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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1919.

## THE PAVING PROGRAMME.

There is something funny in the situation at City Hall, but at the same time something very gratifying. The spectacle of Commissioner Fisher, in charge of the Public Works Department, opposing all by his lonesome a motion calling for the preparation of a paving programme to be spread over a period of years, would be ludicrous were it not pitiable. Mr. Fisher prefers to potter along from year to year, attempting each autumn instead of each spring to do a pitiful little patch until he finds his efforts blocked by the fact that new water mains have to be put in on the streets selected by him. Of course there is the point to consider that the suggestion for a comprehensive plan means a plan spread over the next four or five years, and Mr. Fisher, who opposes this scheme, perhaps does so through a belated realization that he will not be there for the next four or five years to look after the work. And maybe he prefers that his successor in office shall have the responsibility of preparing the plan which that successor will carry out.

As against this there is consolation to be found in the action of Mayor Hayes, who succeeded in having his resolution put through, despite the opposition of the person most directly interested. Whether the instructions contained in that resolution will be carried out is another matter. But any rate the idea is an excellent one and is intended to remove the handicap under which St. John in its street programme has been laboring. Mayor Hayes is inclined to favor a plan on the question of spending a million dollars or so on permanent paving under the Local Improvements Act. Many people in this city have been opposed to the terms of this Act, largely because of the fact that it well defined programme has been in existence. That Act was put through without a plebiscite, and if its purpose is to secure something really worth while, he should insist that at the proper time the ratepayers of St. John shall have opportunity of saying whether they desire that these pavements be constructed under the Local Improvements Act or provided for from capital account, interest and redemption to be taken from general taxation. The people have just as much right to decide on the manner in which this money shall be raised as they have to say whether it shall be expended or not, and certainly there is at the present time a very decided difference of opinion with respect to the legislation which has been such a failure in application. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Mayor will not permit by his resolution of Tuesday to let by the wayside, but that he shall insist on the early preparation of an intelligent programme to be carried forward by next year's Board of Commissioners.

## STILL STANDING IDLE.

The Telegraph attempts to exonerate the Foster Government for its failure to secure operation of the Valley Road by explaining that Mr. Foster once wrote a letter to the General Manager of the Canadian National Railway, asking him to arrange for running rights over the C. P. R. from Westfield to St. John. This was certainly a most aggressive policy, but unfortunately it has not produced the desired result. Mr. Hanna, strangely enough, has neglected to profit by the advice of Hon. Mr. Foster and, according to all accounts, the situation remains unchanged. The trains are not running. The people living between Westfield and Gagetown still depend on an occasional river steamer, and a very costly stretch of railway is lying idle. It is not questioned that this is a high price, but the C. P. R. has just as much right to name its own terms as the C. N. R. has to offer what it considers a reasonable proposition. The differences between the two are subject to modification by negotiation, and conferences toward this end should have been in progress months ago. That they have not gone forward is a reasonably energetic measure is directly due to the procrastination of the management of the Canadian National Railway. Mr. Hanna and his associates must have been aware of the early completion of the Valley Road, the importance of service thereon, and their expense should have made them anxious to reach an agreement as to running rights. But, although the responsibility rests with that board of management in the first place, the Valley Railway Commission and the Foster Government are almost equally to blame in not bringing matters to a head. It was just as much the duty of this Government to provide for the operation of trains as to carry on the material construction of the road, and that duty has been disregarded—with

this exception, that Mr. Foster wrote a letter to Mr. Hanna.

While it is maintained that the C. P. R. terms, as now proposed, are more than the Valley Road can afford to pay, it must be just as freely admitted that the terms suggested by the Canadian National were very considerably less than any self-respecting competitor would be inclined to accept. Perhaps if the C. N. R. had put up a more reasonable proposition in the first place, the counter-proposal by the C. P. R. would not have appeared so impossible. But these are features which should have been attended to long ago and the fact that the Valley Line is still an utterly useless road with its terminus fifteen miles away from St. John is due to indifference on the part of the organizations directly responsible, the C. N. R. management, the Valley Railway Commission and the Foster Government.

## PROTESTANT ORPHANS.

Fraternal organizations, and other associations of individuals, have during the past few months been devoting themselves to various enterprises for the purpose of raising funds to provide additional shelter for Protestant orphans. The men and women who have so generously given of their time and their means in this work are deserving of the highest praise, and it is gratifying to note that the building fund is gradually growing. But despite the credit which is due those who have interested themselves in this manner, the present situation is nothing less than a disgrace to Protestantism in St. John. The fact that organized groups, representing these wealthy denominations, are literally asking about with the collection plate, and there to provide for destitute children of their own faith, is not to the credit of the church as a whole. The Protestant denominations in this city as represented by the various congregations should, in a united movement, undertake to provide not the least possible equipment that can be made to do, but generous quarters with a sufficient endowment to eliminate the difficulty of annual financing, calculated to care for all orphan children of Protestant parentage who may be in need of this form of assistance. The possibility of such a policy being successfully applied is here right at our own door, and it is not to the honor of the Protestant faith that other churches are able to provide for their destitute children in a satisfactory manner, while the Protestant Church remains content with a hand-to-mouth policy, a shiftless scheme of things, and what amounts to a constant begging from door to door for the insignificant amount necessary to properly conduct an institution of this nature. Let the Protestant Churches get together and do something worth while, even to each shouldering a share of the outlay involved in providing an orphanage which will be a credit to the denominations which they represent.

## GOOD ADVICE.

Sir John Willison advises the people of Canada that if we are to come through the present period of unrest with satisfaction to ourselves we must work more and spend less. His advice is good. One of the difficulties in the way of carrying out his suggestion is that the great majority of our people are inclined to work less and spend more. Were they in a receptive state of mind it is possible that, after a time, having given free rein to their desire for idleness, they might be persuaded to follow along the lines suggested by this speaker. But unfortunately for the progress of the country there is no indication whatever of an intention to reform. Indeed the reverse is the truth, for the determination to do less work is spreading while the necessity for spending more is something which the individual cannot really control. The practice of spending money creates the desire to spend and continued advances in the necessities of life are followed by equally heavy expenditures on luxuries. Of course in the wave of extravagance now passing over this country people are devoting so much time to pleasure that they are naturally disinclined to work, and as they need the money for pleasures we hear of continued demands for higher wages and shorter hours combined. Some day sober common sense will take the place of the nervous insanity which every country is now experiencing. Some day commodity prices will fall, the people will realize that productive labor is after all the most profitable occupation, and when that time comes instead of endeavoring to get rid of all the money they can secure to satisfy selfish desires, they will go back to the more sane condition of former days when though less highly colored, our lives were really more useful and satisfactory.

## IT FAILED IN RESTIGOUCHE.

The whole strength of the Provincial Government's organization was utilized on Tuesday in the municipal

elections in Restigouche County. In the parish of Durham the road commission have for weeks been working night and day, spending lavishly on the roads, giving employment to whoever could be induced to think favorably of the Veniot Government and the candidates it was supporting. Government newspapers carried on a bitter campaign and nothing was too harsh to say about the Conservatives, Murchie and Lawlor, who were offering in the Parish of Durham for election. Their opponents, Landry and McIntosh, were described as two of the most popular men in the parish and were aided by every influence the government clique could bring to bear. Yet it is an evidence of the intelligence and clear judgment of the people of Durham Parish that Landry and McIntosh went down to defeat in what was in reality a straight party fight, and that Lawlor and Murchie, who ran as straight Conservatives, were easy winners.

## THE NURSES' HOME.

The Municipal Council has agreed to an increased appropriation for the proposed Nurses' Home. The Council could do nothing else, and its action will be favorably regarded by all, for this hospital extension has been shown to be a pressing need. Unfortunately the earlier estimates of cost were too conservative, but having recognized the advisability of going ahead with this important work the members of the Council have acted wisely in not permitting themselves to become discouraged by the addition of a few thousands of dollars to the required expenditure. The sum now authorized should be sufficient to meet all requirements and it is hoped that tenders will be accepted and construction undertaken at the earliest possible moment.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**Camera Injustice.**—The photographs of General Currie used in the newspapers previous to his return from overseas did not do him justice. The general should have enough vanity about him to see that his face has been correctly portrayed.

**Their Own Business.**—Hamilton Herald—Again we take leave to say that if any elector's name is left off the voters' list it will be his own fault. The electors have until Sept. 9 to scrutinize the lists, see if their names are there, and get them put on if they are not. The method of procedure is a simple one in the official advertisements.

**Not So Exacting.**—New York Times—The Pennsylvania coal miner demands a 60 per cent raise in wages, a six-hour day, a closed shop and a two-year agreement. The consumer's demands are simpler. All their ask is a mild winter.

**General Currie.**—Toronto Times—Sir Arthur, during his long absence from Canada, was frequently attacked by ignorant or malevolent persons. Men do not rise to such enmities without making enemies. He has answered his critics calmly, but completely. The public may accept without question the high character of his military and personal character formed by his superior officers, and by the Canadian and British governments. Currie is a great man. He is deserving of a great and notable welcome.

**Who Does Want Him?**—Toronto Times—The farmers reject Mr. Mackenzie King because he never showed any interest in agriculture. Organized labor will not have him because of his association with the Rockefeller Foundation. The returned soldiers spurn him because he was cold towards the war and played politics when they required reinforcement against the advancing Hun.

**France and Prohibition.**—London Telegraph—France loses about 40 per cent. on every payment it has to make to Britain and America. America going "dry" is a wise export to that country are prohibited, and this means a loss of something like 30 million pounds (\$50 million dollars) a year. There is a strong feeling here that America should do something for France, which finds itself in a position of not being able to export, because it cannot manufacture. One-third of its factories are destroyed, and one-third undergoing transformation from war to other work. And even if it could produce it has to meet the further handicap of freight, which have increased five to ten fold.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**OLD PIRATES—AND NEW.**  
 In days of old the pirate bold  
 Would sail the racing sea,  
 And take his booty toll of gold  
 Wherever it might be.  
 But now in vain we scan the main—  
 The olden days are o'er.  
 The pirates of the present reign  
 Within some grocery store.

The buccannier who knew no fear  
 Of all the most profitable occupation,  
 And, with his good blade ever near,  
 Would hold up ship and crew,  
 No more his loot will lightly float  
 Upon the billow's foam.  
 He takes from you your only good  
 For steak to carry home.

Once Robin Hood had in the wood,  
 And, with his good long bow,  
 Held up and robbed whomever he could,  
 (A goodly game, I know.)  
 No outlaw now beneath the hough  
 Awaits, but if you choose  
 You get the same attention when  
 You buy a pair of shoes.  
 —James Wolfe, in New York Times.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Yesterday I had a grate idea to shine my shoes without nobody talking me to and scolding me, and I shined them so good they looked like brand new shoes, taking me about 20 minutes on account of me shinning them so perfect, and I went down in the parlor where pop was sitting waiting for supper, and I sat down in front of him with my feet in plane seats, saying, Hello, pop.

Hello yourself, said pop.

Not even looking at my shoes, and I started to wiggle them, and pop said, For the love of Feet, are you going crazy around the feet, stop that.

Wich I did, and after a while I started to cross my legs and uncross them, thinking he mite notice my shoes going up and down, and pritty soon pop sed, Say, if you've got Bent Vitusess dance, I'll excuse you, but if you haven't, cut that out.

Wich I did, and after a while I put my feet up on a seat of another chair, thinking he couldn't help noticing them on account of them being so high. Wich he noticed them, all rite, all but the shins, saying, Wat in the world has got into you, dont you know any better than to stick your feet up on the furniture like that, I'll be giving you a knock on the nuckles in a minute.

Aw heck, O, I thaw. And I went out in the back yard mad and rubbed dert on my shoes till they looked as if nobody hadent ever even tried to shine them, and just then the supper bell rang and I went in the dining room and pop was there already, saying, Wats a moment, young man, do shins in that condition—go up stairs and clean them immediately.

Wich I did, taking me about 2 minutes.

## A BIT OF FUN

**Mental Depression.**  
 "You seem gloomy, my friend. I fear you are suffering from nervous depression."

"I ain't naturally this way, doc. Just been reading the literature in your anteroom, that's all."

**A Short Engagement.**  
 "What broke off your engagement?"  
 "Oh, nothing. His two weeks were up and he had to go back to the city."  
 —Kansas City Journal.

**Old Fashioned.**  
 "Do you believe in telepathy?"  
 "No, I don't take to these new fangled schools. Give me a good old fashioned path every time."  
 —Baltimore American.

**The Largest River.**  
 Teacher (to class)—What is the largest river in Africa?  
 Small boy—The Nile, sir.  
 Teacher—And what are its tributaries called?  
 Boy—Juveniles, sir.—Boston Globe.

**Incorrigible.**  
 Rabid Anti—Don't you know that tobacco is deadly? Why a drop of nicotine on a dog's tongue will kill him.  
 Incorporrible One—Wat a quart of it on a dog's tongue couldn't hurt me none.—Judge.

**The Verdict.**  
 "Have some sleep, this morning, Judge," asked a heavy waiter. "Not this morning, Sam," replied the man of the bench, adjusting his spectacles preparatory to distinguishing the name of some dish on the menu from the list of names. "Over try any of our fresh boiled eggs, Judge?" "Yes, indeed, Sam," and found 'em gully."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Too Busy.**  
 "You don't appear to take much interest in this investigation," remarked Arthur Hopkins, spokesman for the Producing Managers' Association, declared today that there were no indications of an early end of the deadlock. He reiterated, as emphatically as ever, that the managers' organization would not recognize the Actors' Equity Association.

**The Difference.**  
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 "Lord, mister! I ain't got no education; I'm after a job in the yards."  
 "See the yard boys. We'll start you in at \$40."—Life.

## Newcastle

Newcastle, Sept. 2.—A young lad named Chapman had a narrow escape from drowning in the fountain in the Public Square on Tuesday morning. The little fellow was playing around the edge of the fountain when he lost his balance and fell into the water. The bottom of the fountain was very slippery and unable to gain his footing he no doubt would have perished but for the timely actions of a passer by who rescued and pulled him out of the water a wetter and wiser boy.

Newcastle Public Schools opened yesterday. Mr. Barnett, a returned soldier, from Hartland is the new principal, while Lindon Crocker, who last year was principal of Derby Superior School, is vice-principal.

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## ACTORS' STRIKE FAR FROM REACHING A SETTLEMENT

Managers' Organization Absolutely Refuse to Recognize the Actors' Equity Association.

New York, Sept. 3.—Reports last night that a settlement was nearing in the actors' strike were apparently premature. Arthur Hopkins, spokesman for the Producing Managers' Association, declared today that there were no indications of an early end of the deadlock. He reiterated, as emphatically as ever, that the managers' organization would not recognize the Actors' Equity Association.

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## Kicking a Goal on the "Swe"

## WEDDINGS

**Higgins-Brown.**  
 A wedding of much interest was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the Portland street Methodist church when the pastor, Rev. Neil McLaughlin, united in marriage Miss Helen Brown and George I. Higgins, both of this city. Among the many handsome presents received were a diamond watch from the firm of V. St. Thomas & Co., and a silver service from the employees, the bride having been a member of Thorpe's class; a case of silver from Hall Fairweather, with whom the groom employed, and an electric table lamp from the staff. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for trip to New York via Toronto and Niagara. On their return the bride resided on Portland street.

**Hunt-Kellner.**  
 At the Cathedral, yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, Philip Francis Hunt and Miss Mary Philomena Kellner were married with Nuptial Mass by

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