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NEWS OF A DAY

Notice to Workers

Mechanics and other workmen wishing to appear before the Royal Commission on Technical Education are requested to send their names to the St. John Board of Trade not later than Friday, 12th.

An Unruly Malden.

George Seely, a former resident of the West End, but now the Chief of Police in Dalhousie, is in the city today. He brought to the Salvation Army Rescue Home here a young girl who has been acting badly in Dalhousie and could not be taken care of by her parents. The girl is to spend six months in the home. Chief Seely leaves for Dalhousie tonight or in the morning.

Collected \$50.

The name of John Brayley was omitted from the reports published of the Polymorphian Society's band concert held in King Square Monday evening in aid of the Campbellton fire sufferers. Mr. Brayley, who holds the position of bridge inspector and is an old member of the North End Polymorphians, collected \$50.

Improvements at Hospital.

The new room in the General Public Hospital for outside patients is now completed. The partition separating the old apparatus from the supply room has been removed and the two converted into one large room for this purpose. A separate entrance has been built and there is also private connection with the rest of the building. The entrance is by means of a brick and concrete porch which adds greatly to the appearance of the exterior of the building. A new 450 gallon boiler, made especially for the purpose by G. Hevenor & Son, has been installed, which provides complete hot water distillation for the entire building.

More Money Coming In.

A new era has dawned on the collectors of city license fees. Already this year upwards of 500 licenses have been taken out, which is well in advance of last year's figures to date. Truckmen who occasionally do odd jobs for wholesale merchants have formerly posed as employees of these firms, thus escaping license, while they were in most cases carrying on an extensive outside business. This year the members of the police force whose duty it is to collect license fees have given special attention to such truckmen, with the result that many who have been strangers to City Hall for six or seven years, have been persuaded to call at the license office.

Catfish Again Remanded.

Dennis Callahan, who was arrested a couple of weeks ago for assaulting a small girl named Alice Murphy, was before the police court yesterday and was represented by J. B. M. Baxter. The prisoner was called and

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Hon. Geo. E. Foster Delivered An Elegant Address Before Canadian Club at Luncheon

Public Service as Distinguished from Civil Service Carries With It a Vast Responsibility Which Should be Proudly and Willingly Undertaken in the Interests of Good Citizenship.

Hon. George E. Foster came up from his sylvan retreat yesterday at the behest of the Canadian Club to make an eloquent appeal for a nobler conception of, and a greater devotion to the duties of citizenship. His address on public service was a notable effort and the penetrating power of his thought, conveyed his polished and vivid language, made a deep impression upon his audience. Mr. E. Agar, president of the club, occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. After the club had dined, the president introduced Mr. Foster as a gentleman who had been prominent in public life in New Brunswick, the Dominion and the Empire. He felt they would have considerable pleasure and profit in listening to the address of a man who had such an extensive experience. In the past he may have fought on the opposite side of politics to some of those present, but he felt they would all be united in their cordiality of their welcome to the guest of the evening.

On rising Mr. Foster was given an ovation, said he was very glad to be honored with the invitation to address the members of the Canadian Club, many of whom he had met before. Probably the chairman's remark that he knew everything about the public service was a little exaggerated, but, out of his long experience he felt he would be able to draw some conclusions that might be of interest.

The public service, he continued, is a matter that could be looked upon from various points of view, have not given much thought to how I should treat the subject, because in these warm days it is a difficult matter to concentrate one's thoughts on anything for long. In August my thoughts are prone to go off on excursions. A man who has passed 30 years in service with the public affairs of his country gets some impressions. One should be of value and all I propose to do is to ask the members of the club to look over some points with me, and listen to some random reflections.

A Large Obligation. By public service I do not mean the civil service merely. I mean the term in the sense that embraces a recognition of a man's duties to the country of which he is a citizen. There is a lot of men in public employment, but too few men who are really in the public service.

There is a very strong distinction between the two. I think many men consider that they are in the public employment to help themselves. They do not know the meaning of the term public service.

An idea that comes to all at some time when they enter the sphere of public life is, What has this country got for me? Where am I to come in, and how am I to come out?

Many of us are too apt to look at the country as a sort of personal matter, capable of providing us with anything we want. We approach the sphere of public life not with the idea of serving our country, but of making out country serve our personal ends. We are individualists—not citizens. But we should approach public life in a spirit of service. We should ask: What do I owe my country? How can I serve it?

The first idea is well developed: it is the guiding principle of conduct to too many of us. But the latter idea, that of the nation and the nation's interest, blossoms into flower. If this country suffers from any one thing today more than any other, it is from the indifference of our citizens—an indifference that shows itself in the neglect of our public life, municipal, provincial and national. The evil-doer relies upon this indifference. In it he finds his stronghold, his best excuse, and greatest reliance for not being punished.

In New Brunswick there is nothing much wrong with our theories, ideals, and public professions. In our lip service to our country there is little lacking; we have prophets, moralists, and political philosophers of note. But we do not make our practices the embodiment of our theories and ideals. Our actions are not in accord with our pretences.

People's Government. Good Theory. A government of, by and for the people is a great thing. If it is to be a reality, it must be put into practice. It would be well with the nation, and all its citizens. But we know that there is a gulf between our theories and our practices. A public office is a trust, the office holder, a trustee. But between the idea and the practice there is a wide difference. Much as we prize about the exalted responsibilities of men in public office, few of them follow the gospel of public service in its ideal interpretation. Every one subscribes to the doctrine that we owe certain duties to our country, and our city, or town, or province, but few of them do more than to pay lip service to the doctrine.

What is the first requisite of a country which tries to make itself a democracy? The evolution of society involves the dismantling of social arrangements in some way. Society has passed through many stages. Autocracy, feudalism, kingship, the family compact and other forms of government have held the stage, and then given way to a newer and better form. With every revolution the basis of government has been widened, and now democracy assumes the stage, and takes upon itself the burden and duty of shaping the destinies of humanity.

A Heavy Responsibility. When a nationality undertakes to establish a democratic form of government, it takes a heavy responsibility upon its shoulders, and if it does not prove equal to its responsibilities evil must come upon the people. That form of government is a high one in that it vests power and responsibility in all the people. But its virtue depends upon the ability of the individual to rise to his responsibility—upon his devotion to the public service. If the units are not efficient, active, persistent, aggressive, in the discharge of their duties, then democracy is likely to prove a failure. The government of which it is the expression will be shorn of its strength. In whatever proportion the unit of our citizenship is inefficient, the government is likely to be a failure.

Governments of some kind men are bound to have, and the menace that hangs over democracy is that the indifference of the units may enable power to fall into the hands of a few. Those who study the course of affairs must realize that it is the indifference of the citizens that is handing the government over to the corporations, the machine exploiters, the corrupt politician, the party manager, the machine. Personally I am of opinion that Canada in its efforts to govern itself has so far done fairly well. In a new country, where every man is absorbed in his private affairs, where there is no leisure class trained to public service, with new problems of all kinds to be confronted without traditions, the government has done well. It affords fair testimony to the ability of our citizenship. But governments are being changed; new forces menace democracy. And to keep the government on the right road, we must train young men to citizenship.

Patriotism The Foundation. On what basis shall we put the public service. Patriotism is the foundation of national life—the tie which binds us together. Patriotism is hard to define, but we know it exists. One day I tried to pick it to pieces, but I found that its beauty had departed in the process. Yet complicated and intricate though it is, the love of country is the greatest force in the life of a people. The young child does not have it; but it grows into him as a projection of his love of locality, till, arriving at the age of intelligence, in the training of his mind and his literature, its noble traditions, its exalted destiny. There is no true service without love, and on patriotism you must found public service. Patriotism is a bigoted narrow patriotism, but upon the love of its broad and generous ideals, its grand achievements, and its lofty purposes. Some men are soldiers. At the time of the Boer war, young Canadians thrilled with the desire to take the sword, and go out and defend the Empire. That is the picturesque and romantic side of patriotism. But the danger that comes to the country from without are usually insignificant compared to those that threaten from within. The menace to any country are the forces of corruption within, the powers the work industriously to seize control of the government, and undermine the popular liberty, and violate the popular rights. If we consider it noble to fight the foes of the country without, how much nobler is it to fight the foes within. There is little to be gained by fighting the foe without, but there is a fight well worthy of our highest powers—a fight that summons all men to valiant service. For if our country ever falls, it will fall because of the foe at home—the foe that is today being sometimes cloak their evil designs under the guise of patriotism.

A Young Man's Duty. A young ambitious man may ask:—What are the obligations upon me? What are the reasons why I should devote some of my time to the public service? If he loves his home, he has the strongest incentive to devote himself to this service, for his home is the country, and the environment of his home, the welfare of his family, depend upon the faithful performance of the duties of citizenship. Why is our environment as it is? We did not make them. Social conditions are as they are because they were so made by our fathers. Each generation is born into an environment for which it is not responsible. Each must take its environment as it finds it.

And it, and endeavor to make the best of it. But this fact emphasizes our responsibilities. Life is a trust. Each generation is fixing conditions for millions unborn, and each should accept its trust in a reverent spirit, and hand it down to generations to come better in the estate that it received its trust. We should not load the unborn with conditions for which they are not responsible, we must place no undue burdens upon the unborn.

At present we have representative government. We delegate our duties to representatives for the time being, and then are prone to forget that we have any duties on our account. But though we delegate, we cannot with impunity neglect our responsibilities.

A Pertinent Question.

We say that public office is a trust, yet it is being so administered that the interests of the public are always advanced, or it is being administered so as to provide perquisites for the henchman of the victorious party. I am not asking this question because the Liberals are in power at Ottawa. It applies to government everywhere, state, national, and civic. Education and training are needed to make the rising generation realize and fulfill these responsibilities. Here, we have our families rearing children, our schools instructing them in useful knowledge, our churches inculcating moral and religious ideas. But we have not embodied these things in our public citizenship and in the exercise of public citizenship.

The franchise going about the country finds excellent fathers, business men, good clergymen, etc. But stepping into politics we find that the good father, or business man has become a slippery customer.

Why should not schools teach children the common obligations and duties of citizenship? They should not neglect the common duties of citizenship as they do, for upon the training of the young depends the character of our adult citizenship. If the club will take these thoughts, which have come to me in the quiet of the summer, perhaps you can find material for many lectures and work out many ways of serving the public welfare.

Tribute to ancestors.

In conclusion the speaker referred to the lofty patriotism and power of self devotion of the puritan forefathers of this country. The American union to come to the wilds of N. B., where they might raise the old flag and cling to the traditions of the great country whence they sprang, and spoke appreciatively of our good being done by the Canadian clubs to mitigate the asperities of party conflict bring men of divergent views together and develop the national consciousness.

In thanking the speaker, Mr. Agar said he was sure none could express the feelings of satisfaction with which they had listened to the address of their old friend. His lecture on public service, he thought, had been the Canadian Club, and it was well to hear again the old and glorious truths clothed in the vigorous language which Mr. Foster knew so well how to command. After singing the National Anthem the audience dispersed.

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WEDDINGS.

Marr-Waddell.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9th, at 1 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones, 125 Pond street, Archie H. Marr and Miss Maud Waddell were united in marriage by Rev. F. H. Wentworth of Waterloo street United Baptist church. The bride was becomingly gowned and was attended by two little bridesmaids dressed in white, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones.

Love to the Lord cannot possibly be separated from love to our neighbor. A.C. 2023. —Swedenborg

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DEATHS

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