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MONTREAL'S REPROACH.

Judge Cannon, whose report on the civic conditions of Montreal was published yesterday, has visited there with unflinching candor. Entrusted with the duty of investigating the administration of the various departments of the city council, he discharged it with painstaking care and succeeded in unearthing a regime of corruption for which a parallel can only be found in the unregenerate cities of the United States. Not only have there been gross breaches of public trust, but even worse instances of the direct misuse of civic funds. Since 1902 he finds that the administration of Montreal has been saturated with corruption, due primarily to the abuse of the patronage system. Nepotism has been rampant, with the result that one-quarter of the city revenue has been spent in grafting and malversations of all kinds, while of the balance, the greater part has been employed in works whose permanence was questionable. Judge Cannon is not content with pillorying the evils his investigation has revealed in general terms, but names a number of the aldermen as guilty of maladministration and misappropriation of public money, and also specifically against various of the city officials.

Discussing the causes of this deplorable condition, Judge Cannon holds that the division of the city into wards produced patronage and its abuses, and recommends that aldermen be hereafter elected by the whole city. Without doubt the ward system lends itself to the creation of sectional interests, and thus to the endeavor to placate them. But the real reason for the failure of the city council of Montreal to maintain a high standard of duty must be looked for elsewhere. Judge Cannon's exposure affects only the details of civic administration—the cancer that has permeated the city government came thru influences identical with those that have left their trail all over the continent. What stands in greatest need of exposure in Montreal is the manner in which its important public franchises have been handled. There can be no uncovering the original source of the corruption which has demoralized the city and the blame for its unchecked growth lies at the door of the Montreal press in its failure to protect public rights and its neglect of duty towards the people. Without newspapers faithful to public rights and strenuous in their support, genuine and enlightened civic spirit cannot be aroused or sustained, nor can that vigilance be exerted which is the surest guarantee of safety.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING.

Mr. John Burns, president of the local

government board, is one of the members of the British cabinet who has made good as an administrator, and has revealed unusual legislative capacity, out of the wreckage of the parliamentary session he succeeded in saving his housing and town planning measure, which has now received royal assent. The housing part of the act has for its object the improvement of working class accommodation, and not only enables local authorities to exercise largely extended powers, but provides the means of compelling them to do so if they allow the conferred powers to remain dormant. Inducements to local authorities to carry out the provisions of the act have been offered by simplifying the procedure for the compulsory acquisition of land and affording more liberal terms for the borrowing of the necessary money from the Public Works Loan Commissioners. Where requests for housing purposes have been made, but are held up by inaction, either on the part of trustees or of the court of chancery, the local government board is empowered to procure the intervention of the attorney-general, who can take the steps necessary to have the testator's wishes carried into effect.

Of more general interest outside England are the provisions relating to town planning, which, The London Municipal Journal observes, marks a new departure in British legislation. Hitherto, it says, new centres of population have been allowed to grow up and existing urban areas have been allowed to expand without control or regulation. This haphazard method, prevalent also in Canada, has produced slums, prevented the orderly growth of towns and has ultimately involved enormous expenditures in rectifying conditions that should never have existed. By the new act local authorities may be authorized to prepare town planning schemes in connection with land likely to be used for building purposes, or to adopt any proposed by owners of land. It provides also for the payment of compensation to any person whose land is injuriously affected by such schemes, but on the other hand the local authority is empowered to recover from any person whose land is increased in value a proportion of that increase.

FOR THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE.

Ald. Foster has made a name for himself by his work in the city council as the poor man's friend. Lots of knockers are going around these days trying to make the poor man believe that this is not so. Ald. Foster has been poor himself and he knows all about the noble art of making a way in the world. No poor man in Toronto can point to anything Ald. Foster did to his injury. The men who object most to Ald. Foster are the people who thrive on extravagance and waste. It is only wealthy men who do not mind extravagance, they cannot, any more than poor men, afford it. At the city hall, where some opposition has developed against Ald. Foster, it is well known that he is the friend of the man with the small salary, and that his criticisms have been directed towards the work of the men whose actions count in the big expenditures of the city. It is no reflection on any

official, however important or how-ever large his salary, to require that he abide by the regulations governing his office. Ald. Foster's work in this direction has been painstaking and laborious, and acting on the principle that rules are for observance, he has required that they be followed. It is these things, which count for little to the rich men, but mean a great deal to the poor, which have given Ald. Foster a reputation for careful and intelligent service in the city council. No man in Toronto knows the municipality better, and if the voters act on their own knowledge of what he has done, and are not misled by allegations by opponents, he will come near the top of the poll on New Year's Day.

TELEGRAM ON TUBES.

The Evening Telegram, when it is not expiring for points, or giving long-distance memory performances, is usually a sane and practical authority. It stated the case for tubes in Toronto from its own standpoint in a way that should be considered, and for the benefit of those who may have missed it we subjoin the main argument as The Telegram states it:

Public ownership may have nothing to hope for from a majority in favor of the tubes. Assuredly public ownership has nothing to fear from such a majority. A majority for the tubes might arm the wrong-going believers in public ownership with the means of bringing the Toronto Railway Company to its knees. Both the majority candidates lack size. Their proved enthusiasm for public ownership lacks thoroughness. It might have been as well if the tube issue had not been raised. Attention could then have been concentrated on the only sure cure for the ills which the city suffers at the hands of the Toronto Railway Company—EXPROPRIATION OF THE RAILWAY COMPANY LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL. But since the question has been raised, there is only one safe course for the sincere and convinced friends of public rights and public ownership to follow. That course is to VOTE FOR THE TUBES to avoid voting for the Toronto Railway Company. A majority against the tubes would be construed as a vote of confidence in the Toronto Railway Company. The Toronto Railway Company does not deserve such a vote at the hands of this city.

AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Motions set down for single court for Wednesday, 15th inst. at 11 a.m.:
1. Scott v. Goldberg.
2. S. S. No. 1 Sturgeon Falls v. Sturgeon Falls.
3. Re Carter estate.
4. Windsor v. Ennskillen.
Peremptory list for divisional court for Wednesday, 15th inst. at 11 a.m.:
1. Letcher v. Toronto Railway Co. (to be concluded).
2. Re Perkins and Dowling.
3. General Comm. Co. v. Ottawa.
4. Marston v. Stauffer.
5. Pearlman v. Sutcliffe.
6. Hammond v. Canadian Guardian.
7. Goodall v. Clarke.

Non-Jury County Court.
Peremptory list for non-jury court before Judge Denton, Wednesday, Dec. 15, at city hall, at 10 a.m.:
1. Morris v. Smith.
2. Pratt v. McCormick.
3. Galbraith v. Imperial Gas Co.
4. Dodds v. City of Toronto.

Non-Jury Assize Court.
Peremptory list for non-jury assize court, Wednesday, Dec. 15, at city hall, at 10 a.m.:
1. Colonial v. Mitchell.
2. Beamish v. Bell.
3. Smallwood v. Powell.
4. Lindsay v. Imperial Steel Co.

163. Peterson Lake v. Steinhilber.
164. Peterson Lake v. Nova Scotia.
165. Lachnie v. Consumers' Cordage.

Jury County Court.
Peremptory list for jury county court before Judge Morgan, Wednesday, Dec. 15, at city hall, at 10 a.m.:
1. Hughes v. Walker.
2. Kramer v. Bogatsky.

Master's Chambers.

Before Curran, K.C., master.
Scully v. Bank of Toronto—H. E. Rose, K.C., for defendants; moved to amend. J. E. Jones, for plaintiff. Order made adding Simpson, master, administrator of the estate of the deceased, as a defendant in the counter claim, amending statement of defence and counter claim. Trial to be at Toronto instead of Berlin and costs to be put on list for trial as soon as set down. Costs in counter claim unless otherwise ordered by trial judge. Costs of pending motion in H. C. J. for appointment of administrator ad litem to be in the cause unless otherwise ordered. Squires v. Toronto General Trusts Corporation—R. B. Beaumont, for plaintiff; moved to postpone trial on the ground of illness. All costs to be added or occasioned by this postponement to be to defendants in any event. Trial to be at city hall in January as counsel may agree.

North American Oil Co. v. Bruner—J. T. White, for defendant; moved to set aside service of writ for security for costs. H. S. White, for plaintiff, contra. Affirmance of order nisi for judgment to allow defendant to get further material. Both v. Trustees Toronto General Hospital—H. Sedgewick, for plaintiff; moved for order appointing next friend, making necessary amendments and confirming proceedings already taken. Order made.

Judge's Chambers.

Before Meredith, C.J.
Re Hubbs—F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for Fred A. Wilson, now of age, moved for payment out of court of the moneys therein standing to his credit. Stands to have will produced of the deceased.

Re Rellinger—H. S. White, for Milton Rellinger, moved for order for payment out of court of the sum of \$7.85 paid in under order of master in chambers in September, 1902. Order made.

Re Dowling—F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for Mary Dowling, moved for an order for payment out of court of \$288.25 standing to credit of applicant. Order made.

Re Brandon—Brandon v. Ellis—J. E. Jones, for Bertha Liddy, A. M. Ellis and W. R. Liddy, executors of the will of Mary Brandon, moved for an order removing the surrogate court of the County of Wentworth to the High Court. G. Grant, for seven of the defendants. One for Clara Liddy, J. J. Ogilvie (Hamilton), for plaintiff, contra. Motion refused. Costs in cause in court below.

Southern Loan and Savings Co. v. Eisner—F. Aylesworth, for plaintiff, moved for an order for payment out of them of \$247.71. Order made.

Divisional Court.

Before Mulock, C.J.; Clute, J.; Sutherland, J.
Re Martin and the order of Britton, J., in chambers, of Nov. 13, 1909. H. W. Shirley, for Toronto Railway Co., contra. Argument resumed from yesterday and concluded. Judgment reserved.

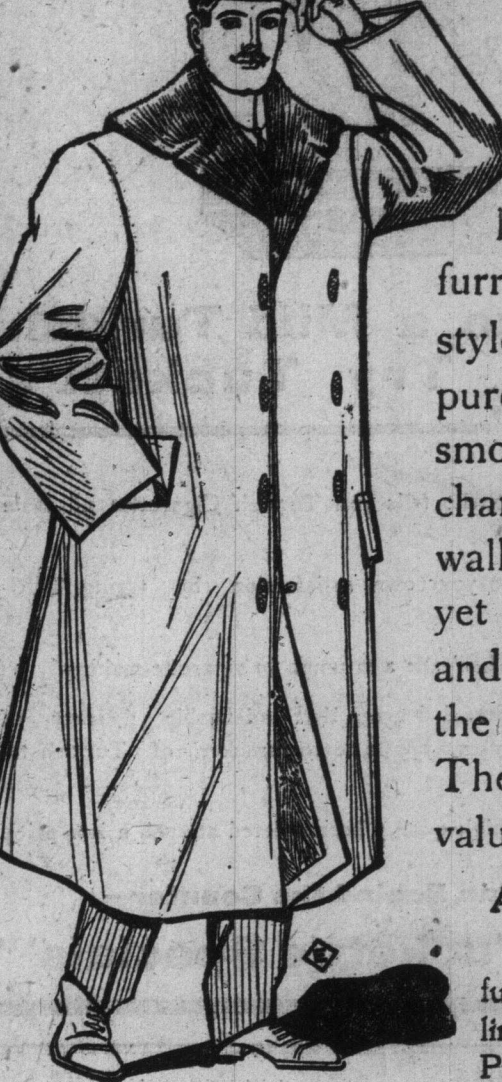
Town of Cobourg—F. M. Field, K.C., and J. P. Keith (Cobourg), for Cobourg, appealed from the order of Meredith, C.J., of Dec. 3, 1909. H. F. Holland (Cobourg), and A. M. Peterson (Cobourg), for the Town of Cobourg, contra. The plaintiff's application was for an injunction order to restrain defendants from publishing or circulating a statement of the vote of the electors of the said town as proposed bylaw pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of the "Municipal Act" as amended. The application was dismissed by Meredith, C.J., and the plaintiff now appeals. In the order, appeal argued and dismissed. Costs in the cause to the defendants.

Letcher v. Toronto Railway Co.—D. L. McCarthy, K.C., for the defendants, appealed from the judgment of Falconbridge, C.J., of Oct. 1, 1909. A. MacGregor, for the plaintiff, contra. Julia off a car of defendants on May 24, 1909, was injured, and sued the defendants, alleging that the accident was caused by the car starting before she had alighted, thereby throwing her to the ground and injuring her, and she and her husband sued the company for \$3000 damages. At the trial judgment was given for \$450 for the wife and \$300 for the husband, with costs. Defendants' appeal therefrom was quashed and not concluded.

Before Moss, C.J.O., Oiler, J.A., Garrow, J.A., MacLaren, J.A., Meredith, J.A., The King v. Karm—R. C. Robinson, K.C., and Eric Armour, for the prisoner, moved on a case, stated by the police

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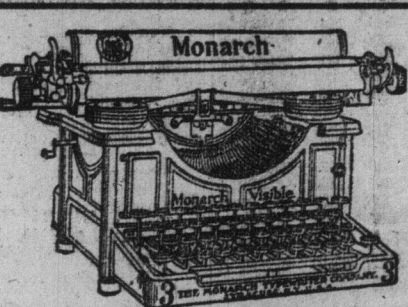
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NATIONALISTS TO SUPPORT ASQUITH.
DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 14.—The central committee of the Irish Nationalists, at a meeting to-day, decided to support the Liberals in the general election.

Report Against Canal.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In a report by the war department to the house to-day, the \$3,000,000 project for a canal to connect Lake Superior and the Mississippi River by way of St. Croix River, is pronounced commercially impracticable and inadvisable.

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