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### THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The municipal council has done well to call for plans for a municipal building or buildings worthy of the city and county of St. John. It is suggested that the work may be carried on a unit at a time, as part of a comprehensive plan which would eventually house all municipal, civic and provincial offices. The provincial government will be interested in regard to its participation in the project. The present may not be a favorable time to go on with a building project on a very extensive scale, but plans may be prepared and a portion of the work proceeded with when these are ready. The important thing at present is the evident desire of the municipal council to have when all is done a municipal building such as a growing city should have, and on a desirable site. We are to have a new railway station and a modern hotel, and with them should a municipal building as adequately meeting the requirements as will these other structures. The new spirit of enterprise should find expression in work of a permanent character, along lines of civic improvement and steady progress. There will always be those who will doubt the expediency of projected forward movements, but if their views always prevailed the city would not grow, or become a better place to live in. In the matter of the municipal buildings the council is headed in the right direction.

### NOW FOR THE HOTEL.

Highly significant of better things for St. John was the meeting of the Commercial Club last evening. It was an inspiration to see the large assembly of alert young business men gathered there to show their desire that the city be provided with a modern hotel. In a building has announced also that a very limited canvas in advance of today's campaign had resulted in the subscription of \$100,000 required from St. John to make the hotel a certainty. Chairman H. Peters was able to say that Mayor Schofield had not waited to be asked but had sent in his subscription last week, the first citizen to back his faith in St. John in relation to this project by his check. Mayor Schofield in his remarks last night cited the case of Hamilton, where the erection of a great hotel had resulted not only in bringing very many more visitors but had proved of great benefit to the business interests of the city. It was impossible to listen to the addresses of the different speakers last evening without becoming enthusiastic over the hotel project. In this enterprise the citizens wish as a committee are virtually entering into a partnership with the biggest hotel corporation on the continent and with the leading spirits of the Canadian Pacific. The latter and their friends have undertaken the care of as much of the stock as St. John is asked to subscribe. They have faith in the future of St. John. Can its people afford to have less?

The advantages of being linked up with a chain of large hotels and having the active interest and support of a great railway corporation, are too obvious to call for any comment. On the other hand, Mayor Schofield declared that the hotel would come here in its efforts to induce tourists to come here unless more accommodation is provided, and other testimony was given to show that the city is actually suffering loss because of inability to house properly the travel that would come this way. Nor would existing hotels suffer. The mayor, citing the case of Montreal, declares that he believes the big hotel will eventually help the smaller ones.

But suppose the citizens do not accept the present offer—what would happen? When would they get such another opportunity to link up with great hotel and railway corporations on such advantageous terms for the city? The Commercial Club has done its part. The committee which took the matter up with the United Hotels Company and the C. P. R. has devoted a great deal of time to the work and the executive has also been very active. These citizens believed they were serving the best interests of St. John, and are themselves proving their faith by subscribing stock. Before the end of the week it should be possible to announce that the required stock has all been subscribed, and that King Square is to be adorned by a hotel worthy of St. John.

Bangor Commercial—"It is very encouraging to learn that the campaign against the great white plague in our state is proving wonderfully efficient. In 1909 there were 1,613 deaths from tuberculosis in Maine and the number has been gradually decreased year by year until the record for the past twelve months shows that the deaths from this cause numbered but 799. In a general way the work of the state authorities has been reduced by one-half in this state, a vivid testimonial to the improvement of sanitary conditions and to the progress of science in dealing with disease. The work of the state authorities has been intelligent and has been supplemented by the labors of individuals and communities. The results thus far attained give promise that the future will continue to show material reductions in the ravages of tuberculosis."

### INTERESTING FIGURES.

The St. John city council has done well in the matter of providing playgrounds this year, but it has to do a good deal in order to catch up. In a bulletin issued by the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, comparing the expenditures for different purposes by different cities for the year 1917, which so far as St. John is concerned would apply to every year until this year, we find the revenue expended on recreation on a per capita basis as follows:—

Victoria	\$0.89
Vancouver	1.80
Edmonton	.18
Regina	.48
Winnipeg	1.08
Toronto	1.14
Hamilton	.49
London	.82
Ottawa	.81
Montreal	.22
Halifax	.17
Charlottetown	.18
St. John	.06

We have reason to be thankful that in 1920 a progressive city council has made a better showing. The new policy should be continued until the recreation needs of the people are fairly well met at every point. But St. John was also the lowest in 1917 in the matter of expenditure for health and sanitation, estimated on a per capita basis. Here are the figures:—

Victoria	\$8.02
Vancouver	5.12
Edmonton	1.97
Regina	3.09
Winnipeg	3.88
Toronto	4.38
Hamilton	.49
London	1.69
Ottawa	3.96
Montreal	1.61
Halifax	1.22
Charlottetown	.41
St. John	.49

In matters relating to health as well as recreation St. John has made substantial progress since 1917, but there is still much to be accomplished. The action taken by the prohibition central committee last evening was a logical result of the plebiscite. Government control of the sale of liquor is essential to better enforcement of the existing law, and that is what the people voted for. With regard to a special session of the legislature, if it were held and the federal government asked to order a referendum, this province could take that vote along with other provinces in October, and so keep up with the procession marching towards a bond-free Canada. In the United States special sessions of one or more state legislatures are to be called to ensure ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution before the November elections.

Canadians rejoice that Sir Thomas Lipton won yesterday's yacht race. There was also a feeling of universal satisfaction that Capt. Burton vindicated himself as a sailor and came off victorious. The American yacht must now win three straight or the coveted cup goes over the water. The interest in this royal sport will now be keener than ever until the issue is decided.

### IN THE GOVERNMENT.

Hon. E. K. Spencey, minister without portfolio in the Meighen cabinet.



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### POLITICS.

I like to talk of corking books, and motor cars and skillful cooks, talk of politics, and nothing else so I bore the village hicks, for they will and other things of worth; and on earth. Oh, how I long for some sane wight who'll talk with me by day and night of set and dragon's teeth, of Science, and her great advances, and of that puglist from France who years for Dempsey's wrath! But all my longings cut no grass; the people shun me as I pass, and sometimes hand me bricks; for I would talk of human things, of cats and cabbages and kings, and they'd talk politics. Oh, how I would tell how my new boat can get the everlasting goat of any car I know, but none will listen while I prate; men talk of how some candidate will climb a luckless foe. And I would talk of Milton's harp, and of the bones in German carp, and of my spand's tricks, but men won't listen worth a cent; they shoo me off—they all are bent on talking politics. And politics, that dreary theme! The failure's hope, the dotard's dream, that bore beyond compare! That makes men the same old things, and talk forevermore in rings, nor leads them anywhere!

### FOR LITTLE THINGS.

Last night I looked across the hills  
And through an arch of darling pine,  
Low-sung against a limpid west  
I saw a young moon shine.  
And as I gazed there blew a wind,  
Loosed where the sylvan shadows stir,  
Bringing delight to soul and sense  
The breath of dying fire.  
This morn I saw a dancing host  
Of poppies in a garden way,  
And straight my heart was nigh-possessed  
And I was glad as they.

I heard a song across the sea  
As sweet and faint as echoes are,  
And glimpsed a poignant happiness  
No care of earth might mar.

Dear God, our life is beautiful  
In every splendid gift it brings,  
But most I thank Thee humbly for  
The joy of little things.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Just Like a Man.  
The Bride—But why do you look so blue, dear? You know papa has promised he will still buy all my dresses.  
The Groom—Yes, but I am wondering what the dickens we shall have to eat.  
Boston Transcript.

### Consistency.

"Why don't you go to work?"  
It would be really improper for me to do so," answered the communist.  
"It is that people should live without work," said the other.  
—Washington Star.

### His Weather Eye.

Two ladies were hurrying down the street with their umbrellas held low against the driving rain, when, on turning a corner sharply, the point of one umbrella struck a passerby in the forehead.  
"Gracious!" exclaimed the woman. "I'll keep an eye out in the future!"  
Madame retorted the man, "you nearly had one out in the present!"  
—Boston Transcript.

### A One-Night Stand.

Mr. Ponderby had made a fortune during the war, and acquired also a lengthy list of creditors.  
He was now striving to get a place in the city, and with that view he had undertaken to provide all the funds necessary for a local theatrical performance for charity.  
The glee of the committee was, however, tempered when they learned that the man who was to play the part of a miser in the play, which was to be given on the night of the 1st of August, was a notorious drunkard.  
"Why, he never can remember where his home is," said one of the ladies.  
"That's all right," said another, "he'll be a one-night stand."

### OVER ELEVEN HUNDRED.

WENT TO THE POINT SUNDAY.  
Moncton Transcript—Over a hundred citizens of this city took advantage of the Sunday train to Shediac and Point du Chene yesterday afternoon, leaving here at two o'clock and returning at eight in the evening. Some eight hundred were in the crowd at the station, and the train was crowded since the regatta races last September.

### AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

Sackville Tribune—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Avar, accompanied by Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Wheatley, of Toronto, Ont., were in Sackville on Wednesday, visiting relatives. Mrs. Wheatley, who is better known as Margie Avar, has a host of friends in Westmorland county, who are delighted to see her again after an absence of twenty years. They are spending a few weeks' vacation among the relatives of their distant friends, who are a Mount Allison man.

### HON. DR. ROBERTS IN MONCTON.

Moncton Transcript—Hon. Dr. Roberts of St. John, minister of health for the province of New Brunswick, will be in the city Tuesday and while here will be the guest of the Rotary Club at their luncheon at 12.30 o'clock at Hotel Brunswick. Hon. Dr. Roberts will address the club on matters pertaining to his department.

### Improvement in England.

Marked improvement in port conditions in London and Liverpool are reported in steamship circles. Whereas a few months ago vessels might have to wait thirty days of more for a berth, now no or very little waiting is said to be necessary. The improvement is attributed to the passing of the season for heavy cotton receipts and partly to the improvement in the railroad and labor situation. Though large shipments of fruit will begin to arrive very soon, it is not feared that they will cause a recession of the clogged conditions of a comparatively short time ago. Not only are all the facilities in better shape now to handle a rush of goods, but the fruit arrivals will not be as heavy as those of cotton in the cotton season.

### TO SAVE THE ABBEY.

(New York Evening Post.)  
Methought I sat in seat of majesty  
In the cathedral church of Westminster  
And in that chair where King and Queens  
are crowned.  
—Shakespeare.

What Rhemes Abbey is to France, Westminster Abbey is not alone to England but to the whole English-speaking race. Here was crowned William the Conqueror, and here, before the high altar, was crowned William the Conqueror on Christmas day, 1066, the day of the battle of Hastings. The Abbey, the shrine and tomb of Edward the Confessor, of Edward I and his "chere rene" Eleanor, and of a number of other kings and knights. What a roster of great names is this: Chatham, Pitt and Gladstone; Isaac Newton, Darwin, Hooker, Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Tennyson and Browning; Johnson, Keats, Keble, Dickens, Scott and Thackeray; Clive and Wolfe; Hakluyt, Wesley, Garrison, Henry Irving; all either buried here or with their memorials adorning the walls. We remember the gap of horror that went up when the head of the bombardment of Rhemes, and the dismay with which we read of the possibility that some Austrian almanac might succeed in planting a bomb on the soft green beauty of the dome of St. Mark in Venice. Surely it does not take a war to make us appreciate what these things mean to the human race. Westminster Abbey, it appears, is in great need of funds to keep its fabric intact. In an appeal the Dean says that the whole Abbey of gothic architecture, deteriorating and that in addition a number of structural repairs on a large scale cannot longer be postponed without serious results. Great Britain will naturally wish to bear the chief burden of this task, but America, it appears, is ready to claim a part in the work of preserving the most precious memorial of the English-speaking world.

### POLITICALLY AT SEA.

Victoria Colonist—At a time when so many consider that the day of coalition governments is over it would appear that the very reverse is the case. In Manitoba there is talk of a coalition between the Conservatives and the Progressives, and in Ontario a coalition government and in a sense one at Ottawa and in London. Germany has had to resort to coalition, and it is the same in other countries. It is quite possible that when further elections are held in other Canadian provinces such a coalition of public opinion will be shown as to necessitate the formation of coalition governments for Canada. It may take five, or even ten years, for the mental attitude of people in distant countries to regain its balance, and then again there will be two outstanding political parties whatever they may be called. What has become known as the silent vote, which as a rule decides elections, seems for the time being to have grown weary of the old time political parties, and it is casting about for something to take their place, without very much success except in complicating the political situation. Eventually there will be either a return to the old partisan parties or some new parties will be evolved from the present chaos which will win their way into the imagination of the people.

### SUNS OF NIGHT.

(New York Sun and Herald.)  
Many of us do not consider the sparkling, fiery stars as suns of night. Nevertheless, these stars shine upon our little earth by night in their remoteness, and as our own sun shines upon our world by day in his comparative nearness, we should, therefore, be interested in these suns of night, particularly in the more brilliant ones of the first magnitude.

At the present season, when the clocks are announcing the hour of nine, there are six first magnitude stars, all of which are especially noticeable. Altair is low in the east, Antares is rather low in the southeast, Vega is about half way from the northeastern horizon to the zenith, Regulus about one-third of the distance from the western horizon to the zenith, Spica not quite half way from the southern horizon to the zenith, and Arcturus not far from the zenith southward.

These six first magnitude stars are in the order of their brightness: Vega, Arcturus, Altair, Spica, Antares and Regulus. In the order of their distance from the earth they are: Altair, Vega, Arcturus, Regulus, Antares and Spica. Respecting their constellations, Vega is situated in Lyra, Arcturus in Bores, Altair in Aquila, Spica in Virgo, Antares in Scorpio, and Regulus in Leo. And with respect to colors: Vega is blue, Arcturus is yellow, Altair pale yellow, Spica white, Antares red, and Regulus white.

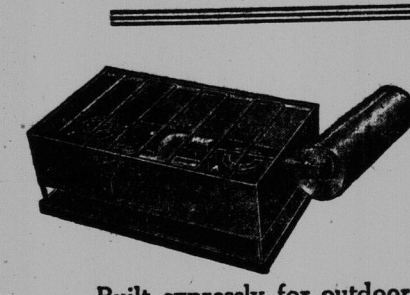
Amid the darkened dome of night these six first magnitude stars shine upon our little planet in silence and majesty. Invisable themselves within the abysses of the universe, their rays illumine imperceptibly the restful shadows of terrestrial night.

### THE NEW DOCTOR.

(W. J. Mayo, in N. American Review.)  
The physician of the old school with his top-hat and double-breasted frock coat, who practiced as an individual in all branches of medicine and surgery, has practically disappeared. He has given place to a new type of physician, who works, not as an individual, but as a part of an organization in which the state, in one way or another, has become his partner and aids him in his work.

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### SEES OWN HOME ROBBED.

Burglars Ring Door Bell to Gain Entry to New Jersey House.

Riverside, N. J., July 21—Mrs. John Bruno of 580 New Jersey avenue, answered a ring at the front door bell and told a young man, who asked for Mr. Bruno, that he was not at home. He was starting to explain what his business was with Mr. Bruno, when there was a loud rap at the back door.

Mrs. Bruno asked the front door visitor to step in and wait a minute. When she opened the back door, a man pointed an automatic revolver at her and said: "If you scream, I'll shoot you."

He ordered her back into the house and kept her quiet on threat of death while the first visitor robbed the house. The two men drove off in a brown touring car with \$4,000 worth of jewelry. Mrs. Bruno's daughter, who was in her room upstairs during the visit of the burglars, heard nothing. There was a bulldog in the house which failed to realize the situation called for aggressive conduct.

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