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## THE NEW MOVEMENT

The new programme of the St. John Board of Trade is the most comprehensive and progressive that has ever been submitted for the consideration and approval of the citizens. It was heartily endorsed by about thirty-five representative men at yesterday's luncheon at Bond's, and there can be no doubt that it will be received with enthusiasm at the "get-together" dinner on Tuesday next. One of the very pleasing features of the meeting yesterday was the hearty manner in which Mr. W. H. Thorne congratulated the president of the board and endorsed the movement. Mr. Thorne has been an active member of the board for many years, and is not a citizen likely to be over-impressed by new-fangled notions. He recognizes the opportunity of St. John at the present time, and appreciates the spirit in which the younger business men are throwing themselves into the work for the advancement of the interests of the city. Most of those present at the luncheon were of the younger generation of business men; and, with their hearty endorsement at the outset, the new movement ought to be a great success, and ought to command the support of the whole citizenship. This is a time for united action to gain for St. John more industries, more trade, more people, and better conditions of civil life. An excellent beginning is being made. Those who are the most active in the movement are very earnest in their desire that their efforts may be of benefit to the city. They believe in what President Robinson describes as teamwork, and they ask their fellow citizens to unite in teamwork of the most effective kind, having for its object the building of a greater city.

## WHY NOT REALIZE THIS?

It is of course very easy to criticize, and yet some remarks made by one of the speakers at the meeting of the Playgrounds Association on Thursday evening concerning the board of school trustees suggest an interesting train of thought. Taking it for granted that the board is doing conscientiously a very valuable work, it is yet possible to picture a state of affairs in which very much greater service could be done, without undue pressure upon the time and energy of the board itself, or a great demand upon its finances. For example, let us suppose that next week the board issues invitations to all the people who live near the King Edward School, to attend a meeting in the evening in the assembly hall of that fine building. Let us assume that several members of the board and the principal and teachers of the King Edward School appear on the platform on that occasion, and that the public-spirited chairman of the board in his opening remarks shall deliver himself somewhat in this wise:

"Ladies and gentlemen—The members of the school board, feeling that the greatest possible use for the public good in an educational way should be made of the school buildings of St. John, have invited you to attend this meeting to consider the question of a wider use of the King Edward School. We are all certainly proud of this new building. We boast, in fact, of the excellent accommodation and the splendid equipment of all our school buildings. We have given this an honored name, the King Edward, ought to be in every sense worthy of the name. We send pictures of it abroad on post cards, as an illustration of the public spirit of St. John people in providing school accommodation for the children. But you and I, ladies and gentlemen, know very well that this expensive plant, which has cost the taxpayers so much, is actually in use less than one-third of the time. We know also that there are in our community great numbers of young people, working boys and girls, who have been compelled to leave school at an early age, and who have received very little schooling. It cannot be denied that many of them do not realize what they have lost, and are not anxious for self-improvement, preferring to spend their spare time in places of amusement, or in a way which is not really helpful to them; but it is entirely their fault! Do you not think that if a strong, united effort were made by the people who live in the vicinity of the King Edward School to popularize education, so to speak, and to make this building a social and educational centre, that there would be less inclination for many of the young people to rush up town in search of amusement in the evening, and a steady growth of desire on their part to unite healthy enjoyment with mental and physical improvement in this building? If, for example, a group of influential people in this neighborhood organized themselves as the King Edward School Extension Committee and worked in co-operation with the board and with the principal and the teachers of the school, who, of course, would not be expected to do more than lend their support and take advantage of the opportunity to get better acquainted with the parents of the children who attend school during the day, do you not think that this building could be made of infinitely greater service than at the present time? You of course understand that the funds of the board are limited, but there would

be no difficulty in raising such additional funds as might be necessary to pay for light, extra janitor service and such expenses for tuition as might be necessary. I throw out this suggestion, and ask for your earnest consideration. For myself, I see no reason why every school building in the city should not be considered a social centre in some such way as this. I am sure the board will gladly co-operate."

Let us further suppose that the able superintendent of schools made a short address, pointing out the great importance, not only of providing an opportunity for evening classes and for social centre work, under proper supervision, but dwelling upon the number of working boys and girls upon whom every proper and kindly influence should be brought to bear, to encourage them to increase their working capacity and their value as future citizens, by adding to their store of knowledge through the medium of evening classes.

Let us suppose still further that the principal of the school, speaking for himself and the teaching staff, expressed their sympathy with this movement, and their desire to come into closer personal touch with parents whose children were their pupils during the day. If the board and the teachers thus took the initiative, and were strongly backed by influential residents of the locality, can anyone doubt for a moment that the King Edward School building would be brought into use at once as a community centre, very greatly to the advantage of all concerned? Would it not also be true that the citizens of St. John would unite in expressing their appreciation of the public spirit of the school board, and of its desire to have the best possible use made of an educational plant which has cost so much, but which is now idle for more than two-thirds of the time.

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## MORNING LOCALS

The electrically operated trucks have about such good results that the C. P. R. has added twenty more to the number now in use at the west side.

A jury composed of Frederick Estey, Frederick Bryden, P. F. Lennan, Thomas Dillon, Oscar Witter, Wallace Babbick and Sydney Gibbs, has been empaneled to inquire into the death of Robert Davis who was killed at Sand Point a few days ago. Joseph Abbott and three members of the crew of the government steamer Stanley were nearly drowned in the harbor on Thursday afternoon. They were being towed up the harbor in a row boat by the schooner Harry W. Lewis, and when off Reed's Point their boat upset. They managed to crawl into a pilot boat which was also being towed in. A gas lamp was lost, and the plumbers and steam-fitters international union, arrived in the city yesterday. He will address a meeting of the plumbers on Monday night. The local plumbers will, it is understood, start movement for an eight hour day.

## MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Daniel J. Hatfield, who graduated from the Provincial Normal School 28 years ago, has been ordained to the ministry and becomes the assistant pastor of the East Boston Baptist church, Boston (Mass.). His former home was in Springfield, Kings county.

The first batch of graduates from the Halifax Naval College and the training ship Niobe, who were transferred to one of the British cruisers last spring to complete their training, have all passed the admiralty examinations in seamanship, in competition with the British cadets, with first class honors.

The mayor and aldermen of Moncton last night presented an address and gold medal to Alderman J. T. Forbes, a veteran of the council who is retiring.

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## UNDER THE NEW REGULATION.

Married: "Dear, dear! What's keeping the postman?"  
Hub: "Do you expect a letter?"  
Wife: "A letter! No, I'm looking for the state of poultry Uncle John mailed me from Vermont."—Boston Transcript.

## ANTIPHONAL

"What is that racket?"  
"They are singing the baby to sleep and the baby is singing them awake."

## IN THE SUBURBS

The babies in the wood were lost.  
"Yet the suburban agent said the house was only two minutes from the station," they prattled.

## HARSH

"Pride goes before a fall."  
"I never use that phrase myself."

## GOT HIS NUMBER.

"I'm sorry to tell you, mum, that I'll be leaving you next week. I'm going to get married."

"That so, Emma? Who is the lucky man?"

"It's a policeman, mum. On this boat, too."

"That's fine. I wish you joy. And what is his name?"

"I don't know yet, mum. But his number is 518."

## AFTER A DINNER SPEECH HABIT.

"Your husband, I understand, is a clever after dinner speaker?"

"Yes, indeed. He keeps him away from home much."

"Nearly every night. Would you believe it, when he does not get home, I get up after the desert and introduce him to the children and call upon him to make a few remarks."

Wag—You can't place much faith in Blones' promises, can you?

Wag—I should say not. Why, that fellow couldn't keep a promise in a safe deposit vault.—Philadelphia Record.

## RESPECTING THE FISHERIES

Resolutions Passed at Ottawa by the Conservation Commission.

The following resolutions respecting fisheries were passed at Ottawa by the Commission of Conservation on January 22, 1912, at its fourth annual meeting:

Whereas, the present fisheries protective service is admittedly susceptible of much improvement; therefore be it

Resolved, That the immediate necessity of a reorganization of the service be called to the attention of the minister of marine and fisheries and

That, in our opinion the following considerations should be recognized in such reorganization:

(a) The desirability of employing permanent officials paid sufficiently large salaries to enable them to devote their whole time to the work.

(b) The advantages of having each official, on appointment, a stranger in the district to which he is appointed and where practicable, of having him moved to a new district periodically.

(c) The immense gain in the efficiency of the protective service in having all appointments made on the sole ground of the capability of the appointee to discharge the duties of his position.

Resolved, That the government of Canada should provide instruction for fishermen in the pursuit of their calling in a similar way to that in which it is providing instruction for farmers; and further,

That the biological board of Canada be re-organized so as to provide for the permanent employment of a staff of scientific fisheries experts thereon.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the regulations regarding oyster fisheries be revised to the end that they be adapted to the conditions arising from oyster culture operations now being carried on.

Prince Edward Island, and especially that the regulation providing that oysters may be fished for and dealt in only from October 1 to March 31 be amended so as to permit oysters from private beds to be fished for and dealt in at any time of the year, thus preventing a glut in the market during October and November.

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Clan MacKenzie met last evening in Bond's restaurant for the dual purpose of honoring the anniversary of the national bard of Scotland, Robert Burns, and of enjoying their annual dinner. The members and their guests numbered about sixty, and the gathering was a memorable one. An excellent musical programme had been arranged, and the speeches were of a high order, being marked by the loquaciousness of Scottish humor.

Chief E. B. MacDonald presided, and after the dinner had been enjoyed, opened the proceedings with the toast to His Majesty, which was duly honored. Rev. J. A. MacKenzie, the orator of the evening, was then introduced. In an address of stirring eloquence he reviewed the career and the works of the poet. Simplicity,

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sincerity and sympathy, he said, are the three things for which Burns stood. Because of these he had found a place with the poor and he was read everywhere because his themes were those of the human heart wherever found.

Mayor Fink, in responding to the toast to St. John, said that the city had long occupied a position of considerable prominence, and that the people who were instrumental in placing it in its present position were largely Scotch.

That, he said, today when Scottish prudence and caution were so largely needed that some of the men of that nation did not come forward and take a part in the government of the city. The mayor referred to the desirability of uniting the eastern and western suburb with the city for their mutual benefit. There would be difficulties in the way, but they were not unsolvable.

Recorder Baxter, in referring to the era of development in the city, called upon each citizen to realize his duties and his responsibilities. He mentioned that while the rose of England was a reminder of past wars, the heather of Scotland and the shamrock of Ireland were typical of the devotion of these people to the soil of their native land, and asked if some such typical emblem could not be found for St. John.

Joseph Murdoch, in the course of a humorous speech, approved of the recorder's suggestion, and put forward as a typical emblem our native product, dulce.

An interesting feature, which came at the close of the programme, was a Highland ring, danced by the chief on a table top, which was cleared for the purpose, to the music of the pipes.

After various other songs and speeches the gathering broke up at a late hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

The programme followed:

Song—How Walker-Ye Banks and Braes; Weri Toun in the Cauld Bait.

Toast—City of St. John. H. MacGowan, responded Mayor Fink.

Toast—St. Andrew's Society, Fred Fowler, responded Andrew Malcolm.

Song—A Man's a Man for a That; My Heart's in Bonnie Scotland, Rev. L. A. Maclean.

Toast—The Land o' Cakes, Clansman Corbett, responded Clansman Malcolm.

Song—Scots Wha Hae—S. J. McGowan.

Toast—Ardor of Scottish Clans, Clansman Cameron, responded Royal Deputy Murdoch.

Toast—The Ladies, Clansman MacGowan, responded Clansman Brown.

Solo—Thomas Gunn.

Toast—Our guests, responded G. H. V. Helyes.

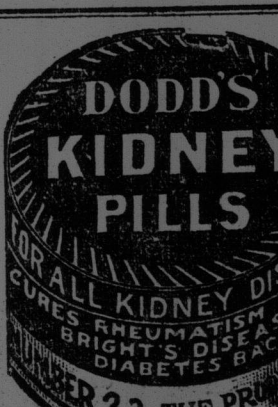
Toast—The Press—Clansman Shaw, responded H. V. MacKinnon and A. M. Bell.

H. V. MacKinnon was the accompanist of the evening.

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