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CITY NOW HAS DEFINITE POLICY ON WHICH TO BASE ANNEXATIONS

Comprehensive Scheme That Provides For New Districts Paying Their Own Way Worked Out by Ald. Wickett.

Toronto now has a comprehensive policy of annexation. Ald. Wickett submitted it to the board of control yesterday and it was adopted. "It is a definite policy that local works shall be paid for by the local district," Mayor Hocken commented. "If it is made applicable to the whole city, none could object."

"It means that millions of dollars would have to be available," said Controller Foster.

"Undoubtedly," Ald. Wickett remarked, with a smile.

"We have been continually creating a gold mine for York County," said Controller McCarthy.

"The Baldwin estate, for instance," Mayor Hocken added.

Ald. Wickett has really given us a comprehensive policy of annexation," Controller O'Neill declared.

"Any district that qualifies can come in," Ald. Wickett stated.

"We must make certain that the city will not be liable for flankages and intersections," said Mayor Hocken. "And where a farm comes in with subdivisions and other property, the owner of the farm should have his flankage charges commuted, and the balance charged up to the whole district."

"Certainly," Controller O'Neill said.

"We must have a plan worked out for assessing flankages and intersections," advised Mayor Hocken. "We will give that duty to Commissioner Harris and Solicitor Johnston, and have a report from them."

It was decided to send the annexation policy on to the council, with a recommendation that legislation to make it effective be applied for.

Clauses of Policy.

The policy submitted by Ald. Wickett is as follows:

1. Districts annexed to form local improvement districts.
2. Apart from postal deliveries, low-rate telephone rates and gas service, which annexation brings about, the city is to provide at the general expense of ratepayers for the following: Police protection, fire protection, ordinary street lighting, street cleaning, garbage collection and disposal, public libraries, schools, hospitals, trunk sewers, park improvements, street car routes to connect with present system, and financing of local improvements, but under legislation allowing immediate issue of debentures at inception of work.
3. Retains Rights to Judge.
4. Local districts to be responsible for the entire cost of the following, inclusive of intersections and flankages: Land necessary for municipal purposes; land necessary for the district area for park purposes (local centres); local sewers (exclusive of trunk sewers); watermain, roads, sidewalks, local car lines, if this policy is decided upon.
5. These local improvement charges are equivalent to an increment tax on land, but have the advantage of concentrating in return a distinct local benefit.
6. On such terms as these the city boundaries might be extended fairly widely, no rigid limits being set, subject to the annexed lands being sufficiently well subdivided.
7. While general conditions for annexation are laid down it would have to be understood that the city reserves the right to a final decision in each case.

Northwest Annexation Up.

"We should give consideration to the need for annexing enough territory in the northwest section to prevent the York Township Council giving a franchise to the Forest Hill Railway Company," Mayor Hocken announced to the board.

"It will be twenty years before that territory will be worth annexing," Controller Foster advised.

"We proceeded with the annexation of the railway will have no use for a franchise," Controller O'Neill said.

"We will send on our former motion of expediency to annex the territory in the northwest," said Mayor Hocken, recently voted down in council. It will be voted upon again on Monday July 21.

New Ambulance Hurl.

One of the ambulances used for transferring the patients from the old General Hospital to the new institution was badly damaged yesterday by a horse smashing into it from behind, while the driver of the rig was engaged gazing at the windows of the Sick Children's Hospital. Two windows were smashed and the aluminum sides were dented considerably. The damage will amount to about \$65.

SIX KILLED BY TRAIN.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. July 11.—Carl Huffman of Carutherville, Mo., his wife, three children and his sister were killed today when a Southern Pacific locomotive struck their automobile near Sanagoriet.

Raggs' Weekly Letter

Toronto Island, July 11, 1913. My Dear Toronto-Ontarians:

One of my greatest pleasures in returning to this home of my youth is to see things which call to mind the wives of my Lost Opportunities. I offer the hungry souls tea and toast and tales of life as it can be lived by an independent bachelor—day-in, day-out, in the distinction of the existence that is "dragged out" in process of ordering three meals a day to suit the coarse palates of said mate.

Bless their vagrant hearts—those Lost Opportunities!—They're mighty fine memories for a busy day in the office. There's the first ideal love, the five in my memory, a beautiful young boy in tennis togs. Brown eyes he had, brown hair, and uplifted head as if challenging. Time to change his devotion, he spent on my foolishly. Baton's elevator yesterday. Time has added one hundred pounds to his beauty! Ah, me! Then there was the clever one whose brain almost did the trick. I met him on the Island ferry. He wore a collared collar, and was as dear Aunt Maria used to say, "all het up and grepping" with the prespiration. And the three curates? They're only up to my shoulder now, and very, very bald!

Young Things.

I tea-ed at the R.C.Y.C. today with a pretty young matron, the sister-pal of a friend from Hamilton, and the sweetest young grandmother ever you did see!

What a number of adorable young things there are among the grandmothers of today. They're so much more youthful. I find, than their daughters. The latter take life and its responsibilities altogether too seriously—and too mysterious. They lose their sense of perspective. Not so grandmamma; her experience of life has taught her that the horizon embraces a little more than the nursery. She knows that it is unwise to study the nursery when she might be nursing the study. She knows quite a few things that Friend-daughter will learn by experience. She knows the joy of words. "You, the baby's grandmother? Impossible! My dear, I never should have believed it! But she is like you too—a beautiful thing!" Perhaps the reason for the youth or youthfulness of our grandmothers is that there can be little satisfaction in being one's own looks! Rather involved, but you probably "get me!"

I know a dear old lady who, upon becoming a good grandmother, discarded her bonnets, bought her a hat, and learned to create a canoe.

Too Much Study.

Such a sweet letter from a dear blind girl today, staying at Lake Placid, N.Y., such a joy to be up here in our lovely mountain home again! We came up just a week ago and have been so busy ever since, digging and weeding on the grounds, as we are arranging things indoors, that we have not taken a walk or even been out on the lake. The air is so full of melody with the tree-tops that my thoughts naturally turn to my musical friend. Therefore I am availing myself of the prompt arrival of my typewriter to send you this first of my letters.

The dear girl who wrote this cheery letter on her own little typewriter, was a student at Vassar College some five years ago, when she nearly died from brain fever—of the green course—and when her body grew strong, and her reason returned they found that the optic nerves were destroyed, and she had lost the senses of taste and smell. Can you imagine a greater tragedy for a clever young girl, overflowing with the joy of liv-

ing? Only one thing sadder—she belongs to a family of agnostics, and when the blazing light in her head becomes unbearable, her love for her dear little mother, her sisters and their babies, is not enough to comfort her, and she wishes that she had died five years ago in the college infirmary. Perhaps some day in her despair she will learn to pray—who knows?—or maybe the joy of the "lovely woody" mountain-tops, and the melody of the bird-songs will bring a realization of God to the poor little blind girl!

They Sure Are.

Arant humans funny? Now, there's no doubting the fact that in the history of science, and of exploration there has never been a greater advance of public value than in the use of the moving picture machine. The Capt. Scott pictures are so wonderful, so entralling, to say nothing of their educational value, that it is amazing to see how few people, comparatively speaking, are interested in them. Compare the crowds that rush to the island to see the ball games, with the numbers who stroll to Massey Hall to see faithfully recorded the history of brave men, gladly giving their lives in the cause of science.

When Rags Yachted. Do you ever yacht? It's quite simple. To begin with one dresses in virgin white—or to be more exact, one leaves home in white. One also wears heel-less shoes. You see the skipper's fondness for his deck amounts almost to a passion, and he is apt to say to one "I have a pair of rubber-soled shoes in the cabin that will just fit you." Then he hollers below. "Jim, bring up my shoes." Jim brings up the shoes, and Jim will, maybe, leave him onto the deck carrying a pair of disreputable looking extra-wide sevenes, and one will meekly put them on, shying one's perfectly good pumps (ours), down that hole in the middle of the boat by which one enters the water. Its anatomy called "below," fendingly hoping that someone will "be it on" and "read an urt 'orrible!" However, bearing no remains from "below" one settles oneself out of the sun upon eight or ten cushions, three or four feet apart, and gracefully over the boots— they offend one's eyes!

Well, as I was saying, one settles oneself (this sounds easier far as it really is) in a shady place, and as the gentle breeze wafts, as it were, the boat, and (naturally enough) all on board, thru the western gap, one sighs one's feet are elevated on a comfortable cushion, or starts to write poetry to the effect that "the bounding sea is the place for me" on the nice smooth deck. One is stopped.

Then a voice is heard remarking something about "hard-a-lee," and one can come to the interesting part, so don't stop—what do you think happens? As dear Aunt Maria used to say, "Ye never can tell what's agoin' to happen." These worse things is "hangin' over the time!" The cushions beneath one heave and hump themselves, and as one vaguely realizes that one is sitting on an earthquake or a bomb from Italy, or something like one violently on the head, and one's feet are elevated on a comfortable cushion that one slides into the water on the back of one's neck!

It was the shoes that saved me. They caught the breeze just in time, and I was waded back to my original position while someone explained, "Look out for the bomb!" (he pronounced it "boom") "next time we go about." I wanted to say "where?"—but didn't. I noticed at that moment that my wife, shifted herself—had the sun blazing in my eyes, and tragiclier still upon my nose!

Oh, to tell you about the rest of the voyage, but I've run out of paper and, anyway, I want to go to a man-tine.

Yours hastily, Raggs.

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ASK SHAKE-UP OF MONTREAL POLICE

It "Out-Beckers Becker" Is Charged—Up to Gouin.

MONTREAL, July 11.—(Can. Press.)—That the city police here are in league with a gang of hoodlums, who on Monday night almost killed John H. Roberts at the close of an open air temperance meeting, is one of the serious charges made by the grand lodge of Quebec, Independent Order of Good Templars, in a letter forwarded today to Sir Lomer Gouin, the provincial premier, who is asked to control the Montreal police force and put it under a competent head.

Mr. Roberts, himself, in an interview, says that the local police administration "out-beckers Becker" and takes pride in and savors faire more than honor, justice and right.

Mr. Roberts traces the alleged animosity of the administration to him to accusations denied by the parties concerned. He has charged that Chief Campeau and other police officials are connected with the Frisco Soda Water Company, whose products hotels and houses of ill-fame buy for "protection."

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CHANGE ADVOCATED IN JURY SYSTEM

Not Yet Time to Abolish It Entirely, Says British Commission.

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LONDON, July 11.—Changes in the English jury system are urged by a special government commission, headed by Lord Morsey. It found that there is in the present jury system, which the constitution was founded by Alfred the Great.

It was decided that the average jury is still fairly intelligent, and that the time is not yet ripe for abolishing altogether the time-honored Anglo-Saxon right to trial by jury. The commission doubts, however, that the modern jury should be allowed to deal with certain kinds of civil actions.

The balance of the report inclined in favor of ridding the right to trial by jury less absolute, and of preserving it in its unrestricted form only for criminal cases and for civil actions involving question of personal character, and in other common law civil cases where the issue is one of fact agreed to such mode of trial.

The commission recommends that the number of the jury continue to be twelve, but that in the event of death, illness or other default of any member of a jury, the case be allowed to proceed with a jury of only eleven. The minority of the commission wanted special juries abolished because, as it was said, the working classes distrust them.

FEDERAL REVENUE HAS GOOD SURPLUS

Public Debt Reduced by Twenty Millions in Fiscal Year.

OTTAWA, July 11.—(Can. Press.)—Final figures for the last Canadian fiscal year were announced by the minister of finance today. A heavy increase in capital and consolidated expenditures is offset by expanding revenue and there is a surplus of \$54,500,000 on current account. There is a reduction of \$20,000,000 in the public debt.

On consolidated fund the revenue totaled \$188,600,000 compared with \$138,108,217, the previous year. Expenditure was \$112,000,000 as against \$98,161,446.

The total of capital and special expenditure was \$32,200,000, including five millions in railway subsidies. Outlay on the N. T. R. amounted to \$13,500,000. On public works \$6,000,000 was spent and on railways and canals, \$7,250,000.

NEW SENATOR FROM N.B.

OTTAWA, July 11.—W. H. Thorne, prominent business man of St. John, is said to have the first call on any senate vacancy in New Brunswick, and will in all probability succeed the late Senator Ellis.

FLEAD INSANITY TO SAVE MAN FROM LASH

Friends of Arthur Allan, Convicted of Serious Offence, Hope to Get Him Off.

On the plea that he is an imbecile and therefore not responsible for his actions, friends of Arthur Allan are endeavoring to save him from the lashes and two years' imprisonment to which he was sentenced by Magistrate Kingsford on Wednesday for a serious offence against a young boy.

It is claimed that in pleading guilty to the crime Allan did not realize the seriousness of his position and had no legal advice. A lawyer is now working on the case endeavoring to secure a respite.

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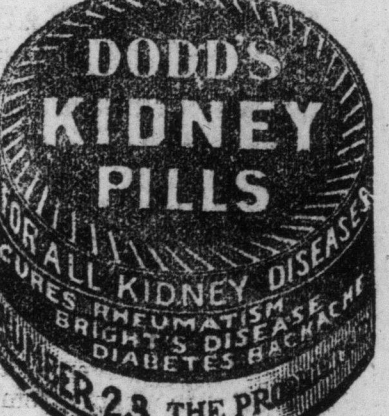
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