the obstacle? Just one, but a fatal one. These ships, seeking Canadian export freight, have to go to Portland in order to load it, because it is not made available to them—it is not made available to them—it is not made available to them—it is not made available to them.

There should be no talk of "experiment" in the matter of switching these steamers to Maritime ports next season. Major Curry himself is on record as saying that his company prefers the Maritime ports for two reasons, one patriotic and the other being the fact that the ships can be handled more cheaply in Maritime harbors than at Portland.

That Halifax and Saint John have the facilities to give these steamers quick despatch for two reasons, one patriotic and the other being the fact that the ships can be handled more cheaply in Maritime harbors than at Portland.

It is a monstrous situation in which a British steamship line, whose avowed policy is to use Canadian ports, is compelled to take cargo at Portland, thereby helping to expand that support at the direct expense of our own harbors, and it should no longer be tolerated. The case is one demanding very plain speaking, and it must call for still more plain-spoken discussion until it is corrected.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS. The March business letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce notes continued improvement in the country's trade during the last month. Prices for some agricultural products during February were not quite so favorable as in the previous month, but generally the volume of business has been greater in several lines of industry and the markets have shown greater stability.

What System of Civic Government Do You Think Best?

(The second article on Civic Government in The Times-Star series is published herewith, dealing with the municipal system. Another form of civic government will be dealt with in an early issue.)

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY.

The cities of Germany are frequently referred to as examples of the highest attainment in civic government, and as far as the physical aspect of cities is concerned this is no doubt a correct view. In city planning, city building, promotion of industrial development and general management of civic affairs, in some other spheres of action, the Germans had, prior to the war, attained a degree of efficiency that no other country has ever reached.

The German system of civic government is similar in some respects to that of Great Britain, but is bureaucratic rather than democratic. It consists of three elements: the Gemeinderat, the Magistrat and the Burgomaster.

The Gemeinderat is an elected representative body corresponding approximately to the English town council, but shorn to a considerable extent of its powers, being much less directly connected with the management of the city's business.

The Magistrat is a group of experts consisting of all the salaried heads of departments and a number of unpaid members elected by the Council, forming together a body usually about one-quarter to one-third the size of the Council.

The Burgomaster, like the departmental heads of whom he has oversight, is a highly trained official, usually a University graduate, whose education has been enough more left to go around, for we have had a little ourselves.

Montreal has had more snow in the first nine days of March than in the whole month last year. March has produced 25.9 inches in Montreal already, the heaviest March snowfall for more than half a century. And yet there appears to have been enough snow left to go around, for we have had a little ourselves.

Odds and Ends

The Good Ship Matrimony

Educators of Philadelphia and Trenton have applied for incorporation as the First Year Club. Their object, as disclosed in their application, is "to promote peace during the first twelve months of marriage."

What Hurts. (Newcastle, Ind. Courier.) A solid money-grubber is anybody who grabs more money than you can grab.

What Real Treasure Is. Choose to rear your children well instructed rather than rich, for the hopes of the learned are better than the riches of the ignorant.

As Proved Later. (Brantford Express.) The best man at a recent wedding in St. Louis was a woman. Many a groom has also found that out later.

A Gentle British Gibe



Dame Europe: "I used to be so nervous in this district, but now that dear Rover is with me, I feel so safe." —The Daily Courier (Liverpool).

Poems That Live

DATUR HORA QUIETI The sun upon the lake is low, The wild birds hush their song. The hills have evening's deepest glow, Yet Leonard tarries long.

The Best of Advice

WHAT IS A GENIUS? EVERY now and then some person is publicly acclaimed a genius, although the chances are that he or she merely happens to be unusual.

Who's Who in the Day's News

ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS THE news of the earth hold no secrets from the division of Atlantic exploration of the American Museum of Natural History, who is organizing another expedition into the Gobi Desert.

Just Fun

TEACHER: Johnny, what great change occurred during the World War? Johnny: Pa bought me a new washboard.

Fickle Friends

FOUR years ago she submitted to an operation, and, much to the dismay of her friends, such two days later—From the Boston Evening American.

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Twenty Years Ago Today

THE Saint John Civic Elections Bill was thrown out by the Municipal committee at Fredericton, ending the last of the Citizens' League's attempted reforms.

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