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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 31, 1907.

CIVIC FINANCES.

The report of the city's financial position which was presented at last evening's meeting of the treasury board is the most encouraging in years. It indicates that an effort is being made to improve not only the financial condition of the city, but to bring about a much needed reform in the system of accounts, to modernize the book-keeping, and to keep a check on the various spending departments. The only criticism which may be offered at the present time is that the statement is too late. It should have been presented three months ago, but the delay, it appears, was unavoidable owing to the increasing amount of work required from the chamberlain's staff, and the poor facilities afforded Mr. Sandall and his associates in conducting the business. The chamberlain deserves credit for the improvement in the system which is made, and the chairman of the treasury board must also receive a large measure of praise for his untiring efforts towards systematizing and consolidating the accounts. Ald. Bullock has succeeded in securing a better rate of interest on the debt, this being brought about by an agreement which has still eighteen months to run, and which will not doubt be renewed on the same or more favorable terms. It is shown that in most of the departments, expenditures have been kept well within the limits, and in some cases the indebtedness has been materially reduced. This is a radical change from the habits of the past, for as a rule each department has spent whatever it desired, without regard to the amount assessed. The policy of strictly limiting the expenditure appears to be effective, and it is probable that the treasury board will be able to enforce the present year, for there is evidence that one department has been inclined to disregard orders. The results in the conduct of the country market are particularly gratifying, for it has for the first time been found unnecessary to assess for slaughtering. The revenues now pay the entire maintenance and provide for the debt.

Yet there are the other details connected with the financial administration in which there is much room for improvement. In the chamberlain's office every attempt toward better work in the collecting of taxes is blocked by some old law, which no doubt may have been considered necessary in pre-historic days, but which does not harmonize with modern business methods. A lot of these objectionable clauses should be repealed, and it is probable that an attempt toward this desirable end will be made during the present year.

Another feature worthy of further consideration is the granting of five per cent. discount on all taxes paid before the first of October. The city loses from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars annually by this plan, but power has been secured to provide for a reduction in the discount rate. It might be advisable for the aldermen to carefully consider whether or not the discount should be allowed at all, or if better results could be obtained by adding three or four per cent. to the assessments unpaid after some certain date.

At the present time the city is paying about six dollars a ton for coal. Contracts were made for fixed quantities and the tenders accepted, but after the quantities called for had been used, the dealers naturally demanded the current market price. A change in the form of tender which would call for an approximate quantity to be required during a certain space of time would no doubt save a few dollars and this applies equally to supplies other than coal.

However, such reforms will no doubt be brought about as time passes, and just now there is certainly cause for optimism in the very gratifying report presented and especially in the marked success which has attended the collection of back taxes.

THE HALIFAX STRIKE.

St. John, having had experience, can sympathize with Halifax in the longshore strike now in progress. Nothing can possibly be gained by the action of the men, but loss will be sustained no matter what happens. The longshore workers who now earn twenty-five cents an hour are asking thirty. They decline to submit their request to impartial arbitration and to continue work until a decision should be given, but quit their jobs and are now idle. The steamship companies backed by large capital can easily meet the loss occasioned by the present dispute. The men who earn their livings from day to day cannot afford to miss the opportunity for employment now offering, though as is often the case with labor unions, they are willing to make almost any sacrifice for what they consider a

principle. Being idle for six days means that a man loses fifteen dollars. If the increased rate is granted by the end of this week it will take thirty working days or more than a month to make up what is forfeited by strike. For every day the dispute remains unsettled every man must work five other days at increased pay to make up what he has lost. Arbitration would probably have ended the strike before this, but even should it fall it ought to have been tried before an open rupture took place.

THE HEART OF MAY.

There was a time when meadow, grove and stream,
The earth and every common sight,
The glory and the freshness of a dream,
It is not now as it has been of yore—
Tune whoso'er I may,
By night or day,
The things which I have seen I now can see no more!

Now while the birds thus sing a joyous song,
And while the young lambs bound
As to the tabor's sound,
To me alone there came a thought of grief:
A timely utterance gave that thought relief.
And I again am strong,
The cataracts blow their trumpets from the steep—
No more shall grief of mine the season wrong,
I hear the echoes through the mountains throng,
The winds come to me from the fields of sleep,
And all the earth is gay:
Land and sea give themselves up to joy,
And with the heart of May
Doth every beat keep holiday—
To you child of joy,
Shout round me, let me hear thy shouts, thou happy shepherd boy!

VALUABLE COLLATERAL.

"De poor an' righteous man got treasure in heaven, but what a beas't it would be ef he could only use it for collateral in dis worl'!"

A GOOD RISK.

Friend—"Why did you pass that man as a good risk? I heard him tell you he had over ten different kinds of chronic diseases."
Insurance Doctor—"Yes, but, you know, these kind of fellows never die."

THE LUCKY ONES.

"Old Boudier is engaged."
"Go! Who's the lucky woman?"
"There are millions of her."
"Why, he isn't engaged to more than one?"
"None; that's what I mean—all the others are the lucky ones."

HIS WEAK SPOT.

"So pore old Bill's gone, as he? 'Ow was 'e killed?"
"Three ton o' cement fell on his chest."
"Ah, pore feller! 'E allus said as 'e was weak there."

HARD ON BISLEY TEAM.

Another Reliable Shot Will be Unable to Cross the Atlantic This Year

OTTAWA, May 30.—Another first class shot, who qualified for this year's Bisley team, Capt. W. L. Ross, 13th Regiment, Hamilton, has announced that for business reasons he will not be able to cross the Atlantic this season. The next men in order are Sergt. W. Pugh, R. C. G. A., and Lieut. Neil Smith, 14th Regiment, neither of whom can get away. Lieut. G. A. Bout, 6, D. C. O. R., Vancouver, it is likely will get the placing. He will be the eighth British Columbian on the team. Capt. Ross' decision not to go, following so closely on that of Sergt. Yonhill's, of Winnipeg, is a matter of deep regret to the D. R. A. officials. He is one of the most reliable shots in the Dominion. Four times he has been a member of the Bisley team since 1894. In 1895 he was second in D. R. A. grand aggregate, and first in 1897.

GOLD COMES FROM SIBERIA.

Another Explanation Given of the Prevailing Cold Weather.

NEW YORK, May 30.—With the front warnings for New York which came from the weather bureau was the declaration that the present record-breaking cold spell is due to an enormous fall of snow in Siberia. Arctic winds, sweeping across the snow-clad plains of Siberia, have leaped over the natural barriers in the mountains of British Columbia and invaded Canada and the United States. In consequence the cold spell has spread over the north-west, middle west, around the Great Lakes and New York and New England. Ice winds have also found their way as far south as Kansas. Despatches as to damage done to crops indicate that in Minnesota, Illinois and Kansas there will be a loss of one-half on wheat.

MADE THREE PRESENTATIONS.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 30.—Last night the members of No. 1 hose company met at the recreation room in the town hall and after transacting routine business made three presentations. The first was a gold watch, suitably engraved, to retiring Chief John T. Bell. To Augustus Gilman, a veteran member of the company, who is resigning after many years' service, a handsome oak arm chair was given. Last of all one of the younger members, Robert S. Welsh, who was recently married, received a magnificent buffet. Chief Bolger and Secretary Manzer made the formal presentations, and responses were given by the recipients.

THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1907

CONDITION OF SUN ITSELF CAUSE OF COLD WEATHER

Dr. Klotz, of Dominion Observatory, Says It Can be Ascribed to No Other Reason.

OTTAWA, May 30.—The thermometer in the Experimental Farm this morning registered 32.5, the lowest record on May 28th for many years. Snow flurries fell.

"Can the backwardness of the season be explained?" was asked of Dr. O. J. Klotz, of the Dominion Observatory, this morning.

"Give it up," was the laconic reply. "Yes," continued the doctor, "we might as well be frank about the matter as to make theoretical statements that are only likely to lead to hair-splitting controversies."

Turning a huge globe in his study Dr. Klotz explained how local changes are produced on the surface of the earth, and how accurately all atmospheric variations are recorded at meteorological stations like that the one at Toronto.

"From constant observation," he said, "it has been found out that a large proportion of the low pressure areas, such as the one that has caused the present conditions, move eastward towards Iceland. That is regarded as the permanent 'atmospheric sinkhole,' as it were. But the changes predicted by the meteorologists give no indication of the causes that delay or alter seasons for so many years."

"But what are those causes?" "So far as we can tell the sun must be the cause. It is the source of life on the earth. We know that the motions of the earth both on its axis and in its orbit do not vary to speak of from century to century, and so far as we can see the only other cause must be in the changes in the condition of the sun itself."

Dr. Klotz explained that the study of the sun, its conditions and changes, were as yet but little known, and that the importance as relating to the conditions prevailing upon the earth were only beginning to be generally realized.

"For that reason," he said, "I regard the appropriation for solar research by the Carnegie Institute at Washington as highly important. The fund appropriated for that purpose has been devoted to the establishment of an observatory at Mount Wilson, in California, and the work of that institution will be to study the sun for at least eleven years, which is looked upon as a long time, including a certain cycle of changes."

"According to Dr. Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, even the migratory birds, such as robins, etc., have been fooled, for they came at their usual time, and then disappeared, and but recently returned. The trees put out their leaves about the usual time, but have made no growth since. In fact all nature seems to be waiting for a stimulus for a time until the sun gives better warrant for bringing on the usual summer growth."

LONDON'S GAY SEASON.

Important Entertainments Planned—Fair Trading at Charity Bazaar.

LONDON, May 30.—The dinner given by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, which was the society ball of the evening, was awarded the palm for beauty.

The Duchess of Devonshire's dinner, which will be attended by Queen Alexandra at the Marlborough House, followed by a ball in honor of the visit the King and Queen of Denmark, and the royal stallholders will include the Princess Christian, Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of Albany.

Apocryphal of this, Lord Mayor Trevelyan has written to the World advertising "fair trading at bazaar." He contends that purchasers would part with their money much more cheerfully and much more freely if they felt certain the prices they are called upon to pay for the articles offered bore a commercial relation to the value of the goods offered for sale. The Lord Mayor says: "As a business man myself I have foregone for commercial purposes at bazaar, prices which allow of ordinary shop or store profits."

The Lord Mayor's principle as thus stated will be carried out at the Mansion House bazaar.

TASTES IN COMMON.
He—"So they are engaged, eh? Have they any tastes in common?"
She—"Oh, yes! They chew the same kind of gum."

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Friday, May 31, 1907.

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Store Open June 1 till 11, 30 p. m.

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DARING REPLY OF PRIESTS TO POPE

Italian Clergy Make Accusations Against Pontiff.

ROME, May 30.—A group of Italian priests have issued a remarkable open letter to the Pope. It is a daring reply to the censures uttered by his Holiness in his allocution of April 17, against the most modern school of ecclesiastics and it accuses the Pontiff of violating the rights of conscience in his treatment of Father Murri, who was suspended from the priesthood for criticizing the Vatican's policy, and other priests.

The letter contends that Catholicism should abandon its archaic position and by recognizing the claims of science and democracy regain its hold on mankind. It vindicates the right of young men in the Church to a certain amount of liberty in their work for the future, this vindication being based on the opinion of Leo XIII. that the future of the Church depended upon them. Certain Pontifical appointments to high dignities are strongly criticized.

His Holiness is charged with paralyzing the work and institutions of his predecessor, and particularly of having introduced reactionary theologians into the Biblical Commission, while it is complained that the Pope only allows Catholics to vote when the candidature of some conservative is endorsed.

The writers repudiate the idea of rebellion, and appeal to the Holy Father for wisdom, equity and democracy.

FEWER BRITISH LAWSUITS.

Nearly a Million and a Half Last Year However—752 Divorce Cases.

LONDON, May 30.—The latest British civil judicial statistics, those for 1906, have just been issued. They show the first decrease since 1899 in legal proceedings, the decline being from 1,515,457 cases in 1904 to 1,471,121 in 1906. Among the most interesting features of the report is the section dealing with matrimonial suits, of which there were 752. There were 713 petitions for divorce, which, although thirty-two more than in 1904, were considerably fewer than in the preceding years. Of the marriages dissolved, 32.2 per cent. had lasted from five to ten years, 24.3 per cent. had lasted from ten to twenty years, while 10.3 per cent. had existed for at least twenty years.

Another feature of the statistics is the steady growth of imprisonment for debt, the highest number for ten years.

The C. P. R. have during the past fortnight had a gravel train and crew of about seventy men hauling from the new gravel pit on the Bedford and Hope Road front. Will customers of the track between the Perth and Andover stations and also doing some work around the station. Track Master A. Alton has been in the village most of the time in charge of the work which is on his division—Victoria County News.

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It is the delicious perfume and the invigorating taste that make people everywhere insist upon getting a pound of the TIGER TEA. It is only sold in packets, neatly labeled blue and white.

YARMOUTH MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

YARMOUTH, N. S., May 30.—The community was shocked today when it became known that Charles Trask, a former conductor on the Yarmouth street railway had committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor in his barn. A physician was called, but it was found he had died immediately. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

The unfortunate man had been suffering for some time with melancholia. He leaves a wife and family.

A. Poyas, the enterprising jeweler and watchmaker, whose place of business had for years been on Main street, near Fort Howe, has now opened a handsomely equipped and beautifully stocked establishment on Mill street, No. 16, which is a long stride forward in the young merchant's career. The bright, new airy store is fitted with long "silent salesman" glass cases, and handsomely finished. The jewelry watches, etc., is all brand new, for Mr. Poyas cleared his old stock out at cut prices before moving. As usual Mr. Poyas will attend to all watch repairing and jewelry repairing promptly and satisfactorily. He assures all his former North End patrons of just as good service as ever before.

HIS INTENTIONS GOOD.

Pond Mother—"Johnny, what are you going to give the little boy next door for a birthday present?"
Johnny (remembering a recent difficulty)—"I know what I'd like to give him, but I ain't big enough."

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TRAGEDIES.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 30.—At the laying of the corner-stone of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church late today, a temporary flooring collapsed, throwing about sixty persons into the cellar, twelve feet below.

For over an hour the utmost excitement prevailed. Ladders were procured from neighboring factories and with the aid of the police those who were hurt were removed. Some were able to walk to their homes, while others were taken to hospital.

The accident, it is said, was due to insufficient bracing beneath the new floor.

Bishop Hoban, of Scranton, who went down with the crash was soon rescued by friends and removed to a place of safety. He was badly shaken up, but fortunately escaped injury.

ELYRIA, Ohio, May 30.—Crowded with holiday passengers, a Cleveland and southwestern trolley car, running from Wellington to Cleveland, was struck by another car at the corner of Sixth street and Middle avenue shortly before six o'clock tonight. Two persons were killed and eleven persons were injured. Two of these injured, it is thought, will die.

The car which was wrecked, had slowed down to allow three passengers to get off when a trailer crashed into the crowded rear vestibule.

FITCHBURG, Mass., May 30.—Seven persons were quite badly injured, none, it is believed, fatally and several others sustained painful bruises today by the derailment of an electric car of the Fitchburg and Leominster Electric Railway upon which members of the local Grand Army post, women and children were being carried to Forest Hills Cemetery to decorate soldiers' graves.

The accident, which was probably due to the spreading of the rails, occurred as the ten-seated open car, with its full quota of passengers was rounding the curve at the corner of Everett and South streets. The car suddenly left the track and shot diagonally across the street narrowly missing a telegraph pole and landed in the gutter with such force that all the passengers were thrown forward and many hurled to the ground. The car was travelling at a moderate rate of speed.

LET HIM DIE.
"Charlie said he would die for me." "You don't mean Charlie Gossop, the awful bore?" "Yes." "For goodness sake let him die."

W. S. Carter, Inspector of schools, arrived home last night, after attending the closing exercises at the university.

The increase in potato planting this season will be very extensive and should the crop turn out good a very large quantity will be available for shipment in the fall and next winter. For the year of 1905 only about 100 tons of fertilizer was sold in the county, last year about 230 tons and this season likely over 1,500 tons were sold which will give some idea of the increase in crop to be planted.—Victoria County News.

Have One Doctor

No sense in running from one doctor to another. Select the best one, then stand by him. Do not delay, but consult him when you are sick. Ask his opinion of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds. Then use it or not, just as he says. We have the best of all our preparations. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.