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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## TOWN PLANNING.

All who heard the very practical and interesting address on Town Planning, delivered by Mr. Thomas Adams, last evening, came away from the High School building thoroughly convinced that those who are working to make our city beautiful are doing a work of very real benefit to the community now and in years to come. Up to date cities and towns all over the American continent and in England have awakened to the value of planning in advance for the growth of the community. Possibly St. John is better laid out than most cities of its size, but even in this city it requires but ordinary observation to produce evidence where the city would have greatly benefited if the town planning idea had found a place in the view of things taken by our ancestors.

Canada is a young country and most of its cities are creations of the past ten or twenty years. This condition is not so marked in the Maritime Provinces as in other parts of the Dominion where the development has been forced and the growth more rapid, but the Montreal, the Toronto or the Winnipeg of today bear but a very remote resemblance to the same cities of twenty or even ten years ago. And yet in these progressive cities it is only very recently that the subject of systematic planning for future growth has received any attention worthy of the name.

The Dominion capital is probably a step in advance of most eastern Canadian cities in this regard. The natural surroundings of Ottawa are very beautiful and the many attractively located and well built public buildings have contributed in no small degree to make a beautiful city. Quite recently an organization known as the City Improvement Association was formed for the express purpose of making of Ottawa a city so beautiful as to deserve the title of the "Washington of the North." This organization has received assistance from the municipal government of Ottawa and also, we believe, from the Dominion Government which, being housed in Ottawa, quite correctly looks on that city as its home.

In St. John the town planning movement has hardly been started. In the present year with conditions not normal and the necessity for the strictest economy in all branches of civic expenditure, possibly it would not be wise to grant money for this purpose, but when conditions improve the subject of planning for the St. John of the future is one which should receive sympathetic attention and tangible assistance from the civic and municipal authorities. Money so spent would be well spent.

## A BAD DAY FOR THE TURK.

His Excellency the Sultan of Turkey, during the past few weeks, has had ample opportunity for reflecting on just how badly he was fooled by the apostles of Prussian "Kultur" who induced him to send his armies and navy to the assistance of the Prussian cause and thereby sign the death warrants for himself and his unhappy country. And evidence is accumulating that if he has not already realized the enormity of his mistake it will be speedily brought home to him in certain if uncomfortable fashion.

While a powerful British and French fleet, comprising some of the largest war vessels afloat, is proceeding up the Dardanelles, razing Turkish fortifications as it goes, the might of Russia's Black Sea squadron is making for the Bosphorus preparatory to shelling Constantinople. Already the Allied fleet has traversed almost half of the classic Hellespont, has swept the channel clear of mines and other engines of war, and has rendered the Turkish forts and batteries incapable of damage. It is predicted that two more weeks will see the Dardanelles open to the world, or to such powers as the Allies permit to use them and great stores of grain in Russian ports will be released. By the sale of this grain Russia will be able to secure munitions and money with which to prosecute the struggle against Germany while Britain and France will have dealt to the Turk such a death blow as to effectually remove him from calculation among the forces opposed to the Allies.

The fall of Constantinople must have immediate effect upon those Balkan peoples to which the Turk has ever been a menace. The governments of those nations must speedily realize that if they expect to benefit, or even to hold secure the territory they now possess, they must make common cause with the Allies in the process of subduing the Prussian monster of militarism.

It is not likely that after this war Turkey will ever again be reckoned with in European politics. The rule of the followers of the original Sultan who carried the crescent half over Western Europe and left a trail of blood and misery behind them is fast nearing its end, and in its place will arise a regime of freedom and enlightenment under which the great natural resources of the country held for years 'neath the heel of the Moslem will be developed for the benefit and advantage of the civilized world. While such a consummation has been desired for the past decade it now appears to be nearing reality. The day he entered upon Germany's war has already proved a bad day for the Turk.

## MR. PUGSLEY AND ST. JOHN.

While the newspapers supporting Mr. William Squids Pugsley are vainly attempting to explain away that gentleman's attempt to have the vote for work in St. John harbor cut in two on the ground that he did not mean it, it is interesting to note that other newspapers, not published in St. John, are pointing with pride to Mr. Pugsley's statements as proof that he was prepared to sacrifice his own constituency in furtherance of his own ideas of economy. The Brockville Recorder, the personal organ of George P. Graham, Minister of Railways in the Laurier Government, and whose political reports are generally supposed to be penned by Mr. Graham himself, eulogizes Mr. Pugsley for his "independent stand in regard to St. John." The Recorder of March 5th published in double column measure on its first page the following reference to Mr. Pugsley's speech: "He comes from St. John, N. B., and in pointing out to the Finance Minister where he could save money this year, the doctor remarked: 'I would be a coward and unfit for my position had I not the courage to say that millions could be saved this year in curtailing the work at St. John, as well as other places, under the present stress of hard times, without perceptible injury to the country or to any individual.' This was a complete answer to the taunts of the Government benches that members of the Opposition would save money in every constituency but their own."

It is to be expected that the people of St. John who believe in their city and port will be deeply touched by Mr. Pugsley's evidence of "independence" as quoted by the Brockville Recorder. It is also to be expected that if those citizens retain their interest in this port when the next Dominion election comes around they will see to it that Mr. William Squids Pugsley will be placed where he can exercise his "independence" without injuring this city and port. St. John can get along very well without "independence" of the brand which finds its expression in advocating measures tending to deprive our workmen of work and our port of needed facilities.

## CARLETON-VICTORIA GRITS.

The Grits of the joint ridings of Carleton-Victoria are to hold a convention on the 22nd inst., to nominate a candidate for the Dominion House. In ordinary times Mr. Dark Lantern Brigadier Carvell would feel he could get along in his own county without outside assistance, but this time he is to meet Hon. J. K. Flemming and as he knows his political life is nearing its inglorious close he evidently intends to give his supporters some action for their money. To this end he has imported some special wind jammers for the talk-fest to be held on the evening of Convention Day and the artists who will carry the stellar roles on that occasion are Dr. "Mike" Clarke of Red Deer, Alta., familiarly known as "Red Michael" and Sir Rodolphe Lemieux, once chosen as the direct successor to the wear of the white plume. These gentlemen will probably tell the people of Carleton-Victoria what a decided ornament to public life Mr. Dark Lantern Brigadier Carvell is, but it is a safe subject for a wager that there are many things they will not tell their hearers. "Red Michael," for instance, might pour out his eloquence as he did on the occasion of the Naval Aid debate and Sir Rodolphe Lemieux might repeat some of the electrifying speeches he made in the Province of Quebec during the last election. Then Mr. Carvell might repeat his eulogy of the Canadian militia as a place where "all you get" is that you teach about twenty-five per cent. of the young men of Canada how to get drunk." Or, he might repeat that classic reference to General French, which,

by the way is endorsed by the Telegraph. Altogether Messrs. Clarke, Lemieux and Carvell should succeed in working up quite a nice little programme.

While numerous publications in Canada have had something to say regarding Mr. William Pugsley's relations with the squid it has remained for Beck's Weekly, Montreal, to indulge in verse on this subject. Here is the result:

"There once was a juicy young squid  
Who climbed up a fruit tree and hid;  
"Till Hon. William Pugsley,  
"In an effort to bug a slay,  
"Came and put him in Hansard, he did."

## German Immigration

The United States and Canada. Have opened wide their hands, And allowed the cursed Germans To occupy our lands.

They have come into our workshops, We have fed their children bread, And in many of our Colleges, A Germans at the head.

Our Public Schools are open To children from every Land, And beside our sons and daughters A "German Spy" may stand.

Our children have inter-married, They have mixed with foreign blood, And brother against brother, Have in this conflict stood.

They have tried to destroy our Bridges Of proof there is no local articles And these we thought our neighbors, Have stabbed us in the back.

They have brought their goods and chattels Around to every door, And we have patronized them, Because we thought them poor.

With money that we have gave them They armed the "Father-Land" And now in German Trenches The Kaiser's Soldiers stand.

Now to protect our Country From the cruel Germans foe, The Soldiers of "Fair Canada" Must to the Battle go.

Let us stop this Immigration, And drive Foreigners from our shore And "Canada for Canadians" Be our Watchword evermore.

—Mrs. R. C. Peck, Albert Co. N. B.

## YOUNG-ADAMS OPENED WEEK IN FINE BILL

"Her Great Temptation", and excellent Vaudeville Proved Strong Magnet at Opera House Last Evening.

Mrs. Montrose, Clara Rose Hubner, Florence Fletcher, Marie Le Clair, Frank Horton, William Loker, Queenie Montrose, Mlle. Rene, Marjorie Adams.

Earl of Chandos, Harry W. Lyon, John Henry Wilkins, J. J. Gregory, Alice St. Clair, Hazel Stevenson, Clarence St. Clair, Ben Hadfield, Butler, James H. Rowland, Little Eddie, Marguerite, Lord Walter Huntington, H. Wilmet Young.

Synopsis of Scenes Act I.—The interior of Montrose cottage. Act II.—The English embassy at Paris. Act III.—Same as act one. Act IV.—Same as act one, ten years later.

The title "Her Great Temptation" tempted a goodly portion of St. John amusement lovers to go to the Opera House last night, to start the Young-Adams Company on the eighth week of their stay here, for the theatre was well filled by an audience that enjoyed every minute of the play and was not at all backward about showing appreciation at the proper times.

The strong dramatic scenes and situations with which the play abounds were well handled by this competent company of players and at one period of the play especially, the ending of the third act, the applause was so hearty and continuous the company was forced to take four curtain calls before the audience would be satisfied. This speaks well for the standing of the Young-Adams Company with local theatre-goers for the latter as a rule are not over generous with applause at any time.

Miss Adams in the leading role further strengthened the good impression she has made during her engagement at the Opera House as an emotional actress of marked ability and talent. She also wore some handsome gowns that called forth gasps of astonishment and delight from the numerous members of the fair sex in the audience.

Mr. Young was a close second to Miss Adams in popular favor—he made an ideal lover, being earnest, natural and conveying the impression that he always meant what he said. Two comedy roles were well played by Marie Le Clair and J. J. Gregory. Miss Stevenson, Mr. Hadfield and the other members of the cast appeared to advantage in their respective roles. Marguerite, as the little child who in the end re-united the husband and wife and started them on the road to happiness again, was charming, vivacious and altogether likeable. The vaudeville between acts scored a ten-strike, particularly "Heverly," who presented some feats in mind.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

Pop was litigating a sear in the setting room last nite and ma pointed her finger at him, saying, Look at him, look at him. Be careful the lite duzent dazill yure eyes, sed pop.

Putting pictures of actresses awn his dressing tabl at this time of life, sed ma.

O, so thats the Ethioptium in the stack of kindling, is it, sed pop, yure referring to that charming picture of Billy Berk.

Thats tracky wat Im referring to, awl in a silivr frame and awl, I shoold think you woud be ashamed of yureself at yure time of life, sed

Leaving my time of life out of the debate, you must admit it ser-teny is a pritty picture, sed pop.

Not to my tast, its not, sed ma, ( Id nevvr want to be accused of calling that fuzzy hared thing pritty, and outh a nam, Billy, Billy, the idee of a girl calling herself Billy, thats enuff to show weathir shes pritty or not.

I dont see by wat abstrackt line of reasonyng you arrive at that conclusion, sed pop.

You dont haft to see evvrything, sed ma.

Enyhow, the point is, sed pop, that silivr frame was upstares going to waist, and yesterday I saw that fotograf of Billy Berk in a stoar window, and with my urull impetuosity and directness of perpls, I strode in and bawt it, and if you want to dekarate yure bewro with a fotograf of Forbes Robertson or the late Sir Henry Irving, Im sure I have no ubjections.

Perhaps you woudnt ubject if I hung pictures of Noah or Meth-cooler over my bed, outh, sed ma.

Not at awl, eny of those yung fellas, sed pop.

Enyhow, sed ma, I havent yet told you wat I startid out to tell you. Well, youve ony had haft an hour, sed pop.

Wat I startid out to tell you, sed ma, was that I found an old fotograf of myself as a girl and put it in that silivr frame insted of the picture of that wild heded woman you had there.

The queen is ded, lawng live the queen, sed pop.

reading little short of marvellous. Blindfolded by a committee from the audience, he found articles secreted in different parts of the theatre within the slightest trouble. One act, feat, trick, or whatever you may call it—allowing a member of the committee to mark a circle on the floor up back in the theatre, then secreted a nail in another part of the house and a hammer in another, then he blindfolded, going deliberately to the spot where the nail was hidden, then finding the hammer and in conclusion finding the marked circle on the floor and driving the nail in the exact centre of the circle—all this while blindfolded—shows that "Heverly" must be in direct communication with some mysterious and unseen power that directs his movements. He surely had the audience guessing last night as to how he did it. Tenney and Allen—the juggler and the maid, presented a change of act that made a big hit, and the other vaudeville numbers also pleased.

Miss Adams and Little Marguerite received beautiful floral tributes from friends in the audience during the evening.

"Her Great Temptation" is a splendid society play—the ladies cannot help but like it, and those who go to the theatre with them will find it of equal interest. It is surely one of the best plays the Young-Adams Company has yet presented here. It will be repeated for tonight and Wednesday night and Wednesday matinee.

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