

The Planet

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Chatham, Ont.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

A paper read at a recent municipal congress in an American city, contained the following remarks, which size the matter up pretty fully:

"There has been no abatement of the public interest in the subject of municipal ownership of municipal monopolies. Indeed there seems to be a general acquiescence in the contention that each city should own all its franchises; although there is still a great diversity of opinion as to whether the city should control or operate them. There are few indeed who are willing to maintain that a city should give away or sell for all time the right to run street railways, to furnish heat, light, water, or other municipal necessities. To advocate such a policy would be to sanction the utilization of city property for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many. There are few who are willing to do this, so that the discussion has practically narrowed itself down to the determination whether the city shall merely control the franchise in a general way, reserving a fair rental, or whether it shall actually operate the plants directly. In considering this phase we find that the consensus of opinion seems to be in favor of the operation of water plants and the control of street railway operations, with opinion about equally divided on the subject of lighting. One thing is perfectly sure and that is as a result of all this discussion concerning municipal ownership, control and operation there has been a material improvement in the conditions which the city has been able to impose; and secondly, the people have been interested in doing as nothing else has succeeded in doing, in questions of local government. Matters pertaining to water, heat, light and transportation come home directly to the average citizen and any policy affecting them appeals to him as no others do."

UP-TO-DATE ELECTION METHODS.

Yale-Cariboo holds the palm for up-to-date election methods. The free and independent electors of a pioneer mining locality, flourishing under the striking and picturesque name of "Hundred and Fifty Mile House" agreed to vote as a unit. There were three candidates in the field, Gallier, Liberal; McKane, Conservative, and Foley, Labor, and apparently the voters could see nothing to choose between the candidates or the parties or principles they represented respectively. Was ever a constituency so blessed before? A representative was appointed for each candidate and the three representatives played a game of poker, the stake being the united suffrages of Hundred and Fifty Mile House. Gallier's man won and Gallier captured the solid vote of the horny handed sons of toil, who are not only the pioneers of a new mining district, but the pathfinders of a new system of constitutional government. Incidentally, it may be remarked, that the fight for this particular vote was probably about the cleanest election fight made in the federal campaign just ended. There is not a suspicion of corrupt practices and not a taint of illegality about it. The Dominion Elections Act provides for almost every unorthodox contingency but this. You cannot legally buy votes or sell votes, you may not bribe a candidate to run or not to run; you may not even bet on the result, but there is not a word in the Act which prevents candidates or their agents playing poker for the solid vote. In fact, legally, there seems to be no reason why the candidates should not play poker for the seat without troubling the electors at all. The poker method is not perhaps an ideal method of choosing members of parliament, but for fairness it is a long way ahead of the machine methods so generally practiced in Canada.

It's now in order for every paper in the country to speak about the Liberals having a Gross majority in Welland.

The New York Telegraph is trying to awaken American admiration for De Wet. It forgets that under proper conditions anybody can run away as often as he does.

The municipality of Sandwich proposes to take a move in the direction advocated by single tax reformers. A by-law is to be submitted to the electors at the approaching municipal elections exempting all improved premises from taxation except for school purposes, for five years.

During Thursday's session of the German reichstag, Dr. Stoecker, former court chaplain, remarked with reference to the situation in China that he had received private letters asserting that the reason the empress dowager hates Emperor Kwang Su is that the latter has actually become a Christian, having been converted by British and American missionary books that came under his eye.

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Here our esteemed local contemporary has let 24 hours pass without finding any fault with the board of works and city engineer. Are they at last running matters to its satisfaction.

There seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding regarding the burning of farms in South Africa by the British. Lord Robert's proclamation in reference to the matter reads as follows:

"No farm is to be burned except for an act of treachery, or when troops are fired on from the premises, or as punishment for the breaking of telegraph or railway, or when used as bases of operations for raids, and then only with the direct consent of the general officer commanding. The mere fact that a burglar is absent on commando is on no account to be used as a reason for burning his house. All cattle, wagons and foodstuffs are to be removed from all farms. If that is impossible, they are to be destroyed, whether the owner is present or not."

There is nothing very brutal or inhuman or barbarous about the proclamation, whatever there may be about the manner of carrying it out—and it is just as well to wait for evidence on that head.

THE DISCREET COURSE.

For the young man whose intentions are not serious, it would be much cheaper to quit now before the Christmas present season hits him.

HANGING'S AFTER EFFECTS.

We quite agree with a correspondent who intimates that hanging interferes with a man's future usefulness. But we think it also prevents further wickedness.

JUDGED BY THE RECORD'S STANDARD.

Windsor Record. Hangman Radcliffe has suffered some aspersions on his character in an official visit to the wild and woolly west, and the Chatham Planet enters at length on that gentleman's defence. The Planet probably has its own reasons for seeking to be on good terms with the hangman.

PITY AND BEAUTY

The most beautiful thing, in the world, is the baby, all dimples and joy. The most pitiful thing is that same baby, thin and in pain.

The dimples and joy have gone, and left hollows and fear. It is fat that is gone; gone with it, comfort and color and curve; all but pity and love.

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HOSPITAL THERE

But Dr. McKough Found None of the Old Familiar Faces

He Had Known in That Great Metropolitan Institution 25 Years Ago—A Visit to Eruges.

Hotel de Flandre, Brughes.

We remained in London just sufficient time to finish arrangements for our tour on the continent, which did not occupy long, as my itinerary was about complete through previous correspondence with Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons.

I had time, however, to make a visit to the London Hospital, Whitechapel, where a happy year of my life had been expended. The old building was unchanged, externally it appeared as black and uninviting as the morning nearly twenty-five years ago, I first tremulously mounted the large flight of entrance steps. But not withstanding its outside gloom, within the large wards were still bright and cheerful. Its one thousand beds were as full today with suffering and afflicted humanity as they were then. The children's compartment with its 100 pretty cots in many instances occupied with happy faced little sufferers was as attractive as ever. The nurses and sisters were as pretty and as attentive to their duties as of old, but I looked high and low for a familiar face. I could scarcely comprehend such changes, until I realized that the present house staff were in their cradles when I walked these well remembered corridors.

We left fascinating London about five o'clock yesterday afternoon for Dover, which was reached about eight, and immediately proceeded to the little steamer which departed half an hour later for Ostend. It was a beautiful starry night with only a ripple on the sea. We remained on deck wrapped comfortably in rugs, enjoyed the crisp fresh air, watched the bright and varied lights of numerous passing boats, and the powerful flash lights proceeding from the Dover and Calais lighthouses which were distinctly seen for the greater part of the journey. It brought vividly to one's realization the short distance, less than fifteen miles, that separates the two countries whose people are so vastly unlike. The distance between Dover and Ostend is about sixty miles, and we were less than four hours in crossing. Entering the harbor of this fashionable Belgian watering place, with its many quays, fine promenades and innumerable lights, was quite a striking and impressive sight. Ostend is one of the principal avenues for the great passenger traffic between England and the continent, and a most attractive and cosmopolitan watering place and resort. During the season it is said to have about fifty thousand visitors.

AT BRUGES. We took a train at once for the ancient town of Bruges, ten miles distant, which we reached about midnight. While walking from the station to the hotel, only a short distance, the famous canals from the beffry began to peel. They rang out so sweetly in the silent midnight air bringing at once to our recollection Longfellow's lines:

"In the ancient town of Bruges, In the quaint old Flemish city, As the evening shades descended Low and loud and sweetly blended, Low at times, and loud at times, And changing like a poet's rhyme, Rang the beautiful wild chiming From the beffry in the market Of the ancient town of Bruges."

This hotel is a quaint, primitive house filled with old Flemish furniture, polished until it is black. On our arrival we were given a brass candlestick, immaculately clean about the size of a dinner plate, with a tiny candle, and followed the porter to a comfortable room. The linen on our beds was snow white, the pillows were of spotless gauze to protect the occupant from mosquitoes.

Bruges is the oldest and artistically the richest of the cities of the Netherlands, and, according to Grant Allen, the most interesting and charming town in Europe, outside of Italy. Its population at present is about 50,000, one-fourth of which are said to be paupers. In the 14th century it was one of the great commercial centres of the world, one of the chief resorts for English and Venetian merchants, with a population of 200,000 people. It had a large share of the commerce of the globe and "the wealth of the Rhine, the Baltic and the Channel poured in upon it daily, as the chief emporium of medieval industry." On two occasions it became the asylum of English kings, once when Edward IV., fled from England, and again during the exile of Charles II.

The most interesting building in Bruges is a hospital, the Hospital of St. John, containing about 250 beds. It is a very ancient foundation, existing since the 12th century, where the sick are attended to by Augustinian sisters and like sisters of charity in other parts of the world, they are fearless, kind and sympathetic nurses.

"Unshrinking where pestilence seethers his breath, Like an angel she moves mid the vapour of death, She strengthens the weary, she comforts the weak, And soft is her voice in the ear of the sick."

The dress, I observed, was somewhat different from the Sisters of St. Joseph, Chatham, being white instead of black with the exception of the head-band, which was black, the dress being precisely the same as when Memling painted them in the fourteenth century.

SOME FINE PAINTINGS.

The hospital contains Memling's masterpieces, which are, from an artistic point of view, one of the rarest treasures in Europe. Memling, 1430-1494, was one of the early Flemish painters, who lived and died in Bruges. He served under Charles the Bold in the twofold capacity of soldier and painter.

twofold capacity of soldier and painter. Coming to the hospital on one occasion penniless and wounded he gained admittance, and in gratitude painted for the institution some of his finest works. In a little chapel on a rotatory pedestal, is a beautiful little shrine of gothic design about four feet in length, its purpose being to hold an arm of Saint Ursula. The exterior of the reliquary is covered with exquisite and dainty miniatures representing episodes in the life of St. Ursula. Legend says that St. Ursula was as beautiful as a dream and as good as she was beautiful, and every man who heard of her wished to marry her. She was a princess, daughter of the King of Brittany. At the request of the Pope she made a pilgrimage to Rome, accompanied by eleven thousand virgins, her companions and attendants, and an escort of knights. She was received and blessed by the Holy Father. On returning home by way of the Rhine, the party reached Cologne, when they were attacked by a tribe of heathen Huns, who barbarously murdered St. Ursula and all who accompanied her. The heathen were used with her corporeal minuteness. The silk and velvet gowns have a marvelous gloss and sheen, the jewels sparkle, the fur of the robes and the absolutely perfect representation, the fine lace accurately worked out, the color is rich and gorgeous, the grouping is excellent and life and grace is revealed in the symmetrical poses of the maidens. The chapel also contains other pictures by Memling, one of special merit, known as "The Marriage of St. Catharine," forming altogether such a collection that one distinguished traveller advises "that whatever else you omit in Europe try hard to see these exquisite and immortal pictures."

Bruges possesses two fine churches, rich in works of art and relics. In one is the rich and sumptuous tomb of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, was once a powerful European potentate, married Margaret of York, sister of Edward IV., and on one occasion was an ally of England against France. Finally he was disastrously defeated by the Swiss, his entire army destroyed and himself struck down by a blow in 1477. His daughter Mary, buried by his side, was the wife of Emperor Maximilian I. of Germany, and died in consequence of a fall from a horse while hunting with her husband. Life size recumbent figures of the Duke and his daughter, in richly gilded and carved bronze, valuable as works of art, repose upon the sarcophagi, and his daughter's remains.

A PICTURE is shown in one of the churches called "The Martyrdom of St. Hippolytus," representing the saint about to be torn to pieces by four mounted horses, each limb of the saint being attached to a separate horse, a favorite mode the Spaniards had for executing political criminals, so graphically described by Moley in his Dutch Republic.

After leaving the churches we took in the "Grand Place," the nucleus of Bruges, around which is a famous group of ancient buildings, including the beffry with its chimneys, immortalized by Longfellow. These Flemish beffries are in themselves interesting, because they were the first symbols of corporate existence and municipal power. The use of the bell was "to summon the citizens to arms in defence of their rights or to counsel their common liberties." The beffry of Bruges is a splendid memorial of the freedom loving burghers and wool staplers of the thirteenth century, 350 feet in height. Near by is the Hotel de Ville, or town hall, an elegant gothic structure with six towers, and a beautiful little chapel, usually called the "Chapelle du Saint Sang," from some drops of the blood of our Saviour brought back from the Holy Land by the Count of Flanders, who built this church for their reception, and they are still sacredly preserved here. This square still gives you a good impression of the once great commercial greatness of the city when its quays were crowded with Venetian ships and English wool merchants. These are but a few of the many attractions of an interesting and remarkable town, with its silent canals, numerous bridges, medieval squares, rows of quaint, stepped-gabled houses with towers, red roofs and niches containing madonnas, transporting one both in thought and reality to the middle ages.

G. T. McK.

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Mayorality

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Ladies and gentlemen: I am a candidate for mayor for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours, W. E. McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov., 1900

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the urgent request of several representative citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, W. F. SMITH, Barrister.

ALDERMAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for this city for the year 1901; your votes and influence are respectfully solicited.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain

Yours etc., DAVID A. HUTCHISON.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my intention to again offer my services as Alderman for 1901. I trust that my record as alderman during 1898 and 1899, and as chairman of the finance committee in the latter year is such as to entitle me to your confidence. If elected, I will, as before, strive to look after the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully, S. B. ARNOLD.

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