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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

Two facts about last night's meeting at the Imperial may be taken as a clear indication of popular feeling in regard to hydro. These facts are that the house was crowded to the doors at least a quarter of an hour before the time announced for the opening of the meeting, and that throughout the meeting every expression of sentiment in opposition to New Brunswick Power Company control, and in favor of civic distribution, brought quick and hearty applause from the audience.

last night that is worthy of particular emphasis, because that rate has been described as too high. In that rate are figured interest and sinking fund and other charges, and at the expiration of thirty years the capital cost of the development would be wiped out. Thereafter, only the trifling cost of upkeep would have to be taken care of and the people would get the full benefit in reduced cost of light and power. In paying the 1.2 cents they would be providing something for themselves, to come back again in due time. Would anything they paid the power company ever come back? Last night's audience saw the point and every citizen should see it and oppose to the utmost any deal that would deprive the people of their rights.

THINKING NATIONALLY

Hon. R. B. Bennett of Calgary addressed the Commercial Club of Halifax last week. In the course of his remarks he said: "The real danger of the country is that we are drifting back to old times. We are thinking of provinces instead of the country. You find it in Nova Scotia, in New Brunswick, in British Columbia. Canada consists of nine provinces. Unless we are able to think of Canada alone and have common regard for the Dominion we have failed."

We in the maritime provinces are not unfamiliar with the advice that we should think nationally. That is where we began more than half a century ago, and Mr. Bennett, as a native of New Brunswick, ought to know it. He ought also to know when and why we began to dis-credit that advantage was being taken of our national thinking by those who thought provincially. We gave up our natural market, accepted assurances given us that the markets of the upper provinces and the west would be open to us on fair terms, and that the traffic of Canada would flow through our ports. For years we thought nationally and helped to open up the west and develop the larger Canada. But in time we discovered that we were supporting a policy which centralized our financial institutions elsewhere, sacrificed our manufacturing interests for those of the central provinces, and prevented our growth.

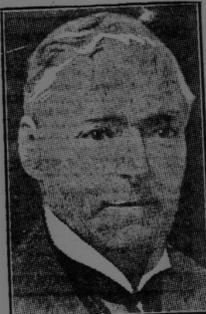
We had to fight to get a little of the ocean trade of Canada for our ports, and failed to get those ports developed. Then came increased freight rates which made industrial growth impossible, and we are now confronted with the necessity of developing export markets while bearing the burdens of a tariff unsuited to our conditions and our needs. If Mr. Bennett will give a little consideration to these facts he will realize that after thinking nationally for fifty years and getting nowhere, there is now good ground for doing a little hard thinking on our own account. The maritime provinces deserve no reproach from any citizen of the central provinces or the west.

In the article in today's Times on pasteurized milk, the fourth in the series written by Mr. J. P. Tilley, certain incontrovertible facts are presented and should be pondered over, whether we are to get pasteurization of milk in St. John within a year or not. Mr. Tilley does not ask anybody to take his word for it. The facts are stated, and the authorities cited. We may choose to go on using impure milk, and having a higher death rate than is at all necessary; but we cannot plead that we are ignorant of what ought to be done in the interests of public health. Read also what Dr. Warwick says.

If there is no power at Musquash why was the city council ready to buy it outright at \$1,500,000? The city now has an opportunity to get cheap light and power. It is not an experiment. What has been done in hundreds of other cities and towns in Canada can be done here.

The taxation bogey is being used to the limit—for what? To give the New Brunswick Power Company a stronger grip on the city.

LORD FOSTER.



The new governor of Australia. He has become extremely popular in Australian political circles.

THE HERMIT THRUSH.

(Rev. George Scott.) There is a joy that comes too near The borders of dependent sorrow, And hushes so sweetly clear Whereof no sinful man may borrow.

One said it was a hermit thrush That set the woodland echoes ringing, When in the sunset's rosy blush The tardy crows were homeward winging.

I stood entranced as one who hears A voice long vanished from his hearing, As tremulous as one who fears, Yet craves the boon his soul is hearing.

All else within the little vale Was silent, when this song ascending, This rapturous hymn of Holy Grail With all sweet fragrances was blending.

So unobtrusive was the song, I heard the aspens gently sighing, As who recites a buried wrong, To some gray hermit priest a-dying.

So sweet and hushed was the strain, So interlaced with vague appealing, I would that I might taste again, Such potencies of tender feeling.

One said it was a little bird That set the woodland echoes ringing, My very heart was stirred, As though it was an angel singing.

And when it ceased, ah me, the dark Time, the solitude grew cold and stark, With sorrow that was past believing.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Household Repairs. Bobby (excitedly)—Some liniment and cement, please! Dealer—Why both at once? Bobby—Pa hit me with a china cup. Westfield Leader.

Light Hear of It.

"I thought you said Dick's girl was not red-headed." "I said I would not call her red-headed."—Boston Transcript.

A Masterpiece.

Customer—is it really a Tudor table? Shouldn't have thought so; don't see any worm-holes. Dealer—Ah, Sir, even the insects didn't have the heart to deface its beauty.—Punch (London).

Tough on the Colonel.

The colonel of a Scotch regiment who was disliked by his men, wanted to take a snipe. He called for Sandy, the crack shot of the regiment, and said: "Sandy, there's a snipe over there. He's been shooting at us all day. The fir-st time, he knocked the hat off me, and the second time he knocked the cigarette out of my mouth. Go over and get him. I think he's in your clump of bushes." Sandy went toward the spot and found a German hidden in a small tree. Sandy shook the tree and down fell the German, who threw up his hands and cried: "Kamara! Mercy!" Sandy looked at him disgustedly and said: "Mer-cy? Yell get nae mer-cy from me! Ye missed the Colonel twice!"—Judge.

Be sure you're right, then go ahead—Mayor Schofield's slogan.—Advt.

BLINDS KEEPER WITH PEPPER AND ESCAPES

Tombs Prisoner Throws Restaurant Table Spice Into Guard's Eyes.

New York, April 6.—The presence of Sidney Brown, a twenty-one-year-old automobile salesman, alleged by the police to have sometimes sold machines he did not own, was required in the Tombs cell he has called home since March 7, when Magistrate Silverman in the Washington Heights Court held him in \$10,000 bail on a grand larceny charge.

Two other prisoners, William Voorhees and Clifford Clements, were also up to the Bronx, each with a keeper as bodyguard. The case in which Brown was to have participated was postponed a week, however. Clements remained at the court house while Brown and McMann started back in the general direction of the Tombs. So did Voorhees and his keeper, Martin Kane. Brown's home is at 7 West 116th street. When Lenox avenue and 116th street were reached the party adjourned to a luncheon for a bit to eat. When everybody was comfortably seated, Brown began fumbling with the pepper shaker. In a second he got the top off, threw the fiery spice into Keeper McMann's eyes and dashed out the door.

McMann, blinded, stamped about in pain. Kane, afraid to give chase because his charge could then escape, pursued the escaping prisoner only vocally. The shouts were of no avail. Brown disappeared in the crowd. When McMann managed to get the pepper out of his eyes he accompanied the second keeper and Voorhees to the Tombs and reported the escape to Warden J. Hanley. McMann and detectives from the East 126th street station, who originally arrested Brown, were sent out to look for him.

ELECTRIFICATION IN BRITAIN.

(Toronto Globe.) In Britain, where coal is cheap and plentiful, two important steam railways have decided to proceed at once with electrification of their lines because of its obvious advantages. The first section of the scheme of the South Eastern & Chatham Railway covers all lines within a radius of fifteen miles from London, and means the electrification of nine-and-a-half miles, equivalent to 210 single-mile lines. The complete scheme covers all lines within a thirty-mile radius of London. The scheme of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway will also be built in sections and the contract for the electrical equipment of the first section has been awarded. In both cases the system adopted will enable the rolling stock to be run without alteration over any railway which may be electrified in the future. The Electric Railways Advisory Committee. The two schemes will provide work for about 18,000 men for several years.

In Ontario, where coal is imported at an extravagant cost, while abundant water power is running to waste, railway men are lagging behind the slow-going British.

If not Schofield—who?—Advt.

HON. T. L. METCALFE.

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