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CALL A MEETING.

The request of the business men's delegation, which is in line with the wishes of the Trades and Labor Council, for a grant to make a beginning in the introduction of vocational training in St. John, appears to be meeting with opposition both at city hall and the school board. This is unfortunate, and must be due to a misapprehension of the facts of the case. There is the more reason that the suggestion of the Times-Star be acted on, and a meeting held in the board of trade for a special discussion of the educational needs of St. John. There is no need of anybody sitting on the safety-valve. St. John is woefully behind in that feature of its pupils who are not going on through the high school, and in the matter of evening vocational classes. It is as absurd as it is useless to point to the very limited evening classes now in existence as an evidence that we are doing all we should do, and it would certainly be laudable if the citizens should discover a reactionary tendency in quarters to which they should be able to look for progressive leadership. By all means let us have a public meeting with the full opportunity for discussion of the whole subject.

FOR BETTER ROADS.

The visit of Hon. P. J. Veniot to Ottawa to confer with the Dominion road commissioner relative to New Brunswick's portion of the federal grant for roads will doubtless bear good fruit. There is in the first place the assurance that any money apportioned for the roads will be spent on them. This is the policy of Mr. Veniot's department, and the record of the Foster government. Conditions have changed since this government came into power. There is no danger that public money will be diverted from its proper purpose to make roads for a politician or a political party. The present government has greatly improved the roads, and it is fortunate for the province that at a time when federal money is likely to be made available for a still more ambitious programme of road improvement the expenditure will be made by men who are honestly seeking to get the best results. A few years more of good government will result in such an improvement in the roads as will not only be of great benefit to farmers but give us trunk roads of the sort to attract tourist traffic from the New England states. Very valuable results are certain to flow from the co-operation of the federal and provincial authorities. The roads were in such bad condition when Mr. Veniot assumed office that his task has been a difficult one, because so much temporary repair work has been necessary. When each year sees an important addition made to the mileage of really good roads, properly patrolled, the people will see the wisdom of a progressive policy and give full credit to the administration.

CONTROL OF WATER POWERS.

The question of utilizing water powers is under consideration in Maine and Massachusetts. In Maine there is a proposal to have the state assume control of all water powers, but there is a doubt whether this can be done without amending the state constitution in order to provide funds. It would of course be necessary to compensate those now making use of water powers in the state. On the general subject of public rights former Chief Justice Emswiler of the superior court says: "I think it will not be disputed that under the power of eminent domain as limited in this state even water powers may be taken for furnishing to the people water, light, heat and even power for domestic use and municipal purposes. The local public at least would have the right to be so furnished without discrimination, so far as practicable, upon payment of reasonable rates. And the whole public, the body politic, would have control of the business. Nor will it be disputed, I think, that water powers may be taken for generating electrical power for facilitating the operation of railroads and other public utilities under public control. Strictly speaking, private property can only be said to have been taken for public use when it has been so appropriated that the public have certain and well-defined rights to the use secured. Water powers in this state cannot be constitutionally taken for supplying hydraulic or electrical power for mere manufacturing purposes of any kind, except, of course, governmental. If it be found necessary to enlarge the constitutional limits of the power of eminent domain, such enlargements should not be in general, indefinite terms, but only by a specific, definite designation of the particular purposes for which private property may be taken. If the only limitation left upon the power be the public benefit, the public welfare and the like, then the tenure of private property would be simply at the will of the legislature." In Massachusetts a legislative committee has urged that the efficiency of existing water-power sites be increased

and new ones developed. A Boston paper says: "In case private interests are unable to carry out expeditiously development schemes of public benefit, the commission recommends that this be undertaken at public expense. It is proposed that full control of the waterways of the commonwealth be vested in the State Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, which would have regulatory powers over the activities of private enterprises. The report states that the principal streams of the state have a potential power of 506,500 horsepower, of which 172,782 horsepower is wholly undeveloped. Waterwheels have been installed on other streams having a capacity of 325,582 horsepower, although it is stated that the actual output of these wheels is only about 100,000 horsepower, owing to lack of continuous operation and unequal stream flow." The committee submits the following recommendations:

"The commission recommends that legislation be enacted authorizing the majority in interest and number of the mill owners on any stream to unite for the purpose of organizing a corporation to improve the flow and utilization of the stream, with power to create storage and to assess and collect tolls for the use of the stored water and with suitable safeguards to afford to minority interests reasonable protection and a proportionate share in the ownership and control. The public, however, has definite an interest in such undertakings that there should be public supervision over all expenditures and issues of securities and the establishment and levying of the tolls for use of stored water. To enable the company to acquire at reasonable cost dam sites for the reservoir and the undeveloped mill sites if not developed by their owners, it should have under public supervision right to seize the same. Provision should also be made that the state may acquire after a reasonable lapse of time and at cost the property and structures of the improvement company."

The pay of school teachers is too small in St. John and throughout the province. There is need of revision of the educational system, and public interest in the work of the schools needs to be aroused to a degree that would bring about the required changes. It is well to listen with sympathy to the appeals of teachers, but let us not on the one hand forget the rights of the children to get the kind of training they need to fit them for gainful occupations in life. To play the claims of one against the claims of the other is folly. The community should face its responsibility and do its duty, and the civic and educational authorities should be the leaders in the forward movement.

Sir Arthur Currie will stay in France till all the Canadian soldiers are sent home. Like the gallant officer he is, the corps commander will look after the interests of his men until they are safely away to their own country. His regard for them is rewarded by a devotion on their part that is alike creditable to them and to him. Canada is proud of this civilian officer who became a great military leader in the short space of four years. Beloved by his army he will be honored by his country.

The appeal for a community kitchen is one the city council may fairly consider. The value of the diet kitchen was fully demonstrated during the recent epidemic, but there is never a time when such an opportunity to get well-cooked food at actual cost would not be a boon to some families in distress through illness. Indeed the usefulness of such an institution could be greatly enlarged.

General Brankner of the British air ministry says a flight across the Atlantic will probably be accomplished in May, and that the time is not far distant when airplanes will be owned and driven as automobiles are today. A regular airship service between the England and the United States is predicted for next year. A new field of activity is opening up for enterprising young men.

Gen. MacDonell was quick to act when the case for the comfortable transport of women and children from the steamer at West St. John to the east side was presented to him. By his prompt action the comfort of these passengers will be assured, and the relief work of the patriotic societies made more effective.

Commissioner Fisher's proposal to provide for collection of garbage ought to receive sympathetic consideration. It is a health measure, and one that should have been adopted years ago.

The Bolshevik element is getting the worst of it in Berlin.

Champion Defeats Murphy. Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion, defeated Harlem Eddie Murphy in a six round bout in Philadelphia last night.

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PEACE—OR A VACANT CHAIR.

When all the nations gather at the table "over there," Will the "fifty-fifty" spirit guide them all "on the square?" If each conceal a weapon of distrust or motive low, Then greed will still predominate and future blood will flow. Now, let the nations gather and a league of them be made To settle earthly questions, or our sacrifice will fade. And monster War will leap again, with cost the property and structures of the improvement company."

When all the nations gather at the table "over there," Will they open up the conference with the Saviour's prayer? The Man who lived among us, He has suffered and has bled; He knows the earth's desires of the living and the dead. Every peace-loving nation should invite this welcome Guest, And bow their heads in reverence to Him who gave them rest. From war and devastation—that the Golden Rule bring peace, And equalize the people's rights, that selfishness may cease. Then let the earthly nations at the table place a chair. For this universal Man. Will the Prince of Peace be there? —The "Linker"—North of 53.

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. E. L. G. Hohenbush, "most worthy" of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, arrived in the city yesterday from Manchester, Conn. He is here to attend the sessions of the grand division.

Mrs. Ellen Speight, 622 Main street, has word that her son, Private Edward T. Speight, of the First Contingent, has arrived safely in England from Germany, where he had been a prisoner of war for three years and nine months.

The Salvation Army barracks in West St. John are being transformed into an emergency receiving home for women and children, passengers on the troop ships, who may have occasion to stop over night at this port.

E. G. L. Hohenbush of Manchester, Conn., Most Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, arrived in the city yesterday on his way to the Grand Division meeting in Moncton.

A meeting of the V. A. D. was held last evening. It was presided over by Mrs. G. A. Kilbring. A resolution was passed endorsing the efforts of the Housewives League in having the city's bread wrapped.

The monthly meeting of St. Monica's society was held yesterday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus' rooms. Reports submitted by the charities, sewing, immigration and tea committees were very gratifying. Following the business meeting Father Daley gave an address on reconstruction.

Eastern Ontario Liberals.

The eastern Ontario Liberals are rallying to their old leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and yesterday, as a preliminary to the general convention, delegates from each of the twenty-three constituencies passed a series of nine resolutions in which they included a tariff reform, the repeal of the war time election act and an objection to government by order in council.

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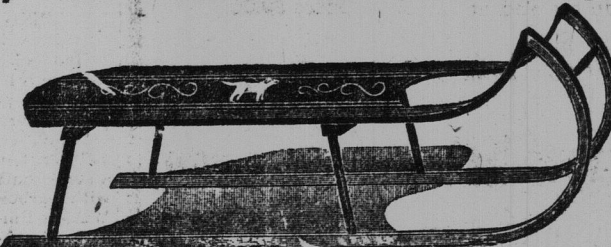
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gave and the municipality hath taken away."

Pure Milk, Pure Water. Speaking of the necessity of a pure water and milk supply for any city, the doctor declared that any case of typhoid fever that had occurred in Toronto during the last five years at least was not traceable to the water supply, which was very pure. The city water was tested six times every twenty-four hours by an expert right out of the taps.

Human hands were the most frequent carriers of disease, and there was great truth in the ancient proverb, "To eat food with unwashed hands" defileth the man."

The doctor then dwelt on the regulations regarding the milk supply, and told how it was possible now to test the milk for barnyard contamination without actually visiting the farms. Barnyard cleanliness plus pasteurizing would guarantee a pure milk supply, and not a quart of milk was today sold in Toronto that was not subjected to these requirements and tests.

Referring to the protection that ought to be given every mother in poor circumstances, with her husband incapacitated, he thought it deplorable that she could not obtain work at the same wages

and remuneration that her husband or any man would receive, though she might be the breadwinner of the home. Money played altogether too much part in the governments of today, even in the democracies of Britain and the United States.

"I don't know of any system of Socialism existing today that does not contain enough anarchy to make it unsafe. But perhaps when all are thrown into the melting pot we will eventually have a true democracy where every child will at least have an opportunity to develop as it should."

NO INVESTIGATION.

No report has been yet received by the militia department from its officers in St. John relative to the complaints of conditions on board the steamer Scandinavian, and until official advice arrive at headquarters it is unlikely that there will be any government investigation. The C. P. R. have been asked to inquire into the report that the ship's doctor was intoxicated during the passage out.

Mr. and Mrs. Gee, who live in the Wigan coalfield in England, celebrated

their diamond wedding last month in the presence of fourteen children, fifty-two grandchildren, and fifty-seven great-grandchildren—129 in all.

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