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### WHO RULES?

Commissioner Thornton has again blocked progress in the matter of carrying out the mandate of the people of St. John. He again declared yesterday that he would vote for no bond issue until very effort to get an agreement with the Power Company had been exhausted. Obviously those efforts might last for years before Commissioner Thornton would consider them at all near to a state of exhaustion. The people must decide whether they are masters in their own house or subject to the dictation of one member of the City Council.

### THAT \$5,100,000 ONCE MORE

Mr. Sanderson and the watered stock will be at City Hall again on Monday afternoon. The \$5,100,000 capitalization on a property valued at \$2,577,000 will be there to clamor for recognition by the City Council of St. John. If it can get that recognition, through an agreement transferring the Musquash current to the New Brunswick Power Company for distribution, then the people of St. John will be properly hoodwinked. It will be for them to provide the profits on that \$5,100,000 hereafter, and the holders of the watered stock will see that they do.

There was no sound reason for giving Mr. Sanderson another hearing on Monday. The communication said he would meet the Council to discuss the terms of the former proposal; but the Council rejected that proposal, and has no intention whatever that Mr. Sanderson has a new one to make to the Council. It is the Council's consideration. If the Council seeks opportunity for delay, it will always find Mr. Sanderson ready to furnish an excuse. In that respect he is a most accommodating person—and the \$5,100,000 is right there at his elbow.

The City Council cannot be ignorant of the fact that the people of St. John will never consent to let the Power Company distribute the Musquash current. Whether there be one distribution system or two, that question has been settled. If the Power Company will sell its distribution system at a price attractive to the city, well and good; if not the city will erect one of its own.

There are only two propositions Mr. Sanderson can make that City Hall should take the time to hear. One would be the sale of the company's whole plant and the other would be the sale of a distribution system. There is no hope that he will do either. He has already said the company does not wish to do either. It wants control of Musquash current. Since this is the situation the City Council must go on with the civic distribution system. Already there is an intense feeling of indignation throughout the city as a result of the altogether unnecessary and inexcusable delay. Next week, it may safely be asserted, will bring action, either by the Council or by the electors.

### OUR PHILOSOPHER

"What's the hurry?" plaintively enquired Commissioner Frink. He is a contemplative philosopher, after the heart of old Omar, who wrote:—  
"Alike for those who for today prepare,  
And those that after some tomorrow stare,  
A Museeum from the Tower of Darkness cries,  
'Tools! your Reward is neither Here nor There!'"

Why hurry? Why worry? Why seek to accomplish anything?  
"Think in this battered Caravan of Woe  
How Portals are alternate Night and Day,  
How Sultan after Sultan with his Ah, my Beloved, fill the Cup that clears  
Tomorrow! Why, Tomorrow! I may be Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n thousand years."

And yet, if our philosopher will but review the record he will discover that there has been no unseemly haste. It has been quite a long time since the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission gave notice to the City Council that the Musquash development had begun, and that in due time hydro-electric energy would be available. It was not even yesterday that the current was turned on and sent to Westfield, and then to Moncton and other places, where it is now giving the people the greatest satisfaction. Every household in St. John might now be enjoying light at cost if the City Council, of which Commissioner Frink is a member had not been like old Omar regarding tomorrow. Our philosopher may therefore take courage. The charge of undue haste in this matter of vital importance to the welfare of St. John for all time to come will never be chalked up against the City Council, or carved in the cold gray stone of City Hall.

### MR. FOSTER'S LIGHT BILL

Hon. W. E. Foster gave the Legislature proof of the wisdom of the Government, of which he was the leader, when it developed the Musquash. He produced his own house bill for electric light for a month and showed that it amounted to \$10,056, as compared with the \$18,831 he would have had to pay if the Musquash had not been developed. He produced his own house bill for electric light for a month and showed that it amounted to \$10,056, as compared with the \$18,831 he would have had to pay if the Musquash had not been developed.

And yet there are a few people in St. John who would hand that current over to the New Brunswick Power Company, at the same time giving the company its warrant to go after full returns on a capitalization of \$5,100,000, which would inevitably result in an increase of the charges levied upon the people. And the people would be helpless in the face of their own action of the Legislature already secured by the company from the Legislature. Safety for St. John and a guarantee of light and power at cost for all time demand a civic distribution system.

### Montreal Gazette:—

"The Government of the province has ordered the release from prison of John H. Roberts, after he had been held for rather more than three months of the year which the Legislature condemned him to serve. The release was not in the way of a surprise. The agitation against the imprisonment was not likely to excite much sympathy for the condemned man. In so far as it led people to think of the circumstances under which Roberts was sent to prison, however, it must have had the effect of creating a feeling that sound principles of law and constituted a precedent which could be stretched by a partisan legislature to perpetrate grave wrong. It also suggests that on the part of those responsible in chief part for the administration of justice, the sober thought that comes after action taken in haste or in anger will ensure that there will be no repetition of the happening, and that the ill-effects of legislation will be dealt with by the courts under the law, which provides adequate punishment for their offences."

## The Marriage Game

The Snappiest of Pastimes  
As Played to a Decision  
Every Day  
By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hutton

### FACTS.

His Play-A woman would rather face a grisly bear—any day—than some small plain fact which to her mind presents a disagreeable truth. Yes, sir, women are certainly afraid of facts. I don't know whether you could call it superstition or cowardice or what-not. But it is certainly true that whenever a fact pokes its head out of the woods, most women look at it sternly and assure themselves that it wasn't so! That account of the man who was afraid of facts, I guess, no woman can see a fact, meaning a fact, in her own child. And no woman will admit that she knows her husband has been—although she knows they are nothing but lies, Roman numerals, and so on, in a great game of pretending not to see the facts—and that is why women are the leaders in that national time.

### Her Counter-Play—

And you would not have said otherwise for anything would you? Is it not better to pretend not to see the ugly things of life, the dirty, the ugly, the horrible, the mean and disagreeable. Women have the capacity for sympathy, and sympathy doesn't deal in facts at all. Justice is all a fabric of facts and very righteous it is, too, but more efficient than the facts. And it doesn't give a snap of its fingers for facts. Facts are all right when there is a statistic report on the number of rubber boots made in the State of Ohio in 1923—but they have nothing to do with successful and happy married life.

The Referee—She wins—and handsly, too.

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## MR. DOOLEY

On The Necessity of Modesty Among  
The Rich  
By FINLEY PETER DUNNE.

"I WONDER," said Mr. Hennessy, "if thin Hadleys that gave the swell ball is anykin in the 'althamian'?"

"I doubt it," said Mr. Dooley. "I knowed all his folks. They're Monaghan people, an' I never heard of him marryin' into the Hadleys, who came from away beyant near the Joyn's Causeway. What med ye think it is?"

"I was readin' about the Protestant minister that give them such a turnin' over the other night," said Hennessy. "It looks to me as though the man was wrong, an' the Hadley was right. It's a place, an' the better fr. them. I seen it put just right in the paper the other day. If these people don't let go iv their coin here, they'd take it away with them to Paris or some place."

### VIMY MORN.

(C.F. P. Conybeare)

When the springtime of the future  
Marks the month of April dawn,  
Mountain, lake and plain shall murmur,  
Wake for this is Vimy morn.

Shall not Canada be mindred,  
When upon the war-scarred crest,  
High above the cannon thunder,  
Shrilled the bugles from the West?

When her sons from every Province,  
Blind in one glorious aim,  
Greatly daring, greatly gaining,  
Lustre for their country's name.

At the call of duty facing  
Storm of Nature's forces of shell,  
Dashing up the snow-swept ridges,  
Bravely conquered, bravely fell.

Vimy! Let that word be blazoned  
On our hearts in golden flame,  
So our children's sons may gather  
Inspiration from its name.

### THE OTTAWA LUMBER KING.

(Toronto Globe)

J. R. Booth of Ottawa, born in Sheffield county, Que., on April 5, 1872, celebrated his 63rd birthday by going to his usual work at the Ottawa Lumber Co., where he has been for many years. He has built up in the Ottawa Valley, he may be assumed that he is not as active physically as he once was. A broken leg a few years ago, which would have ended the career of others of his age, merely kept him at home for a short time. Mentally the Lumber King seems to be as alert as ever he was.

And what changes he has seen in the lumber business! When he started at a shingle mill at Ottawa in 1890, the square timber trade was at its height. Then came the war, and the manufacture of munitions and other goods and products as limits became more remote and lumber advanced in price. Next came the war, and the timber trade was at its height. Then came the war, and the timber trade was at its height. Then came the war, and the timber trade was at its height.

### Flood and Famine Come.

"But when year there came a flood iv rain, an' the next year, another flood, an' the third year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the fourth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the fifth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the sixth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the seventh year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the eighth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the ninth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the tenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the eleventh year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the twelfth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the thirteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the fourteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the fifteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the sixteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the seventeenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the eighteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the nineteenth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the twentieth year there wasn't a drop iv rain, an' the 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