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A TIME FOR ACTION The nature of the action to be taken by the Common Council as a result of the market investigation will give the taxpayers generally an opportunity to judge whether the present civic administration is hopeless, or whether it contains a majority determined to keep the public welfare in view.

There has been much unfavorable comment because several persons whose names were mentioned during the investigation were not at once suspended, but, while such comment is natural, the more important question is that of effective reform of market conditions, and this cannot be brought about without a radical change of policy.

Of course the market is only one question. After steps were taken to beautify Germain street, an offensive variety of mud was carted to that thoroughfare by civic employees and dumped in front of residences.

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Worse yet, an expert quoted by the Manitoba Free Press calculates that if Toronto had a municipal plant the cost of gas to the public would not exceed fifty cents per thousand feet. A Montreal expert who recently reported on the situation there said that with a municipal plant gas could be sold first year at sixty-three cents and reduced yearly until at the end of twenty years thirty-three cents.

There will be no question for Tolstoi. Burial according to the rites of the orthodox church is considered out of the question. A man with the grandest soul that has come out of Russia, was bound to be misunderstood by the church leaders.

and the joys of companionship. Some of Tolstoi's religious conceptions will pass as the wind, but the prophet Tolstoi will endure forever.

In his literature the only questions Tolstoi asks himself are: "Is this the fact?" and "Have I represented the fact truly?" Both the art and the man were religious.

But charming as he was in fable and tale, he did not consider that the serious side of his life. In the midst of his greatest renown and fame, he put from him ease and honor, and proposed literally to obey the word of God, by making himself one of the least of the brethren of the Master.

And an old struggler he was to the end. "Everything that once seemed to me right and important," he says, "as honor, glory, civilization, wealth, the complications and refinements of life, rich food, fine clothing and etiquette, has become wrong to me and despicable. Rusticity, obscurity, poverty, austerity, simplicity of surroundings, of food, of clothing, of manners, all have become right and important to me. Now I can no longer give my support to anything that lifts me above or separates me from others."

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But it seems now that Winnipeg—which is much farther from a good coal supply than St. John—is also demanding seventy-five cent gas. As, according to the Manitoba Free Press, "can be sold in Winnipeg at seventy-five cents per one thousand feet," and there is "good reason to hope that the citizens could be supplied with that very necessary commodity at a still less figure.

For illuminating gas the man in Winnipeg pays, for 10,000 feet, \$13.50, and the man in Toronto \$7.50—a difference of \$6 in favor of Toronto.

Of course this is all high treason against the "interests," but it should be worthy of examination now that New Brunswick is blessed with a Public Utilities Commission upon whose shoulders all these problems which are hitting the helpless consumer are to be laid. The theory obtaining among gas sellers in St. John is that the consumer, for some strange reason, is bound to pay enough to provide the stockholder with what the latter considers a satisfactory return on his holdings, regardless of the nature of the plant, or of the leakage, or of the sum that would be today required to erect a new plant.

is prepared to dig up the truth about these matters. The common or garden variety of consumer is not permitted to know anything about the inner workings of the company which taxes him excessively for light, but the Legislature, in its wisdom, has armed the Public Utilities Commission with power to secure all the evidence necessary to establish just what the company is doing and just why it is doing it.

MR. BALFOUR'S POLICY

It is evident that Mr. Balfour expects to fight the coming elections on the issue of tariff reform. The urging of some of his leading journals that this campaign be dropped on account of its unpopularity in the country, is only reflected in the greater uncertainty in his mind as to the ultimate consequences of his proposals.

He wholly lacks the thoroughgoing conviction of Mr. Chamberlain, who, a few years ago, worked out exactly the way his increased taxes were going to increase the cost of living. He had estimated the effect of his proposals so accurately, and had adjusted them so delicately to all conflicting interests, that he was able to announce that they would result in a gain of two pence a week in the case of the agricultural laborer and two and one-half pence in the case of the town artisan.

The one point on which Mr. Balfour has always been more clear, or rather less cloudy, than on others, has been the policy known as Fair Trade or retaliation. Free Trade might be all right if the other nations were practicing it, but when they were not it was quite a different matter.

The argument of the fair traders, that England's present system might be all right if other nations were practicing it with her, is specious enough to deceive many. But it is just possible that as England gets the advantage in her buying from her fiscal policy, she gets more than she otherwise would if the other nations followed the same policy.

In this one article of meat the exactions of the protectionists of France and Germany have become so excessive that even the price of horse flesh today in Paris puts it beyond the reach of the majority of the working men, while the German government are reported as taking the unheard of course of opening its frontier to foreign cattle to counteract the prevailing high prices for meat.

England is sick and the heart faint, and this campaign will probably bury the whole project beyond the hope of resurrection.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

The school board Wednesday excluded the representatives of the press. This is an extraordinary proceeding when a matter in which the public is interested was to be discussed. Of what are the members of the board afraid? They are there to transact the business of the public, and not their own private affairs.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

There never was a time in the history of St. John when it was so important that every citizen should take an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of the city. We have come to a turning point. For many years after the great fire there was more or less of struggle to overcome the great loss entailed by that disaster.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

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THE AMERICANS

Mr. W. G. Gates, in the November issue of the Trail Magazine, published in Regina, answers in a very interesting manner the question: Is the West being Americanized? His conclusion, after a careful review of the whole situation, is that the Americans who come to Canada are being Canadianized, and that there is no disposition on their part to make unfavorable comparisons between this country and that from which they came.

Mr. Gates points out that of the forty-one members in the Saskatchewan legislature only two were born in the United States. The parents of one of these were British subjects, and he has lived all his life in Canada. The other, though born in the United States, was partially educated in Canada.

has lived in Canada since boyhood. Of the western representation in Parliament only one was born in the United States, and his parents had gone there from Canada. Mr. Gates points out that in the province of Saskatchewan at the last session of the legislature a resolution was introduced and strongly supported in favor of Canada presenting the British admiralty with a Dreadnought, an indication that Imperial sentiment is strong in the West.

The American invasion, he points out, is an economic and not a political movement. In that respect it differs radically from the emigration of the Loyalists from the United States to Canada. As he very well states the case, "the American settler of the eighteenth century left his money in the United States and brought his politics to Canada; the American settler of the twentieth century leaves his politics in the United States and brings his money to Canada."

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Mr. Borden has not repudiated Messrs. Monk and Bourassa, but the Canadian elections will not hesitate to do so. The Liberal party has in it room for men who would divide Canada. Mr. Borden should say as much for the Conservatives, but he hesitates, being partisan before being patriotic.

SAVE HIM! KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE. Cure your horse of any spavin, Curb, Splint, Ringbone, Bony Growth or Lameness with a 50¢ bottle of Kendall's Spavin Cure.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as wool, and sunny statesmen held her up, hard by the village school. "Your little lamb," the statesmen said, "you soon will have to shear, and then the woolen plutoocrats will sew you up my dear. They have the tariff doctored up in such a beastly way that little maids with wool to sell can get but little pay.

BAT NEW CENTURY WASHER SUAN DO GET ME DIRT OUT. Aunt Salina. The new washing principle in which this washer is built is so perfect, it will extract every particle of dirt from your clothes without injury to the goods and without the use of suds or soap.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy.

What is CASTORIA Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It stimulates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep.

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FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE WATER By John B. Gough

SWEET, beautiful water—bathed in the running brook, the rippling fountain and the laughing rill—in the limpid cascade, as it joyfully leaps down the side of the mountain. Brewed in yonder mountain top, whose granite peak glitters like gold bathed in the morning sun—bathed in the sparkling dewdrop; sweet, beautiful water—bathed in the crested wave of the ocean deeps, driven by the storm, breathing its terrible anthem to the god of the sea—bathed in the fleecy foam and the whitened spray as it hangs like a speck over the distant cataract—bathed in the clouds of heaven—sweet, beautiful water! As it sings in the rain shower and dances in the hailstorm—as it comes sweeping down in feathery flakes, clothing the earth in a spotless mantle of white. Distilled in the golden tissues that paint the western sky at the setting of the sun, and the silvery issues that veil the midnight moon—sweet, health-giving, beautiful water! Distilled in the rainbow of promise, whose warp is the raindrop of earth, and whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven—sweet, beautiful water.

FRUIT-GROWING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir: Of late there has been considerable comment in The Telegraph on the backwardness of New Brunswick agriculturally, particularly in fruit growing.

Should anyone care to obtain any further information in connection with the matter of commercial fruit growing, I will be very glad to give what assistance I can.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—A cablegram received today from the International Agricultural Institute, Rome, gives yield of wheat crop, estimated November 1, in thousands of bushels, as follows: Great Britain and Ireland, 61,865, compared with 64,250 last year.

The Fire Damage.

The insurance adjustment in connection with the Taylor & White fire in the north end has been completed and amounts to \$2,250, divided as follows: Building, \$1,150; stock \$350; machinery \$750. The insurance was held by the following companies: Connecticut—Vroom and Arnold, \$1,200; on the building, \$1,000 on the machinery, \$700 on the stock; Manitoba—Machum and Foster, \$1,000 on the building; Northern—Peter Clinch, \$1,000 on the machinery.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

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REASONS They Mr. McMa Utilities Connect Being to Give Formal A public in... Telephone Co... Definite steps... yesterday after... of the Public... held in the S... street, H. A... the board of... to look into... the complaint... ed and in add... some charges... complaints... charged in t... in comparison... charges of the... vices in other... with respect... ing, and F. P... Orty, and O... members, were... the filing of... yesterday's me... for business... Fredericton. T... tion took notice... any formal co... fore them, ma... investigation, seen... somewhat str... regard was exp... the board after... that if they be... pany were con... change in their... due notice of... was their duty... ing. The case... Mr. Vince poin... ferent from th... this city. Her... to make any d... filed, but it w... contained in th... able. Mr. McMa... before the boar... with regard... rates for busin... of Fredericton... such as that w... and as a result... this point, the... superintendent... out of town. M... the board to d... Sparks to the... spect to the ch... rates, which t... make. After this... Powell acting i... Board of Trade... the board a... agreed to the... Company about... capitalization... received the re... accordance with... ure to serve t... with regard... the complaint... concur with th... telephone comp... in which to mak... expected that... ing of the Util... city, a thorough... made. It is und... company in de... charges here w... districts they ar... loss. The follow... charged by the... the complaint m... by Mr. Powell... noticed in the... the schedule... yearly rent serv... short term serv... The Schedule o... RENTAL SCH... To Managers an... The following... service and mil... orized, and w... this date on... changes as app... Rates are now... within mileage l... All previous r... YEARLY RENT... Special line... Two party... Four party... Eight party... Desk equipm... Flexiphone, \$4... For use by... \$30.00; residence... Additional list... Heavy type... FARMER OR R... Where 2 or mor... per mile, 2 ye... Where only one... per mile, 2 ye... Desk equipm... SHORT T... One-third of ye... and one-enth... ditional month... charge of \$15.00... for residence... charges to be... Plus whole an... equipment or ex... Plus whole an... case there is an