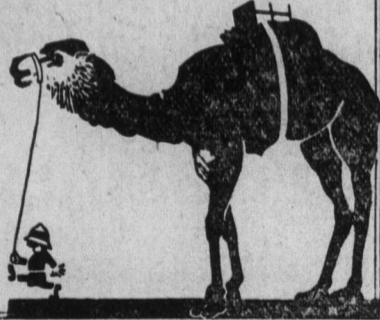


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THE THOUGHTS OF THEOBALD.

COAL. The burning question is still—coal. And the smoke of the battle still hangs over the atmosphere, and fires (not of coal) are smouldering in the breasts of the people. And not without a cause. Scarcity has business opportunity taken such a chance to "get rich quick" at the expense of the poor, for at this time of the year no one but those who cannot afford to put a stock of coal in is without a supply. Messrs. Harvey, Stabb & Co., Crosbie and Morey, for it practically comes down to these firms, waited until there was little coal held in town outside their own stocks and without the usual notification to the smaller firms they sprang this New Year's Gift on the poor. They knew that no coal could be imported under a cost of ten or eleven dollars a ton and like the Jolly Miller they made their grab. They had never attempted anything so venturesome before and I question whether they dream that they would cause such a public denunciation, or be called as they were in the meeting last Wednesday to answer pretty searching questions.

The principal Coal Merchant is quite outspoken in the matter. He says he is not in the business for philanthropic reasons and it is business to take every cent he can get. "Supply and demand" offers. At any rate he has the courage to state the unvarnished truth, and as he also says, it is business to take advantage in this way and he is not the only culprit on Water Street. Just so—but does that make his action any less morally wrong? Don't you think that such actions are absolutely opposed to the ideals and principles of Christianity? In one way a man who says that business has nothing to do with morals is to be pitied. Such a cold-blooded heartless disregard for others' necessity must surely mean a joyless life. But then when a whole lot of people suffer unnecessarily from the actions of one or two individuals it is proper and legitimate that the Government should step in and see fair play. Shall a whole community suffer because a few merchants say "We want to make ten thousand dollars and you must pay it"? And we have wasted three and more precious days. On Monday morning action should have been taken, the coal should have been commandeered and the merchants forced, if moral suasion did not serve, to sell it at the old figure. Then let the Government make freight arrangements, if they can do better than the coal dealers, and distribute cargoes to them all. As it is, I think that those who have bought coal early in the week should be refunded the amount which they paid over the old figure.

The following is an extract from a letter just received: I know for a fact that this business man never takes advantage of the market to raise prices, and all honour to him. Good for Theobald! Hope he will state those d— rascals who grind the face of the poor—would I had his pen and a free choice of language. I still maintain that to raise the price of goods, held before the rise is robbery, nothing less, and though I may have lost a few dollars by sticking to this, my conscience is clear, and that is very comforting. I wish we had more like him. Everything would run so much smoother and happier for all.

THE OUTCOME. What of the outcome? These few big coal dealers have acknowledged that they are not in the business for a reasonable profit but all the profit fit the market will allow. Are people going to forget that Messrs. Campbell, Brown, Hynes, Mullaly did not put their prices up? There is something in the coal business that is strange. It is not always easy for a small man to get a cargo of coal. It is not always easy for a small man to charter vessels to carry coal. There is a spirit of monopoly that works against the small man and if the whole truth were known, perhaps "rebates" or special prices for big orders are not unknown to some of the big coal merchants. I am hoping that out of this serious situation good will spring. It is opening men's minds to the business actions that some of our prominent men are capable of, it is showing them where some of the high cost of living comes from—not from natural causes but from unnatural greed. A people in revolt is the natural outcome when money-getting over-rides the welfare of the people, and this coal problem has brought the citizens of St. John's very near a revolt. They see a Government weak and hesitating; a Government actionless until it is forced to do something by the agitation started by the Evening Telegram in its editorial on Monday. They see a Government sitting mutely by while a coal merchant objects to interference by the Government, and asserts that the steel steamers were sold to Russia because Government Secretary Billa had made the sealing voyage a poor venture. So that was the reason Russia got the steamers SO CHEAP!!!

COAL PRICES. As far as coal prices go, the agitation and the Government have not changed the position one iota as on Friday morning the price was still \$10.30. So the coal merchants are still on top. They have lost nothing except their reputation. There are some people who hold their reputation as their most valued possession.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS. It is high time for the citizens of

this city to be independent. They can only do this by minding their own business more than they have been doing. You see we are all one big family, and yet how little we work together. We need water in our houses, but we don't pay any one person for our use of it; we need streets to walk or drive on but we don't have to pay for the privilege of doing so, except in taxes from all for the upkeep of them. Now is it not reasonable that we—as citizens—as one big family—should own and control an Electric Light Plant and a Gas Plant, and mind our own business? Lower rates for Gas and Electricity under such a company would be absolutely certain, and in another coal crisis we should be independent of coal—having Gas and Electricity to cook by and supply heat. It is not an impossibility. I just leave the suggestion with you for the present. Will you think it over?

At the City Hall.

The Chairman, Messrs. Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris, Anderson and Withers were present at last night's meeting of the Civic Commission. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the Chairman referred to the death of the Hon. John Harris, in whom the Board had lost one of its valued members. He spoke of the deep interest taken by the deceased in all Municipal matters, and of the many benefits which the Board received from his past experience in these matters, and from his sound judgment. "To him," said the Chairman, "the present improvement in the water system is largely due." But this is only one of the many matters in which his assistance was of such value to the Board. The Chairman continuing said that in business life he had known him intimately for nearly 35 years and he had found him thoroughly upright and honourable. In closing his remarks Mr. Gosling said that in the passing of the Hon. John Harris the Board had lost one of its most trusted Councillors and the city one of its most useful and respected citizens. He then submitted the following resolutions:—

WHEREAS It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from the late esteemed and beloved brother member, Hon. John Harris; AND WHEREAS Mr. Harris was actively and prominently identified with the Municipal life of the city, both as a nominee of the Government and a representative of the citizens of St. John's; BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of this Board place on record their high appreciation of the conscientious, faithful and efficient services of their late colleague, and the energetic and assiduous manner in which he discharged the duties of his office as a member of the City Council, with which he has been connected at intervals during the past twenty-five years; AND AS one of our leading merchants and public men he was a broad-minded gentleman, and in all his activities he displayed a keen intelligence and level-headed judgment.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the members express their deep sense of sorrow in the loss the community has sustained in the early demise of one who reflected so much credit on his native city, and tender to the relatives of the deceased their deep sympathy in their sad bereavement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of the late Mr. Harris, and also that publication be made of the same.

Mr. J. W. Withers, in moving the adoption of the resolutions submitted, paid a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased councillor. He felt that mere words were inadequate to express the loss of his friend and colleague. He referred to the character of the deceased, his deep interest in every phase of Municipal work made him a colleague of whom those associated with him may feel proud. "To-night," said Mr. Withers, "the Board mourns a great loss, and in the death of the Hon. John Harris the community mourns the loss of one who in every sense of the word was respected and beloved." He then went on to refer to the character of the deceased. Honourable and kindly, charitable to a degree the extent of which very few know, was the late Hon. John Harris. "In these times," said Mr. Withers, "death assumes a peculiar aspect. From day to day we hear of the thousands shot down in the mad vortex of war, and consequently life does not seem of the same importance as when it comes home to us in the intimate associations of every day life. It is only then we realize the significance of life, and our views of life and death become vastly different." In conclusion he said that in moving the adoption of the resolutions he wished to place on record his deep sympathy for the deceased's family, and hoped that time would soften the sorrow that the relatives of Hon. John Harris must feel at his passing.

Mr. P. McNamara in a speech of deep feeling seconded the adoption of the resolutions. He had been associated with the deceased in business for twenty years and felt that he had ample time to judge his character. The best assurance of his business ability was the prosperous state of his business at his death, a condition of which he as a former employee of the firm felt proud. Continuing, Mr. McNamara said that the deceased, while strong in the essential characteristics of a business man, was weak in some respects. To his kindness of heart was due this weakness, and Mr. McNamara felt that he could safely say that the Hon. John Harris could not say "no" to any reasonable appeal or request for help. He then told a story to illustrate this particular trait of character for which the deceased was notable, and the recital of it appealed to the Board. In conclusion, Mr. McNamara said that in the death of Mr. Harris the community had lost a valuable citizen, and that he mourned the loss of a great personal friend.

Mr. Mullaly speaking as a schoolmate paid a splendid tribute to the memory of the deceased. He had known him intimately in private and public life, and had noticed that there



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was a principle in his every undertaking that for him the highest respect of all, and particularly of those who were closely associated with him. Hon. Mr. Anderson also paid a tribute to Mr. Harris's memory, endorsing all that the previous speakers had said, and concluding with the words: "We never shall see his like again."

Mr. F. Cowan spoke with deep feeling and referred to the great work that had been done by the deceased. In various walks of life he had his efforts mature, and in him the community had lost a most valuable citizen. The resolutions were then formally put by the Chairman, and unanimously carried, after which the following business was taken up:— F. W. Angel, on behalf of the Newfoundland Shell Co., Ltd., applied for permission to erect a fence near the Salsbury Tannery. The Board cannot agree to the erection of a fence across a street. As one of our leading merchants and public men he was a broad-minded gentleman, and in all his activities he displayed a keen intelligence and level-headed judgment.

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Hockey Notes.

The fans are looking forward to some good stuff being served out this season, owing to the introduction into the ranks of a couple of Canadians who are said to be adepts with the stick. However, the "buff-horns" contend that they are a well posted in all the new wrinkles and living and still contests may be anticipated throughout the entire series of games. A few of those who distinguished themselves many years previous as stick-handlers and who don't want to be designated "has-beens" just yet are becoming enthused and filled up with the idea that they are just as active and as keen at puck-chasing as ever and they intend to display the courage of their convictions when the disc is set going. It is not at all improbable that the Feldmans—1915 champions—will be compelled to draw on their reserves, meaning their College material, to make up their full strength, owing to six-sevenths of last year's team having enlisted. But even if they have to take on juniors that is no indication that they are not going to come out on top, because in mostly all cases the "dark horses" are the principals to be reckoned with. The League meets to-night to discuss the season's business. The Prince's Rink is in better condition now than ever both for the convenience of hockeyists and spectators alike having been renovated recently. Stafford's Prescription "A" cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia. Price 25 and 50c. bottle. Postage 5 & 10c. extra.—Jan.5,16 TOWN QUIET.—Matters were again quiet in police circles last night and only one arrest was made. MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTH IN COYS.

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