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LET US HAVE FAITH.

The discussion on good roads naturally causes renewed interest in the subject of good streets. If the roads of the province are to be improved the same policy should be adopted in regard to the streets of St. John. Good roads will bring the tourists in great numbers, and they should find nothing to criticize in the condition of the city's streets. The new spirit of faith and courage which has given birth to the Commercial Club must be reflected in civic policy. This is the psychological moment for a comprehensive forward movement in regard to all matters relating to civic welfare. St. John has assets so valuable and prospects and possibilities so great that it is warranted in such a broadening of its outlook and such a loosening of its purse-strings as to make possible what hitherto has been regarded as the unattainable. Verses read at both meetings of the new Commercial Club emphasized the fact that if there is anything wrong

"It is not the town—it's you." If all the people got this thought firmly planted in their minds every pessimist would become an optimist, and the wave of enthusiasm would beat down all opposition to progressive policies. Mr. Batchelder of Washington said at the Union Club on Wednesday evening that when the people of the different states caught the fever for good roads they set about bonding the states and building the roads at an amazing rate. We need that spirit in St. John today, and there are evidences that it is being aroused.

EAST ST. JOHN'S OPPORTUNITY.

The people of East St. John are confronted by the necessity for providing their children with adequate school accommodation. The number of scholars has greatly increased, and the district is rapidly growing. A hired hall will no longer serve as a schoolhouse. The number of children of school age will increase rapidly every year, because new houses will be established, and the people must build for the future. Merely to meet present requirements would mean that the work would have to be done over again in a year or two. It may be hoped the new spirit of progress now manifest in St. John will be even more clearly in evidence in the area beyond Courtenay Bay, which has grown so rapidly in the last few years and must continue to be very attractive to home-seekers who desire to be near the city.

Aside from the question of a day school there is that of a place of recreation for the young people of the district, but not less important is the need of a community centre. There will be many matters the people of a thriving and growing community will desire to discuss. They will need a meeting place. The schoolhouse is the natural community centre, and when the new one is built it should make provision for an auditorium for recreation purposes for the young people. The people of East St. John have a fine opportunity to set a notable example as well as to serve their own interests.

A LADY IN PARLIAMENT.

Lady Astor has been elected a member of the British House of Commons. This American girl has accomplished a remarkable feat. She received more votes than both her opponents, which is conclusive evidence that she is much more than a butterfly of the social world. Her remarkable faculty of captivating those who come within the circle of her influence is associated with a great capacity for work, and her great kindness to the wounded soldiers during the war won for her a warm place in their affections. She has embarked upon a troubled sea, but her presence in the House will change the aspect of that deliberative body. The gentlemen will not feel as free to wear their hats, and it may be that the presence of a charming woman will tend to lessen somewhat the sharpness of debate. Wonderful are the changes the war has brought to England, and this particular change is certainly not for the worse. The good women of New Brunswick may now be turning their gaze toward Fredericton, in the hope that ere long they also will be represented among those who occupy the seats of the mighty. We can imagine the run there would be on the carriages at the florist's shops with Dr. Campbell, Mr. Potts and other members rushing in every day for a fresh boutonniere.

The United States government has served notice on both coal miners and mine owners that it will tolerate no interference with the production of coal. It is once more the public interest against the interests of contenting factions, and the public interest is paramount.

In England today the value of the silver in a coin is greater than its face value. The steady rise in silver must have the effect of weakening the confidence of Mr. William Jennings Bryan with broad smiles.

THE PEOPLE WIN.

Winnipeg yesterday furnished another evidence that when labor organizations go to extremes and bring unnecessary hardship upon a community the people at large assert themselves and show that they are the majority and that their rights must also be considered. The radical labor element in Winnipeg yesterday had an opportunity to show whether in popular opinion it was right or wrong in the great strike last summer, and the verdict was against its claims and assertions. There was a determined effort to secure for labor the control of the city council, and it failed. The issue really was responsible government or Sovietism—for the radicals last summer aimed at no less than the overthrow of the existing form of government and the substitution of that which prevails in Russia. They were beaten there and they were beaten again yesterday. There will be labor representatives in the city council, but they will not be the majority, as might have been the case under ordinary conditions. When the people are aroused the people rule; and in Canada, where there is a passion for constitutional government, and for reform by constitutional methods, the popular verdict may be relied on to be in the end both safe and sane.

The Labor party in the British House of Commons also met with a defeat yesterday when a vote of want of confidence moved by a Labor member was rejected by a vote of 254 to 59.

All this does not mean that there is no sympathy with legitimate aspirations for the betterment of conditions for labor, but it does mean that the people at large do not approve of any approach to Sovietism in a British country.

THE DIFFERENCE.

What is the difference between harbor commission and nationalization? A harbor commission can only develop a port as it raises money by the sale of bonds secured by its property and revenue, and the revenue has to be derived from the traffic—the vessels and cargoes that come and go. Nationalization is the building of canals from the revenues of the country for the benefit of the nation at large; the building of docks and terminals at the cost of the nation as an outlet to the railroad and to complete its efficiency; for an outlet is as essential to a country as a railroad and part of its equipment. The port of St. John should have nationalization, and should be content with nothing less. This is a national port.

The following is a summary of an address delivered in Hamilton last week by Judge Emily Murphy, of the juvenile court in Edmonton. "She ascribed much of the crime to the drug habits and said she hoped in the near future to start a crusade against drugs. She deplored the apathy of the modern parent toward conditions their children have to face, the deplorable housing conditions in slum and country districts, and the insidious campaign of the 'white slave' traffic in poisoning young minds."

Next spring should witness a great revival of interest in oarsmanship. The new sheltered basin of Courtenay Bay will be an admirable sheet of water at the proper time of tide, and the main harbor, the basin at Indian town, and the Kennebecasis at Millville and Renfrew all afford good rowing water. Mr. J. Fred. Bejga and his associates on the west side have shown the way, and there is a fine opportunity to revive a royal sport where once its kings were bred.

Hampton and East St. John are each talking of incorporation. They feel the need of urban improvements, which cannot be secured under present conditions. There is a new spirit abroad. In the case of Hampton the need of a sewerage system is strongly emphasized but there are also many other needs which could be supplied more promptly and effectively if the village were incorporated.

The Woodstock Press says that Mr. W. C. Chipman, manager of the Grain Growers' Guide, is a native of New Brunswick, and will endeavor while in this province with Hon. Mr. Crerar to secure a newspaper organ for the farmers to be linked up with the Grain Growers' Guide of Winnipeg and the Farmers' Sun of Toronto.

Lord Jellicoe is coming to St. John. He will be given a reception worthy of the man whose name was on every lip and whose achievements counted for so much in the successful prosecution of the great war.

The report of the Ottawa architects should put the quietus on any attempt to restore the old court house.



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SOME DAY.

Some day good sense will reign again, so let's throw up our hats; some day we'll all be sane again, our beffries free from bats. Some day we'll quit our foolery and buckle down to toil, cut out the rant and droll, and make the kettle boil. Some day we'll tire of clamoring and pawing up the ground of knocking and of hammering, of yawns and empty sound. We'll tire of all the driving of loud wind-jamming men, and we'll go swiftly swiveling to our old jobs again. This brawny headed carpenter, will pass the windmill by; his plane, when he has sharpened it, will make his shavings fly. The blacksmith blithely, gaudily, will make his bellows roar, and he will fire out bodily the strike-suggesting bore. The rows of kings embattled us and drew us from our place; the big commotion rattled us and got us off our base. We've all been wildly capering since we received the skirts; we've all been vainly vamping, and talking through our lids. Our old time jobs are calling us; let's get to work again, or coppers will be hauling us to poorfarms in the glen.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

A MURDERED STATESMAN

On November 27, 1818, in the City of Glasgow, a babe, destined to play a large part in the history of Canada—upper Canada in particular—was born. Destined, too, was that child to be like D'Arcy McGee, the victim of an assassin in his prime.

George Brown was the babe, who came into the home of two sturdy Scots of good education and excellent attainments of mind. The high school and the Southern Academy of his native city gave him his start towards an education, and he came to America when twenty years of age in an endeavor to retrieve his fortune.

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At once George Brown made it a point to be in the thick of the action. He fought with the men and received only a glancing blow from the bullet. At first it was thought that his wound was slight, but on the first Sunday in May, just as the day was breaking, he died from the injury the assassin had inflicted. A statue to his memory now stands in Toronto.

COAL PRICES, PROFITS AND WAGES

(N. Y. Times.)

The coal wage dispute is slipping into a profit dispute, like the rate regulation of the railways. There is a story of an industrial potentate who declined to attend a horse race because, he said, it was known to him that one horse ran faster than another. The current coal wages, over wages, prices, and profits are due to those who are amazed to find that one man makes more wages, or profits, than another, and who are ready to pay more for coal than another.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Her Horse Groundless.

For the nineteenth time Miss Matilda Tiddi looked behind her. "He's following me," she gasped, as she hurried her pace and straightened her hat at the same time. Her heart was in her mouth, and in her pale-green eyes shone a light of hope—no, fear.

"It isn't safe for a girl to walk alone!" she muttered, as her shoes spurred the pavement.

Again she looked over her shoulder. Ha, he was still there! What could she do? She heard his footsteps drawing nearer. No, she must not faint. He was here—O! Then the man leaped past her, and joined the sweet young thing in the pink sweater on ahead, and Miss Tiddi ground her teeth and slowed down—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

A Batch of Smiles.

A private who had overstayed his leave one night sneaked into the barracks when the sentry turned at the end of his beat. The private turned and acted as though he was trying to sneak out the camp. "Get back there; no man out tonight!" shouted the guard. Needless to add, the private lost no time in obeying the order.

"What's the matter, old man?" asked Brown, as he met a friend. "Are you feeling sick?" "No, not exactly that," replied the friend, "but I'll admit I've been worried of late. You remember I employed a man to trace my pedigree?" "Yes," replied Brown, "what's the trouble? Hasn't he been successful?" "Successful! I should say he had!" said the friend. "I'm having to pay him hush money."

In a Pacific Coast town they tell of a political leader who once flourished there and who, knowing the financial necessities of one of his most valuable workers, sent him a small portfolio bound like a book, among the leaves of which were deposited banknotes to the amount of several thousand dollars. Some time later the two met, and the donor said:

"And how did you like the new work?" "A fine work!" exclaimed the other. "I read it with great interest; so great indeed, that I await the second volume with impatience."

The politician smiled, and when the worker's birthday came round he presented him with another portfolio, similar in every respect to the first, but with these words engraved upon it: "This work is complete in two volumes."

An Emergency Excuse.

Farmer—You young rascal, what are you doing up in my apple tree? Boy—Please, sir, I'm frightening away the birds; they're such awful thieves.—Boston Transcript.

PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN.

(Toronto Globe.)

Reports that in the last eight months 1,000 pupils between the ages of six to eight years had been strapped in the public schools of Toronto caused astonishment at the meeting of the board of education. They were outside, however, by the statement of Trustee Courtney that at a recent gathering of school principals she had heard one of them say that the only way to control mentally defective children was by corporal punishment. "I think it's criminal," she added.

Trustee Hamlin said he had heard "as bad and worse reports. I think that they ought to be taken up."

They should be taken up, and without delay. There will always be trouble and differences over the best methods of disciplining normally-minded, healthy children, but 1,000 strappings for infants from six to eight years of age raise doubts as to whether this city has any right to claim that it has made any real advance in the training of the young in the last thirty years. For many sensitive children school has been made a course of anticipatory torture through injudicious punishment for first offenses.

Thereafter their lessons have been learned and their conduct modelled under the compulsion of fear. It is not contended that many of the strappings were severe. The regions called for a report on every punishment, and in the case of one tap of the strap a report has to be made. But 1,000 cases in the period named seem to be too many.

For a parallel to the reported statistic that mentally defective pupils can be controlled only by corporal punishment one has to go back to the days when insane people were chained in dismal dungeons, scantily clothed, poorly fed, and cruelly beaten with whips and rods. The treatment of the insane in the civilized world has long got past the stage of adding physical to mental sufferings. Perhaps the remark that the regions called for a report on every punishment, and in the case of one tap of the strap a report has to be made. But 1,000 cases in the period named seem to be too many.

THEY OWN SOME SPEED DOWN BY THE ST. CROIX

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In the Keys & McBride stable is the trotting mare, Sakia, 2:16½, by Atlantic Express. This mare defeated the best trotters in the maritime provinces and Aroostook county last year. She started ten times, winning eight firsts, one second and one fourth moneys, her winnings being over \$1,100. Her stable mate is Lucky Strike, a pacer with a mark of 2:16½, who looks good for next year. George McBride has Mary Heir, by Alford. Hugh Love owns Lady Fondly, 2:14½, who is a great high useful mare. This mare has been seen to deliver groceries all morning, go out in the afternoon and go three heats around 14 or 15, and be used to drive to a dance in the evening. Fred. Graham, the track's secretary, owns a real first class prospect in the five-year-old mare Gocher's Chance, by Decho, the dam by Alford. Hugh Love owns Lady Fondly, 2:14½, who is a great high useful mare. This mare has been seen to deliver groceries all morning, go out in the afternoon and go three heats around 14 or 15, and be used to drive to a dance in the evening. Fred. Graham, the track's secretary, owns a real first class prospect in the five-year-old mare Gocher's Chance, by Decho, the dam by Alford.

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Mr. Graham never stops working for the Charlotte County Exhibition. Aubrey Johnson drives Rose Lumps, by a son of Lumps, 2:21, and this would be very fast if she was possessed of less energy. Sandy Forbes has a nice colt, Ben Bourbon 1, that is quite a trotter. Cliff Hanley owns a good trotting mare by Bingen that is being brought along carefully and should be good next year. Len McKay handles a lot of speed and last year won the Gillig, 2:15½, with which he expects to lead the crowd down the ice.

"Bob" Webster, the local starter, recently sold the fast pacer Miss Ormond, 2:10, and now has one of the best prospects in these parts. It is a four-year-old brown pacer mare, Quenle Patchen by Baron Patchen, by The Patchen Boy, sire of a Game of Chance, 2:03½. The dam is Aristo, by Dare Devil. This colt while being broken showed an eighth in 17 seconds. She goes without the straps and is an elegant individual weighing about 1,000 pounds. She has a fine set of feet and legs and does not need a boot. She pulls just enough to steady her. This mare will wear watching when the fun starts next year.

Charlie Cone purchased Charlie Again, Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c. a visit at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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