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THE MAYOR SPEAKS.

Mayor Schofield has repudiated the Globe interview. He is not in favor of civic distribution of hydro. In an advertisement in the press he says today: "I'm in favor of civic distribution if it will save the city money—but I have not yet been shown as a business man that it will."

This makes the issue clear. Elect Mayor Schofield and there will be no civic distribution. The power company will win.

What will the Globe say now? It's interview is branded as incorrect.

What will the citizens say? They will say what they said at the primary elections—and say it more emphatically.

If Mayor Schofield is not yet convinced that civic distribution is best, his mind will not change after next Monday. The mayor says again—

"If you were buying a horse, would you buy it without a trial—what about hydro?"

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SOME CANVASSES.

Canvasses have been going about the city warning taxpayers, especially women, that if the hydro project went through they would be compelled to sell their property because of the increase in taxes. This was an utterly false assertion, but in some cases it worked. But the mayor would put more taxes on the people than ever the friends of hydro could have dreamed of in their wildest moments. It will not do now to go about and try to frighten people with stories of higher taxes, for if we are to pay \$3,227,000 to buy out the power company and distribute hydro (the mayor's estimate) the less said about it in advance the better.

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THE BUFFER STATES.

The action of Germany and Russia in forming a separate treaty at Genoa will doubtless have the effect of bringing the other powers into closer relations with the new nationalities of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greater Roumania, Finland, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, which form a barrier between Germany and Russia. These nations have a combined population of 80,000,000 or thereabouts, and if their mutual interests should be adversely affected they can make a formidable combination. The New York Evening Post says—

"These states, together with Greece, Austria and Hungary, make up a population of nearly 100,000,000 in the heart of Europe. In the bulk they are much more important than Russia. They represent the new order arising on the ruins of the Hohenzollern, Hapsburg, and Romanoff empires, and they are here to stay."

They may fairly regard with suspicion the treaty between Germany and Russia, and the result of such suspicion would be a drawing closer of nearly all or all of them to the other powers represented at the Genoa conference. They represent a new and powerful force in Central and Eastern European affairs. There will be no return to the old order of things in Central Europe. These people have tasted freedom from the old tyranny and will not submit to a newer brand of slavery. It may well be that the action of Germany and Russia will result in reconciling differences between these smaller states to the end that their independence may not be menaced by ambitious and designing neighbors.

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STUDENTS TO TREAT CHILDREN'S TEETH

Toronto Trustees Receive Offer of Aid from College of Dental Surgeons.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Communications from Dr. Hastings, medical officer of health for Toronto, and from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, approving the decision of the board to have the 4,500 school children who are in need of urgent dental treatment immediately attended to at some central point in the city, and offering to co-operate in any way possible, were read at the meeting of the school management committee held yesterday afternoon, with Rev. H. A. Berles presiding. The college offered to aid by having the dental students lend their services. The dental students considered making Orde street school the centre for the dental treatment, but requested Chief Inspector R. H. Cowley to report on the matter before coming to a final decision. A motion introduced by Trustee J. W. Lawless regarding the institution of optional classes in elementary Latin, French or Spanish in certain of the public schools was referred to the advisory council of the board for a report.

Chairman F. M. Douglas and Business Administrator W. W. Pearce were delegated to visit the harbor commissioners and find out what sites they had laid out at Sunnyside as locations for open-air schools.

The committee declined to allow Mrs. C. M. Macquodale, returning after leave of absence, to be reinstated on Gledhill school staff, pending a report from Chief Inspector Cowley. Trustee Joseph Bell, who has opposed retaining married women as teachers, unless the wives of returned soldiers, or in other exceptional circumstances, moved for the report.

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HUNGER.

Yes, I live apart, in another's house, in a close little ugly room.

Where never a ray of good sun may shatter the shroud-like gloom.

I look, perforce, on another's things and sleep in another's bed;

Her coarse gray blankets to cover me, her pillows beneath my head.

And only the cool white sheets are mine—not anything else at all—

So I long each day for the night to come, with its velvet, gentle pall.

I yearn for the darkness—that is mine, and it wraps me softly in

Till the hurt in my heart—it seems, almost, as though it had been!

'Tis a fainting, starving, aching pang for something all my own—

A hunger, clamoring loud for bread, and finding only a stone.

Pray, tell me, now—can it ever be high Heaven will hear my prayer?

Shall I have a spot that belongs to me in the midst of "the mansions" there?

A sweet white bed that is all my own, soft curtains, and maybe, too,

A bit of china, tinted fair, like a baby's eyes—with blue!

And do you think 'twould be overmuch to ask of a kindly God,

For my own warm fire on a little hearth and a space where poppies nod?

Would He give me—think!—just a few rare books and a pictured face or two?

Would He mind if I rest for a little while, with never a task to do?

I would prize these joys! But oh, dear God! most of all long for this—

Just let me stop on the little street where my own sweet Mother is!

—Barbara Young in New York Times.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Arithmetically Speaking.

Sunday School Teacher—Willie, how many Commandments are there?

Willie—Ten.

Teacher—That's right. If you broke one of them what would happen?

Willie—There would be nine left.—Boys' Magazine.

Human Nature.

"There are some traits which all men have in common."

"For instance?"

"Every man thinks he would have been an awful ladykiller if he hadn't married, a great golf player if he only had the time, and a successful stock market operator if he only had the money."

—Judge.

The Wrong Suggestion.

The colored minister of a small Southern church decided to hold a home-talent entertainment to raise funds for the church. Members who had talent were asked to take part. One old darkey, who claimed to be a clarinet player, was selected. He went to the minister:

"Parson, why do you all leave me out of de show?"

"Why, Sam, what can you do?"

"I klay de clarinet."

The minister assured Sam that he would be on the programme. After several numbers the minister announced a solo by a clarinet player, Brother Sam Brown.

Sam bowed and began to play. For five minutes he evolved one simple scale and then he was through.

One large negro could stand the monotony no longer. He rose and cried: "Put dat fool out!"

"There was silence. The minister asked: 'Who an so rude as to call da clarinet player a fool?' There was no response. The minister repeated his inquiry. No reply. 'We'd do third and last time, who called dat clarinet player a fool?' angrily asked the minister.

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LOCAL NEWS

The Ladies' Aid of the Portland Methodist church held a successful rummage sale in the Y. M. A. hall yesterday afternoon and realized a satisfactory sum for church purposes. Mrs. H. J. Ring was the convener.

Miss E. Pierce and M. Scott won from Miss Frances Murray and E. Murray in the finals of the badminton tournament held by the St. James' church Y. P. A. They are the winners of handsome cups presented by Major Fugh and Albert Edla.

The Easter meeting of the Main street Baptist Young Ladies' Missionary Society was held last evening in the lecture room with Miss Bessie Babbitt, the president, in the chair. After exercises of an introductory character, Miss Olive Estabrook gave a recitation and read poems given by Miss Helen Cowan, Miss Jessie Scott and Miss Clara Alward. Several musical selections were enjoyed and the Easter offering was taken.

Lena Morton, arrested by the St. John police at the request of the Moncton authorities, by whom she was taken to Moncton on Saturday, was found guilty on a charge of forgery. She was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary but sentence was suspended and she was given her freedom.

A meeting of the creditors of David Clark, farmer, of Bass River, Kent county, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Canada Credit Men's Trust Association, Ltd., when the trustee was authorized to dispose of the assets as it deemed best. Two St. John creditors were appointed inspectors. The assets amounted to \$2,700 and the liabilities to \$7,000.

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WEST SIDE MEETING

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NORTH END MEETING

at Palace Theatre Thursday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock.

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If Not Schofield—Who?

Schofield says— "Be sure you're right—then go ahead." 4-19.

"You may reduce your light bills—but watch your tax bills." 4-19.

"I'm in favor of civic distribution if it will save the city money—but I have not yet been shown as a business man that it will." 4-19.

"I defy anyone to prove that I am in any way interested in the N. B. Power Company—I am concerned only with the best welfare of our city." 4-19.

"If you were buying a horse, would you buy it without a trial—what about hydro?" 4-19.

"The city will not lose control of hydro in the two years' test proposed by me." 4-19.

DOES NOT HAVE TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN SEMENOFF CASE

Washington, April 19.—Boris Bakmeteff, the last accredited ambassador from Russia to the U. S., is recognized as the representative of Russia in the U. S. and which attaches to all envoys of foreign governments accredited to the U. S. Secretary Hughes so declared in a letter transmitted to the senate yesterday.

The state department secretary's letter was referred to the senate labor committee which subpoenaed the ambassador to appear at its Semenov hearings. It declared that Mr. Bakmeteff was "officially received" as Russian minister by the president July 5, 1916, and since that time this government has recognized him in that capacity and has recognized no other ambassador.

CANOE STEAM FERRY. Sydney, N. S., April 18.—A steam ferry at the Strait of Canso for the transportation of motor and other vehicles will be provided at once by the provincial government, according to A. S. McMillan, chairman of the Nova Scotia highways board.

ELECTION CARDS SANDY CORBET'S PLATFORM

Reform the taxation system. Citizens should ask themselves why so many have not paid this year's taxes. Look over the past few years and one notices that each year the list has grown larger—until now fifty per cent. have not paid.

Think what the ordinary man has to contend with. Taxes increased—rents increased—salaries reduced—and if he cannot pay his taxes he loses his franchise and over. The audience became impatient. One large negro could stand the monotony no longer. He rose and cried: "Put dat fool out!"

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FACTS FOR THE ELECTORS.

My term of office as Commissioner of Water and Sewerage expires on the 30th of the present month, and the electors on next Monday have an opportunity of passing judgment on my conduct of affairs and deciding whether I am worthy of a renewal of their confidence.

Some things I would ask the voters to remember. During the past three years there have been many improvements:

As a result of increasing the efficiency of the distribution service better water is secured by the residents of Mt. Pleasant avenue and Douglas avenue.

Despite the high cost of labor and material that prevailed during the past three years the surplus of receipts over expenditures in the water department has amounted to \$114,000, of which sum \$70,000 went towards reducing city taxes, and \$44,000 for 1918 over-expenditures and the completion of the Lake Fitzgerald main.

The new 36 in. main to Spruce Lake, thereby making possible better pressure to the higher levels of the West Side and better fire protection, also giving more supply to manufacturers, railroad and steamships.

The new concrete culvert enclosing the Newman Brook besides doing away with the highway bridge at Adelaide street, the improvement of a scheme that will make available land for building homes for thousands of citizens within easy walk of the Union Depot.

During the fall and winter just past considerable work was done in order that the unemployment situation might be alleviated. For thirty-two weeks about \$65,000 was paid out for labor to an average of 115 men, \$2,000 a week during the past trying season meant much to many of our less fortunate fellow citizens.

The department was never more efficient than it is today. These results were achieved by hard study and close attention to details, without even the addition of one cent to the water rates.

What more should be expected of any commissioner?

VOTE FOR JOHN B. JONES, Commissioner W. & S. Dept. April 19th, 1922. Adv.—4-20.

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New Arrivals

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

J. Y. Mercereau was elected mayor of St. John yesterday, defeating J. L. Stewart by five votes. The aldermen elected were J. K. Loggie, T. Lawlor, Hugh H. Lawrence, L. W. Murray, Harold Dow, E. J. O'Neill, Nicholas McManus and Stephen Spencey.

At Newcastle C. E. Fish was elected mayor by acclamation. For aldermen, A. H. MacKay, Edward Dalton, H. D. Atkinson and F. C. McGrath were unopposed.

The old board at Bathurst were unopposed. They are: Mayor, J. B. Hachey; aldermen, W. J. Kent, S. R. Shirley, Hugh McKinnon, Theophilus Hachey, Andie Landry, M. H. Polier, H. W. McLanahan and Timothy Connolly.

In the town of Devon, Mayor Gilbert Henry was re-elected over Whitman Brewer. The aldermen elected were C. D. Brown, Amos McLagette, R. D. Forbes, G. W. Ward, R. A. Malloy, J. MacManus, H. H. Pickard and W. B. Dayton.

William R. Crowhurst was elected mayor of Sunny Brae over J. J. McAllister.

Max D. Cormier was elected mayor of Edmundston by acclamation yesterday. The following aldermen were elected: D. M. Martin, E. Belanger, J. A. Michael, E. Oullet, N. P. Leger, R. Nadeau, J. F. Rice and T. M. Richards.

Sings in Church Choir Fifty Years.

Winsted, Conn., April 19.—Robert L. Hoffman rounded out fifty years as a baritone singer in St. Joseph's church choir. He was honored with a high mass of thanksgiving and presented with a purse of \$150 in gold by members of the choir. During the first ten years he sang in the choir he lived in Robertville and walked ten miles to attend rehearsals.

PLACING LIGHTSHIPS.

Quebec, April 19.—The C. G. S. Montcalm left port at noon yesterday with the lightships "Red Island" and "White Island" in tow. After placing these vessels at their stations, she will proceed to Cabot Straits to advise incoming vessels of the movement of the ice there.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 18.—A bill to give the vote to women on the same qualifications as for the federal parliament is to be introduced into the provincial legislature in a few days.