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CHOOSE STRONG MEN

On the eve of the civic elections in Victoria, B. C., the Colonist, in the course of an appeal to the citizens, said:—

"At a time when such an important era in the development of the city has been reached, it would seem imperative that the people generally should take a more lively interest in municipal affairs than in the past. We are on the eve of great things in Victoria, of expansion such as the early settlers never dreamed of, and now is the time when one and all should put their shoulders to the wheel and help in the movement of progress. If our civic administration has been mismanaged in the past, then there is all the more reason why this condition of affairs should be righted. One of the ways to accomplish this is for everyone who has a stake in the city to take an intelligent and active interest in its affairs."

Do not these remarks by the Colonist exactly fit the situation in St. John? Let us quote also from a paper in another city, where a hot civic campaign is in progress. That city is Montreal, and the paper the Montreal Star. It says:—

"If you were looking for a city in which to establish an industry, what would be the first thing you would ask about? Would you not begin your investigation into its fitness for your purpose by enquiring if it had good civic government? You would know that it makes a big difference to a manufacturer or a merchant whether the municipal government of the town in which he locates, is conducted on the 'boom' or the 'blackmail' principle. Do the aldermen help the city or help themselves? Are they 'feeders' or 'milkers'?"

A progressive and patriotic City Council is a very great contribution to the progress and prosperity of a city. Now, this fact is as well known to the capitalist, looking for a site for his new factory or his new store, as it is to you. And he has a lot of cities to choose between. He is not yet located—as, probably, you are. He need not come to Montreal. He can go to Toronto, to Winnipeg, to Vancouver, to any one of a dozen promising Canadian cities. Or, if he prefers this district, he can establish himself outside of the boundaries of Montreal in one of our growing neighbors. But do we not want more work-giving establishments in this city? Is not every clerk interested in having more work-giving establishments? Is not every workman concerned in seeing more 'tall chimneys,' more doors open to his knock, more pay envelopes attracting his attention? Is not every professional man, every merchant, every financial man, everybody who wants work or customers, very anxious that Montreal shall continue to grow?"

St. John has entered upon an era of expansion. It is also adopting a new system of government. There never was a time in its history when there was such a great deal of good men at the helm of its affairs. Five such men should be nominated and elected as the incoming commission. Every citizen has a personal interest in this matter.

WHERE IS THE HERO?

The mystery deepens. Mayor Frink and Recorder Baxter have visited Ottawa and asked about the Courtney Bay harbor works.

"I made enquiries, and I was told on very excellent authority that I would be justified in saying that work would be started in Courtney Bay next season," said his worship, as quoted by the Standard.

Hon. Mr. Hazen is still silent. He is the hero of this little play. He knows that the eyes of the public are turned on him, as St. John's representative in the cabinet, and it suits his purpose to keep them looking at him. Dr. Pugsley had this whole Courtney Bay matter brought to the very point of awarding the contract. But he is the villain of the play. No credit must come his way, or the whole plan 'won't' be spoiled. The audience, which is the St. John public, must be kept in eager suspense to a time, fearing lest something dreadful occur, and at the critical moment the brave hero, Mr. Hazen, will rush upon the stage, and the cry, 'Saved! saved!' will read the atmosphere, accompanied by a wild crash from the tory orchestra.

The Courtney Bay works must be begun. Why delay the authoritative announcement, if it be not withheld for purely political purposes? But the citizens grow impatient. They are not concerned about the political fortunes or devices of any man. They want prompt assurance from Mr. Hazen himself that the development work will proceed without delay. That is the sort of hero they want to represent them at Ottawa.

The question of establishing a sanatorium in York county was before the municipal council at Fredericton yesterday, and it is expected definite action will be taken at the July meeting.

Since nearly a hundred persons die of tuberculosis every year in St. John, there must be a hundred or more homes more dangerous to the community than a properly conducted home such as the Association asks for could possibly be.

The Fredericton and Woodstock Boards of Trade are displaying an activity rivaling that of the St. John board. The towns up-river anticipate rapid progress as a result of the construction of the Valley Railway and of the general forward

movement in the province. Every community that bestirs itself will contribute to the general advance. The whole province should be stirred by the new enthusiasm for progress and development.

President Taft favors the abolition of the patronage list and the extension of the merit system. Something of the sort was advocated by Mr. Borden—when he was in opposition.

During the period he served as manager here for the Bank of Nova Scotia, Mr. Charles H. Eason made many friends in the business community, who wish him every success in Winnipeg.

In threatening to prevent a Home Rule meeting in Belfast the Unionists are contributing to the defeat of their own cause. It is a poor cause that cannot bear open and free discussion in a British country.

Mr. Borden has made a contribution to the defence of the Empire. His government has subsidized the Nationalist newspapers of Quebec. Even Bourassa's organ gets a share. Where are the flags, however?

After yesterday's discussion in parliament brought on by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the railway department and the St. John Railway company should get together and agree to terms that would enable the company to extend its line to St. John East.

The St. Andrews Beacon says:—"The Standard has been publishing a list of conservative officials dismissed by the liberals when they came into power. The list shows four officials were removed in Charlotte county by the liberals. One of these, whose halting place is St. Andrews, is not known here. The other three men were removed on account of old age or other disability."

DIVORCE CASE IN ENGLAND

Hon. Colonel Lawson Granted a Decree—Wife Makes no Defence

London, Jan. 18.—A divorce case which has been interesting to social circles has come to an end, the divorce court granting a decree nisi because of his wife's misconduct with Lord Hamilton of Dalzell.

There being no defence the case lasted only twenty minutes. One of the defendants in the case read as follows: "The petitioner and the respondent lived a good deal in Leicestershire, where they banded together. The petitioner found, in October 1911, that his wife and the respondent had left London. They went to Amiens and stayed at a hotel. Later the lady wrote to her husband who had suggested a separation, a letter in which she said: 'I cannot live the life such a separation would entail.' Lord Hamilton and I have made up our minds to place in your hands evidence to enable you to pronounce a divorce. We ask you to do this quickly and as quietly as possible."

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. William Arnold Webster-Lawson, D. S. O., is the youngest son of the first Baron Burnham. He is forty-seven years old. He entered the army in 1884, and has served in South Africa. He is now in the army reserve. His wife was Sybil Mary, the eldest daughter of the late Sir Frederick Marshall, and he has two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Lawson is now reported to be in India. Lord Burnham, the father of Lieut.-Col. Lawson, is the owner of the Daily Telegraph.

Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, K. T. C. V. O., is the son of the first Baron Hamilton of Dalzell, and his mother was the daughter of the eighth Earl of Leven and Melville. He is thirty-nine years old, and is a Lord-in-Waiting to His Majesty. He served in South Africa with the same regiment as Lieut.-Col. Lawson, the Imperial Yeomanry. He is the owner of 2,500 acres, and is a member of many clubs. He is not married.

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O' what a picnic 'twould surely be,
If we didn't have to work!

So much we always had to do and see,
If we didn't have to work!
We could be laid until-noon each day,
And spend the rest of the time in play,
No boss could tell us to go or stay,
If we didn't have to work.

We'd court the girls until 2 a. m.
If we didn't have to work!
And spend most of the day with them,
If we didn't have to work!
We'd take in all of the ball games, too;
We'd go to Europe and tour it through,
Or there's so much that we all would do
If we didn't have to work.

'Twould be vacation the whole glad time,
If we didn't have to work!
O, wouldn't it be just my sublime,
If we didn't have to work!

We could loaf the hours away at ease
In the shady shade of the orchard trees,
And do whatever our fancy'd please,
If we didn't have to work.

But, gee, how sick of it all we'd get,
If we didn't have to work!
We'd stew and worry and kick and fret,
If we didn't have to work!

And how on earth would we ever eat,
And how would we earn the cash to meet
The bills which daily our eyes would meet,
If we didn't have to work.

We'd all grow restless and tough and bad,
If we didn't have to work!

We'd all be grouchy, morose and sad,
If we didn't have to work!
Tis best, you see, that it isn't so,
For only through work do we live and grow.

And how we'd manage—well, I don't know,
If we didn't have to work.

—Los Angeles Express.

MONEY IN ORCHARDS

Example Having Its Influence and Much Can Be Done

(Peter MacArthur in Toronto Globe.)

There is a lot of good talk going on in this part of the country about orchards. The prospect of a few more acres will be planted to apple trees this spring, and a lot of neglected orchards will be given attention. This is largely due to the fact that a few orchards that were cared for gave big returns last fall, and the fact has been missed abroad. It has been noted about in the blacksmith shops and the post office, and because of that we shall hear more of it.

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