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## THE CITY GOVERNMENT

Will the commission plan of government be inaugurated in St. John by five men of ability, who will faithfully apply business principles, or by five trimmers and representatives of sectional groups who have axes to grind?

This is a question that is being asked by thoughtful citizens, who remember the waterworks extension, the market affair, the blunders in ferry management, and many other fruits of the sort of government the city does not want.

It is already hinted that there will be tickets in the field representing certain interests, and it is said a group of members of the present and former councils will seek election as commissioners. There can be no objection to the nomination of any number of candidates, but when a choice is to be made the electors should ask themselves what would happen if five incompetent persons were made commissioners. By way of illustration, let us assume that five members of the present council who might be regarded as the least competent group at the council board were chosen to inaugurate the new system of administration. What would be the result?

It must not be forgotten that the next two or three years are to witness great changes in St. John. The city will grow and expand. Its population will increase. Great public works will be undertaken. Questions of importance affecting the city's growth and its relation to large corporations will come up for prompt and wise decision.

Therefore we will need a business-like administration. The best men will be none too good for St. John at this important period in its history. The electors, therefore, should not pledge themselves until they are able to look over the field of candidates and make such a choice as will be in the best interests of the city.

## THE CROPS

The Census Statistics Monthly for December, issued by the Dominion department of agriculture, gives a comparative statement of the field crops of the different provinces last year. There are doubtless some inaccuracies, and the figures for New Brunswick do not agree with those of the provincial department of agriculture, in some cases estimating a larger and in others a smaller yield. For purposes of comparison, however, the Dominion figures are interesting and suggestive. Taking the three maritime provinces we find the following statement of yield in bushels of the leading crops:

|               | N. B.     | N. S.     | P. E. I.  |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Spring wheat  | 270,000   | 2,727,000 | 5,229,000 |
| Oats          | 1,333,000 | 172,400   | 74,100    |
| Buckwheat     | 1,833,000 | 4,884,000 | 5,608,000 |
| Potatoes      | 8,237,000 | 4,884,000 | 5,608,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 3,473,000 | 4,884,000 | 5,608,000 |
| Mixed grains  | 45,000    | 343,200   | 261,800   |
| Barley        | 74,000    | 184,000   | 117,000   |

It will be seen that New Brunswick led in the production of potatoes, oats and buckwheat. In yield per acre and in weight per bushel of grain this province compared very well with the others. In none of them, however, does the yield per acre show that the farmers as a class are getting nearly as large a return as would be secured by better methods of farming.

The Dominion report estimates the total value of the field crops of the three provinces as follows:

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| New Brunswick        | \$16,397,000 |
| Nova Scotia          | \$4,597,500  |
| Prince Edward Island | \$846,700    |

The estimated value of the field crops of all Canada for 1911 was \$365,711,600, of which wheat represented \$138,667,000 and oats \$126,912,000.

An interesting fact is that for the first time a record was taken of the crop of alfalfa in Canada. It showed 101,781 acres yielding 227,000 tons, valued at \$2,349,000.

## A SHORTAGE OF BEEF

Dr. Rutherford, Dominion live stock commissioner, says that figures in his possession point to a very serious falling off in beef production in Canada. In an interview, Dr. Rutherford is thus reported:

"Dr. Rutherford, who has a reputation for conservatism in his statements, views the present outlook for the live stock industry of Canada with no little alarm. A complexity of conditions existing in the different agricultural sections of Canada has meant a serious reduction in the production of meat, while the rapid increase in population has led to greater consumption. The outlook is for still greater increases in population and therefore in consumption, he asserts, and unless some action is taken at once, for a still greater falling off in production. A country with the agricultural possibilities and the abundance of tillable area which Canada has, now faces the problem of how to provide meat for her scanty population. It would appear, therefore, that the situation is indeed serious."

The movement in real estate in St. John continues to show an activity that is without parallel in the city's history.

Champ Clark announces that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. Champ Clark will not get it.

The Roosevelt boom is apparently gaining force. Another state governor has declared that Teddy is the man. The announcement was made after the governor (Gov. Stubbs of Kansas) had lunched with Mr. Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, and learned

ed that he would not refuse a nomination if the American people made it clear that they wanted him. It is worthy of note, however, that Mr. Taft is still in the field, and is not disposed to take to the woods.

The German newspaper which calls up on the Kaiser to rush into battle and lead his people to new heights of conquest cannot have heard of the Borden navy of Canada, or of Col. Sam. Hughes.

The report of the speech of Sir Edward Grey, which represents him as the advocate of a weak-kneed policy, should not be taken too seriously. It may have filtered to us through Unionist channels.

The war spirit is very busy in Europe. But so are the influences which make for peace. Germany may take the plunge to distract attention from her troubles at home, but such a course would hardly commend itself to prudent statesmen.

There are some people in Ulster who seem to think the British government is not strong enough to protect the rights of minorities. Canada also appears to contain some such doubters. Their fears, however, are groundless.

It is now said that the French allies of Mr. Borden will be content with the scalp of two members of the Montreal harbor board. These tory and Nationalist head-hunters present a sorry spectacle, but not more so than the Borden government, which still seems to lack the courage to say no to their demands.

The militarism of Col. Sam Hughes is not in high favor with many members of his own party. It is stated that many representatives of the farming community are disposed to offer objection to a war-and-glory policy, and will do so when the militia estimates are under discussion. But Col. Hughes, fresh from his Ross Rifle victory, will not hesitate. He will stand to his guns.

The Conservative of Charlottetown, Ontario, do not regard the people of the United Kingdom as sufficiently enlightened for self-government. Therefore they pass resolutions telling the people of their awful danger. Also they make a vigorous appeal to religious prejudice in Canada. Mr. Borden, with Messrs. Monk, Nantel, and Pelletier at his elbow, representing the Ultramontanes of Quebec, will hardly thank his former constituents for their zeal in this matter.

One situation in South Renfrew is thus tenderly stated by the Toronto Globe: "As is often the case after an election, an arrangement was made by which Hon. G. P. Graham, a former Liberal cabinet minister, was to be returned unopposed to the dominion house. The riding was South Renfrew, and part of the arrangement made openly and aboveboard was that Mr. McGarry, the Conservative candidate for the then ensuing provincial elections, should be returned unopposed. This latter was done and all the local Conservatives were ready to return Mr. Graham unopposed, when Hon. J. D. Reid, M.P., a rank outsider, swooped down on the riding and, aided by half a dozen other outsiders, bullied a few local Tories into nominating a candidate against Mr. Graham."

## HUGH ALLAN CONFIRMS STATEMENT ABOUT PORT OF CALL FOR STEAMERS

London, Jan. 29.—The talk of the Allan Line making Plymouth, Southampton or Dartmouth a port of call for its direct London service receives confirmation from Hugh A. Allan who expressly points out, however, that such action would need the sanction of the dominion government in the case of its steamers which now made Havre their final port of departure westward and first port of call eastward. The service was specially subsidized as a direct French-Canadian service and the business has developed rapidly since regular sailings have replaced the former sporadic departures. The decision of the Cunard line to call at Southampton with their London steamers is another indication of coming steamship developments.

Edward Munroe, who is 102 years old and who says he is the oldest veteran of the American Civil War, is living in London on the pension he receives. He was born in Nova Scotia, but spent his early days in Philadelphia, and was a soldier for many years, serving under Farragut. He enjoys excellent health. He is writing his memoirs.

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When you're turned, say, thirty more? Then I thought of a past I'd faintly trace— More clouded skies than blue— And I anxiously pored in his upturned face.

For it seemed to say: "Did you?" I touched my lips to his tiny own And I said to the boy: "Heigh ho! Those lips are as sweet as the hay, new-mown."

Will you keep them always so? Then I thought of those years came a rushing song— With a ribald jest or two— And I gazed at the child who knew no wrong.

And I thought he asked: "Did you?" I looked in his eyes, big, brown and clear, And I cried: "Oh, boy of mine! Will you keep them true in the after-year? Will you leave no heart to pine?"

Then out of the past came another's eyes— Sad eyes of ten-dimmed blue— Did he know they were not his mother's eyes? For he answered me: "Did you?"

IN LIGHTER VEIN JUMPING TO A WRONG CONCLUSION.

Jimmy, like all healthy boys, was fond of playing outdoors, and like boys in general, he usually got himself scandalously dirty. He was about to sit down to dinner one day, when his mother happened to notice the soiled condition of his hands, and sent him out to the kitchen to wash them.

"That didn't all come from my hands!" indignantly answered Jimmy. "I wash my face in that water, too!"

A LIGHT TOUCH.

Uncle Moss, a plantation negro, was being asked about his religious affiliations. "I'm a preacher, sah," he said. "Do you mean," asked the astonished questioner, "that you preach the Gospel?" Moss felt himself getting into deep water.

"No, sah," he said. "Ah touches that subject very light."

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"Now, what little boy or girl can tell me what the people of Maine are called?"

"I know," said a little girl.

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