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TWO PLANS COMPARED

The worst form of city government is that where each member of the city council represents a ward, and is only interested in getting as much as possible for his ward, in order that he may be re-elected year after year. This system results in deals and combinations under which there are extravagant expenditures, and under which there can be no comprehensive plan of general improvement. The interests of the city are subordinated to the interests of wards; and the council, instead of legislating for the city as a whole, is compelled to do that which will satisfy the conflicting demands of individual members whose motives are selfish and narrow. This has been the history of city government under the ward system.

On the other hand, that form of city government is best where every member of the council recognizes his responsibility to the whole citizenship, and is under no obligation to listen to sectional appeals. Under this system a broad and comprehensive programme can be carried out, and value received for the money expended. Each portion of the city receives justice, because it is represented by every member of the council.

Under the commission plan of government, for example, each portion of the city is represented by the whole five commissioners. All of the St. John commissioners might live in Carlton, without any other portion of the city feeling that its interests would be in the slightest degree jeopardized. The five commissioners, elected at large, by the vote of the whole people, are in duty bound to consider the affairs of all parts of the city with equal care and absolute impartiality. Each department is a unit, and the commissioner in charge must view his duties broadly, paying attention to all needs and giving ear to all complaints.

When the commission plan has been adopted in St. John, and has been in operation for a year, those who now argue that any portion of the city, to receive justice, must be treated differently and placed upon a basis different from that of other portions, will realize that they were in error, and that they had not fully realized the merits of the new system.

What is it that the new plan proposes? Simply that instead of paying a large number of men some money, to devote a small part of their time to civic affairs, the city will pay a smaller number of men a larger amount of money to devote more time to civic affairs, and will hold them to a strict accountability such as is impossible under the present system.

Do the people of St. John desire a continuance of the system under which they have chafed for so many years? Assuredly not. Hence they will vote for the commission plan, having the fullest confidence in the men who will frame the new charter in accordance with the well established principles of the plan. Such opposition as has developed can easily be traced to its source in a small group of persons who, for their own purposes, desire a continuance of existing conditions.

HOW THE RECALL WORKS

A Calgary alderman who visited Des Moines has given an interesting account of how the recall operates to keep the commissioners up to their work. One of the Des Moines commissioners "undertook to force a political friend into one of the apportionment positions of the city." He was at once threatened with the recall. The Calgary alderman says:

"An agitation against Commissioner Schramm swept over the city, and the necessary petition was put in circulation, and was finally withdrawn when it became known that the political appointment had been cancelled. The recall in the hands of the people need not often be used for its beneficial effects to be appreciated. I felt," said Mr. Schramm, in describing his sensations during the recall agitation, "as if I had been indicted by the grand jury," and only once since has Des Moines found it necessary to threaten to use this powerful weapon."

This is an excellent illustration of the value of the recall as a feature of the civic system. It is within the power of the people at any time to take back the power they have delegated to a commissioner, and the knowledge of the fact has a most salutary effect. With the initiative, referendum and the recall, the citizens are in full control of the situation. They are the source of authority, and it is only delegated to the commissioners so long as

BRITISH TARIFF REFORM AND RECIPROcity

It is not at all unlikely that there are good grounds for the rumor which has obtained credence in Ottawa that the British tariff reformers are financing the opposition to the reciprocity agreement. These gentlemen have failed utterly to make their "raging tearing propaganda" succeed in the old country. Their influence has been steadily decreasing and it is natural enough if they are now coupling with their endeavors to oust Mr. Balfour from the Conservative leadership an attempt to interfere with this country scheme, but the knowledge that through protection a few capitalists would benefit at the expense of the nation at large.

The tariff reformers do not and will not lack friends. All the selfish moneyed interests which protection would nourish are behind them. They have been introducing American methods into English elections, although without much success. Every penny given to this fund is given as an investment in the hope that the electors will one day foolishly surrender before their campaign of political and economic mendacity. The state of Britain's trade ever expanding, and the marked decrease in unemployment this year have, however, given them a bad setback. Add to this the complete vindication of free trade in the sense, which is demonstrated by the surplus shown in Mr. Lloyd-George's budget this year, notwithstanding the provision for old age pensions, etc., and you see how parlous is the plight of Tariff Reform. The English workman is no longer to be fooled into the belief that the obliging foreigner is going to pay his taxes. And so, beaten at home, this party, which professes so much enthusiasm for the colonies, is endeavoring to raise a wall of dollars between the Canadian government and its people.

With a business administration at city hall, that matter of the transfer of the west side shore lots would have been settled many months ago.

If the citizens should vote down the elective commission plan next Tuesday, what sort of city government would they enjoy for the next few years?

There will be some new blood in the next city council. As this will be an important year in civic history the best that is offered as aldermanic timber will be none too good.

Mayor Frink has been paid the well-deserved compliment of reelection by acclamation. The mayor, it may be observed, is a strong supporter of the commission plan of government. He knows the weakness of the old system.

Reciprocity is likely to be adopted by the United States congress in extra session, without any serious attempt at obstruction. The Republican president and the Democratic house favor it. The senate will hardly care to resist the popular will, although in the States as in Canada special interests are opposed to the measure.

Who are behind the arrangement to have Conservative politicians from British Columbia make speeches in New Brunswick against reciprocity? In whose interest is an advertising and speech-making campaign of this sort being carried out? Whence come the sinews of war? It has been suggested that the English Tories may be helping to play the Tory game in Canada.

The Standard's Ottawa fiction artist paints a harrowing picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in such terror for the life of his government that he dare not leave the capital and cannot, therefore, attend the imperial conference. Curiously enough, it was Mr. Borden's head that got in the way of the axe, and narrowly escaped being cut off. The Standard has somehow got the latest news. Sir Wilfrid got his government are quite well indeed, thank you.

Col. Sam Hughes should really be urged to run down to Mexico and snuff out that little war. Nothing short of a little blood-letting will calm this noble warrior, and Mexico is in need of a deliverer. Canada could spare the Colonel for a short period, and the experience he would get would be of great value when he puts spurs to his steel to ride down those "hambossing buncancers," the grain growers of western Canada.

ODE TO ST. JOHN, N. B.
(On Reading of the Proposed Harbor Extension at Courtenay Bay).

Open wide thine arms, oh City!
Venice wedded to the sea—
Sad Selene loves in pity—
Woeful waters, set thee free:
Build thy docks both strong and sturdy,
Let thy ships of iron be;
Canada must find thee worthy,
Hark! she calleth out to thee—

True thou livest in tradition,
And thy loyal blood we see;
Vainly dost thou chide ambition,
Is this pride of ancestry?
No, thou must be up and doing,
If but for another sale;
Truer pride is work pursuing,
Work made worthy of thy great.

Hear'st thou sisters even knocking?
Welcome to the sleeping gates,
Here's a gift to thee unloving—
Commerce comes but never waits—
Hold with arms of steel thy power,
Working for thee every hour;
Like a true and faithful spouse.

Gifted daughter, proud and peerless!
Let thy pride be in thy work,
Speaking out so bold and fearless;
When the wintry seas lurk:
Build thy docks both strong and sturdy,
Let thy ships of iron be,
Canada must find thee worthy,
Hark! she calleth out to thee—

—EWIN BRUCE MacKINNON.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Miss Gushington—Are all your lovely poems the result of inspiration?
The Corned Port—No, Persephion.



HARD WORK.

Miss Gushington—Are all your lovely poems the result of inspiration?
The Corned Port—No, Persephion.



YOU BET.

Miss Gushington—Wasn't it lovely of Mr. Millings last night to offer pudding with wine sauce?

GETTING A DEGREE.

He journeyed to college the pride of papa. The finest of lads that he ever saw. And when he came back was the joy of mamma. For he wore a small cap and shouted "Rah, rah!"

Now, dad had no letters to go after his name. But his little, old cheque was good just the same. He wanted the hopeful to be in the game. Where B. A. and M. A. are placed in a frame.

By practice on track, on field and in gym. The college coach got that there was out of him. He played him at end and played him with vim. And when he came home you bet he was trim.

He wore a new cap and a brilliant red sweater. The track was adorned with a monogram letter. Whatever you knew, why, he knew a lot. He treated the Gushington like he was his debtor.

And father dug deep for his summer of rest. There was nothing too good, not even the best. And the way he swelled 'round and the way he was dressed. As he spoke of next year and threw out his chest.

He'd a pin on his vest of the U. Get Along. And knew nearly all of the old college songs. That are sung by the up-to-date big college long.

Was ready and eager to right the world's wrongs. When he spoke of his finish 'twas easy to see. By the middle of June that he'd have his A. B. Then he took his exams, but he got no degree. And he wrote home to dad, "I just got the G. B."

To be worth a small fortune, and yet live like a beggar, were the peculiar features in the life of an elderly man named Charles Phillips, who died recently in a cheap lodging house in London. He was a bachelor, and seemed poor and miserable. After his death he was found to have been entitled to property valued at \$14,000. He had served in the Lancashire and spent some time in New Zealand, where he made money. He had lived for many years at Roorston House, spending about fourpence daily for food.

George Love of Southampton, Me., who is 94 years old, has finished cutting twelve cords of wood from his large woodlot. He had missed a town meeting for seventy years and has sailed in more than fifty sailing vessels.

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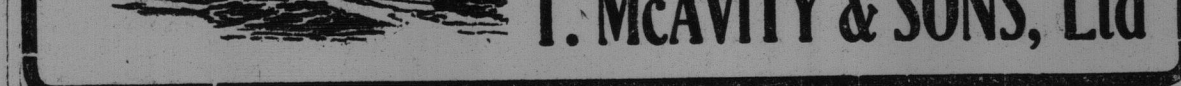
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P.E.I. WOULD BENEFIT GREATER BY RECIPROcity

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This was from one of the largest wholesale dealers in the province.

The manager of the largest fish establishment of the island says: "For years the island did nothing in the export of herring to the States because this cheap article could not pay duty. All the herring that can be procured by American bottoms at the Magdalen's each year was taken and distributed to the millions of consumers desiring a cheap food fish. Our herring has been used for bait and local consumption only. When the fishermen had secured what they thus needed they landed their nets before the fish moved out. 'I look with confidence to a large development of this branch of our fishing. It would be foolishness to expect the present high prices to be maintained after the removal of the prohibitive duties, but the great boon would be that our fishermen would have access to an additional market of more than ninety millions of people. It is a market that is always looked to as the natural one for this province, and one that always had to get a portion of our products notwithstanding the customs tariff. It is reasonable to expect the greater increase under free entry."

"We have hosts of commercial travellers from the upper provinces coming here, pushing sales, but the case of one seeking to buy is a curiosity. We are expected to buy their manufactures, look up a market for our produce and remit in cash. Now that the prospect of a market is opening to us strong pressure is being used to make us reject it."

Another fish dealer points out the immense advantages reciprocity will be to trade in smelts and eels.

A progressive farmer says: "Reciprocity will make every acre of land on the island double its present value, increase the wages of the working men, giving him more luxuries and more purchasing power. It will make our population greater by one half. By all means give us reciprocity, reduce the duties on agricultural implements, and we will do the rest."

One of the most prominent dealers in produce in the maritime provinces says: "No policy that the Dominion has adopted since Confederation is more beneficial to the people than reciprocity."

There is practically no province in Canada that exports so much farm produce and fish in proportion to its size as Prince Edward Island and the per capita benefits of reciprocity should be greater here than in any other part of the Dominion.

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