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**DOING THINGS BY HALVES.**  
Why does the City Council deal only with the breakwater when it asks the Board of Trade, Commercial Club, Rotary Club and citizens generally to back up its appeal to the government?

Why does it not include the work necessary to provide adequate terminal facilities for the Canadian National Railways?

These two, the breakwater and the C. N. R. terminals, are the needs of the present time. Neither of them is in any way dependent on harbor commission work. To construct them would simply be to continue the government policy which built west side wharves and east side elevator.

And since they are both government works, in the national interest, why should the city council select one and omit the other when it asks public support for an appeal to Ottawa?

And if such an appeal were made, and were successful, what present need would there be for harbor commission?

There are herths enough at West St. John, when made available, for the present needs of the C. P. R., but there are not enough on the east side for the C. N. R. Given the latter, and the breakwater, the port would be in a position to handle all traffic for some years to come, without shouldering the burden of commission as at present proposed.

If the city council will include in its memorial to Ottawa all that should be included the whole citizenship will approve and support. If it fails to do so it will fall in its plain duty. To dally longer with the proposed harbor commission scheme would be an inexcusable waste of time.

Mayor Hayes has been asking for an alternative to harbor commission and seems to think none has been offered. He and the council themselves yesterday presented the alternative in part when they passed that resolution concerning the breakwater. Let them add the C. N. R. terminals and harbor commission may be left on the shelf, and the work of maintaining the port will go on as it has been going on gradually ever since the first government wharf was built.

**PARLIAMENT.**  
Parliament at Ottawa will open next Thursday. Sir Robert Borden will not be there at the opening, if at all during the session. A number of important measures will be presented by the government, which is in the peculiar position of being without influential newspaper support. This means, of course, that it is without influential support in the country. How long can such a government last? Hon. Mr. Meighen said in Winnipeg this week that United Government had no party organization. He might have added that it has no leader, policy, and also that it has no leader.

Meeting parliament under such conditions it cannot expect smooth sailing. The question over which there is most controversy in the country is that of the tariff, and three different views have their champions. Undoubtedly the high tariff advocates are in a minority, but they will not give up without a struggle, and they are gentlemen of infinite resource. The coming session will not pass without sharp debate on the tariff and its relation to the cost of living. No doubt the franchise bill will provoke a long discussion, and the estimates this year will be subjected to a very close scrutiny. Railway matters will afford another source of interesting debate. And all the while the party leaders will be looking for points of attack to strengthen their own position in the country. The conditions are entirely different from those existing when there were only two parties, and there is an element of uncertainty which baffles the political prophet. Whether the government will go successfully through to the end of the session and further postpone the appeal to the people is the question asked most frequently and no answer is given with any degree of assurance.

**FOR LOWER TARIFF.**  
In a recent speech Mr. R. H. Halbert, M. P. for North Ontario, gave the farmers this advice, telling them the next election would be fought on the tariff issue.

"Read up all the information you can on the tariff, let your mind be a sponge and soak it in so they can't pull you over your eyes and hoodwink you into believing that tariff bars are good for the country."

Mr. Halbert is an ex-president of the United Farmers of Ontario, and headed the famous farmers' delegation that was treated as cavaliers, as its members as referred to at Ottawa. In the speech just referred to he said that if any body of people other than farmers had been guided as they were by the press there would have been serious trouble. It was the reception given to that delegation which precipitated the farmers' movement in Ontario, defeating the Harcourt government; and the next objective is Ottawa. An extract from a report of Mr. Halbert's speech shows

that the farmers are not disposed to give any quarter to the combines. We quote:

"Canadian manufacturers wanted to boycott the U. F. O. two years ago. Even last year the twine manufacturers compelled the farmers to go to the States for their twine. But this year they say: 'You should buy in Canada.' I say that the man who helped us out of the mud and mire should get the trade this year. We have worn the knees out of our pants begging the manufacturers, and now they can wear the knees out of theirs begging us. We are going to lift our industry from the door where it has been the mat for every politician to wipe his dirty boots on. Independence of thought and using their own brains made it possible for the farmers to do it in October; they can do it again."

This Ontario leader does not, however, advocate a purely selfish attitude on the part of the farmers. He warned his hearers against being too anxious to make money, and said to them:

"If farmers have organized for no other purpose than to make a few cents more on a basket of grapes or on a bushel of potatoes, I say for goodness' sake blow out the light and go home."

"These extracts from the utterances of a leader of the United Farmers will give a clearer knowledge of their aims. They want a lower tariff and are determined to accomplish their end."

**THE RED CROSS.**  
The Red Cross, with its admirable country-wide organization, is exceptionally well fitted to carry on a beneficent work in every province. In New Brunswick it will specialize on health education, county clinics and small cottage hospitals. The last named have been established with great success in British Columbia. Such a hospital, with nurses in charge, would prove a great boon to localities where there is no large institution. Co-operating with the provincial health department the Red Cross will be able to accomplish continuous work of the highest value. The experience gained during the war, when its work was of incalculable benefit, will enable the organization to combine due economy with effective service, and to make its influence extend to the remotest portions of New Brunswick. Regret was expressed yesterday that Lady Tilley was unable to attend the meeting, and this regret is province-wide, for her zeal, tact and organizing ability were of the highest service from the very inception of the work. The devoted circle in every community, large or small, that rallied to the Red Cross and carried forward its work with such uniform vigor and success, will not rest from its labors but pour into a new channel the stream of beneficence which has marked its career for the last half-dozen years.

**WINNIPEG FREE PRESS.**—A lower tariff is urgently needed in this country to permit of the establishment of more basic industries on the lowest capital outlay in money; to cheapen buildings and reduce the cost of living; and to enable machinery and implements used in agriculture, mining, lumbering and so forth, to be purchased and replaced at the lowest possible cost. A lower tariff framed on these lines and which also includes revenue duties on articles not produced in Canada at all will create no revenue problem; it will probably produce a larger national income.

As long ago as 1866 the people of St. John accepted as a foregone conclusion that St. John must be the chief winter port of Canada. In the Daily Telegraph of Feb. 15, 1866, we find the following paragraph: "The Halifax papers continue to manifest great dissatisfaction with the closing of that harbor by ice. This untimely occurrence furnishes an additional argument in favor of making St. John the winter port of Canada."

If the Canadian Manufacturers' Association can persuade its members and other well-to-do citizens to spend their vacation in motor tours in Canada the result would be mutually beneficial to the tourists and the provinces toured. That such a movement is being considered is another argument for improved roads and in New Brunswick a change in the rule of the road.

American farmers complain that they cannot get help and assert that they are about tired of working fourteen to sixteen hours per day to supply food for highly-paid, short-hour people in the cities. What would happen if the farmers went on strike—and why should they not? It buys heavy at their great mid-winter sale.

Toronto Globe.—What more natural than that the enemies of prohibition and the friends of racetrack gambling should meet their Waterloo at the hands of Wellington's men?

Parliament will assemble next week and St. John does not yet know what it wants in the matter of harbor improvement. It is the only port that does not know its own mind.

Those who say it is harbor commission or nothing are preaching the doctrine of despair, which it was hoped the new Commercial Club would put to the woods.



**Rippling Rhymes**  
by Walt Mason  
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**SYMPATHY.**  
Today there is an icy glare upon the walks and everywhere; and as a journeyed sadly home, I slipped and landed on my dome. I cracked and a crease of cement, and in my head there is a dent. I sprained my neck and spoiled my face, my works were jolted out of place. And there were many people near who saw me sliding on my ear. They must have longed to laugh, all right, for I was an amusing sight, but no one shed a single smile; they all rushed up in a springing style, and lifted me upon my feet, and from my wipers combed the sleet, reclaimed my hat, which was a wreck, unwound my coat from my neck, and voiced the hope, in anxious tones, that I had warped no costly bones. Perhaps they chorused in their glee, when they were where I couldn't see; perhaps they leaned upon a fence, and whooped as though they had no sense, but in my premature they displayed the finest sympathy that's made. Then I resumed my journey home, to write this realistic poem, and murmured, as I went my way, "These human beings are O. K."

**CAN-DO—EAST AND WEST**  
Dominion Happenings of Other Days

**THE AMETHYST.**  
Although Canada does not possess any deposits of the rarer precious stones still there are the less valuable kinds found within the dominion. One of the most common is the amethyst which is found in large quantities around Thunder Bay on the north shore of Lake Superior. At Amethyst Harbor the mine constitutes almost the entire vein and numerous openings have been made to obtain it for tourists and to secure it for sale at many summer resorts and in stores. Surfaces several feet in area are often found covered with crystals from one quarter to five inches in length, rich in color and having a very high polish. This deposit is one of the greatest in the world, but unfortunately, the crystals are often not evenly colored and so a great part of their value is lost.

In Nova Scotia fine amethysts occur in bands and veins at Partridge Island, Cumberland county—surfaces a foot square being covered with crystals one inch across. DeMonts, the early discoverer of this place home to France crystals have been discovered in Canada the field of exploration is so large that it is not yet established by any means that the dominion does not possess a real gem value. Small stones of many kinds have been found and later exploration may find valuable mines of many types.

**MAYOR HAYES IS AGAIN PRESIDENT**  
Officers Elected and Reports Submitted at Red Cross Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Red Cross Society yesterday afternoon, R. T. Hayes, the president, in the chair, officers were elected, reports submitted and matters of interest dealt with. Miss Joan of Providence, B. L. Hayes, an interesting address on Red Cross work there. A resolution of regret was passed at the illness of Lady Tilley which prevented her attendance. The report of Miss Ethel Jarvis as secretary, told of different activities and the change in the work of the society since the armistice. It spoke of the appointment of Mrs. G. K. McLeod, Mrs. G. F. Smith and Mrs. J. A. McAvity to continue the administration after the resignation of Lady Tilley.

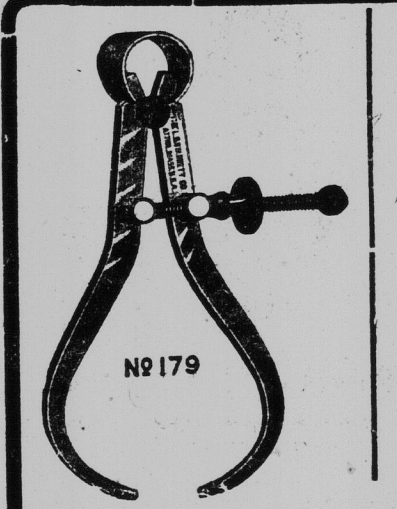
The treasurer, C. B. Allan, reported a balance of \$10,475.50 on hand with outstanding accounts of about \$500. Mrs. Frank Fairweather, in her report of the hospital committee, showed total receipts of \$8,550, expenditures \$7,545, and a balance on hand of \$75.54. Visits had been made by Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Miss Payson, Mrs. J. H. Shaw, Mrs. F. B. Ellis and James Dowdy. She told of the distribution of supplies and flowers to the various hospitals. In the absence of Mrs. H. Lawrence, convenor of the port committee, Miss Jarvis read her report which stated that last year the work done cost \$83,000 and up to the present time 1,480 persons have been cared for and the sum of \$200 monthly has been sent.

William McIntosh of the Spagnum moss committee, made his report and strongly recommended the continuance of the use of the moss. Miss Joan told of the difficulty in Rhode Island of getting student nurses. Mr. Allen, in his report of the central council meeting, said that it is planned to hold a membership campaign in October with a view to enrolling 1,000,000 members. At the October meeting of the Red Cross, Lady Tilley was appointed honorary president.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Patron, His Honor Lieutenant Governor William Pugsley; president, R. T. Hayes; 1st vice-president, Colonel Dr. Murray MacLaren; 2nd, Mrs. George P. Smith; 3rd, Mrs. J. A. McAvity; 4th, Miss Ryan (Moncton); secretary, Mrs. G. W. J. Scott; treasurer, special appeals, P. A. Dykeman; convenor, R. G. Schofield; secretary, packing—Mrs. E. P. Sturges; chairman, moss—William McIntosh; convenor, Mrs. F. J. Harding, surgical convenor.

**CANADIAN DOLLAR INCREASES**  
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onsire touched upon the grave situation that faces the dominion today, with labor difficulties and general unrest incident to the reconstruction period after the war. He added that the university would have to take a leading part in guiding the public.

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## MEXICO AGAIN AFTER ARMS.

Col. Salinas Soon to Go to Europe to Purchase Supplies.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Colonel Gustavo Salinas, nephew of President Carranza of Mexico, is expected to leave Mexico City for the United States within a few days, en route to Europe to negotiate the purchase for Mexico of arms and ammunition, according to advices received today from the Mexican capital. A previous mission of the same character was interrupted at New York when British officials refused to issue Colonel Salinas's passport. President Carranza retaliated by refusing to permit issue of passports of British citizens desirous of visiting Mexico.

A consignment of arms purchased abroad is said to have been collected on an island in the Baltic Sea, awaiting shipment to Mexico on a Norwegian vessel.

## DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE ON GRAVE SITUATION.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—(Canadian Press).—Speaking at the University lunch tonight His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire.

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