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THE PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS.

If recent events in this city and province lead to a more active public interest in civic and provincial politics it cannot be said that the awakening has come too soon. There is always more of a tendency to grow excited over matters relating to federal affairs than over those which more directly and vitally affect the interests of the citizens.

It may be assumed that the citizens of St. John will not quit the field because the effort to bring about a change in civic administration was not crowned with success. The same need exists now that existed when the League was organized. If the discovery has been made that the zeal of some persons for reform is conditioned upon the ascendancy of certain views and certain people rather than upon the declared views of a majority, there is in that discovery no cause for discouragement. A League can be organized on lines broad enough and with membership large and active enough to command the support of the majority of the citizens. The present year should be characterized by a very keen public interest in the notes of the city council.

With regard to provincial affairs, the people of town and country are also interested in the legislation adopted at Fredericton. St. John is not satisfied with the treatment given to its measures during the session just ended, and the action taken with regard to the Central Railway is likely to cause a good deal of comment throughout the province. If the people are aroused to take a deeper interest in provincial legislation, there will be less likelihood of the disaffection in the future. It can well be said that the opposition has covered itself with glory, any more than that the government has escaped criticism. St. John was surprised to observe that the leader of the opposition did not take a measured stand with regard to measures affecting this city.

In provincial as well as in civic politics there has been too much indifference on the part of the people at large. The professional politician is too much in evidence. There must necessarily be men who devote the most of their time to such matters, but there should also be a strong, healthy and clearly expressed public sentiment, to indicate the channels of their activity, and to stimulate or check them in their activity which they are committed by the popular will. If the people are indifferent they cannot hope for improved conditions.

MAY YET AGREE.

There is still a possibility of closer trade relations between Newfoundland and the United States. A St. John's despatch of last evening says:

'Premier Bond in the colonial legislature tonight added to the bill receding American fishermen from colonial waters, a new clause providing for the suspension of the operation of the measure at the discretion of the government. In doing so he declared that he had reason to believe that before the next session of the legislature is convened the United States senate will have acted upon the Hay-Bond treaty, in which event it was desirable that the colonial cabinet should possess the power to move promptly for the suspension of the measure.'

The force of this action by Premier Bond is more apparent when read in connection with the following correspondence from Washington, under date of April 12—

The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty is not dead, and may be ratified by the Senate next fall, after having been relieved of the fatal amendments with which it was loaded during the late session. This assertion, made by a prominent official of the State Department, is supported by leading members of the Senate. Attention is called to the fact that the Senate's action on this treaty was so more final than was its failure to act on the Dominican protocol. It is appreciated that Newfoundland is acting strictly within its rights in asserting the *modus vivendi*, and it is believed that the abrogation will work injury to the Gloucester fisheries and also to the fishing interests of Maine. It is claimed that it is not these facts which may lead the Senate to reconsider its amendments, but the more important point that the broad statement of Secretary Hay in causing the treaty to be negotiated was not fully appreciated which promised to kill the treaty when adopted.

With the constant work of the session out of the way and more time to examine the arguments in favor of the Hay-Bond convention, some thoughtful senators have come to appreciate the far-reaching effects of the fishing convention. They say that the treaty will doubtless be referred back to the Foreign Relations Committee and there shown of the objectionable amendments, and if again favorably reported, a determined effort will be made to prevent any

changes being made on the floor of the Senate. When the treaty was first sent to the Senate, Secretary Hay clearly perceived, by consulting more closely the relations between Newfoundland and the United States, that the colony could be saved the necessity of entering into a commercial alliance with Canada, and this country could without material sacrifice, as any American industry, profit by the trade of Newfoundland in the many products of the United States which are not produced there. Closer union with Newfoundland would in many grounds be advantageous to this country, and it was on the broader grounds that the President and Secretary of State asked the Senate to ratify the treaty.

It is now declared that these reasons were not elaborated in the Senate, and that the full import of killing the treaty by loading it with amendments was not appreciated by those who insisted on so doing. One of the hopeful signs for the future of the treaty is that Senator Crane of Massachusetts will support it, and it is believed that Senator Hale, who opposed it during the last session, will withdraw his opposition. Senator Lodge has in the past regarded the treaty as negotiated as undesirable, and, as an influential member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, his opposition was all powerful, but now that his colleagues have determined to uphold the convention, it is hoped that conditions in Massachusetts have so changed as to enable the senior senator to exert his influence in its behalf, or at least to refrain from obstructing its ratification in such form as will leave an exchange of ratifications possible.

It is not generally known that the last ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty was due entirely to the wishes of President Roosevelt. Secretary Hay having declared his intention of any reciprocity treaty by the Senate. The hope is expressed here that Newfoundland at the present time, as such action might render more difficult the task of the friends of the convention in securing its ratification. Mr. Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, it is stated, has been satisfactory negotiations with the State Department regarding many of the pending questions between Washington and London regarding Canadian fisheries. The sending of warships to Canadian waters, it is claimed, has not been considered by this Government.

A frightful slaughter of the innocents occurred at Fredericton a few days ago, on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing and other articles, and the magistrate assigned on condition that he seek employment and take care of his wife and family. He returned to the hotel and informed the proprietor that it would be all right and led him to believe he was working. He has not been seen since Tuesday last. The hotel proprietor could not see him, but the woman was in want. Assistance in the form of food had been sent in by the Associated Charities, but the man had been sent in from Porter's grocery, but the donor's name was not given. A subscription had also been tendered by several of the guests and the money expended for provision.

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JOHNS SENT TO SUPREME COURT. REQUEST MAY BE GRANTED.

Manager of Defunct Yarmouth Bank Sent Up For Trial.

Yarmouth, April 14.—(Special)—The preliminary examination of T. W. Johns was resumed at 8 o'clock last evening. W. E. Stewart took the stand and gave practically similar evidence to that tendered by his brother. The prosecution rested here and Mr. Johns, having no defence to make at this stage of the proceedings, the presiding magistrate said that sufficient evidence had, in his opinion, been given to warrant him in committing Mr. Johns for trial in a higher court. Mr. Johns' bonds were renewed and the trial will probably take place here at the June sittings of the Supreme Court.

The hearing in Perry's case will take place some day next week. He will be defended by J. J. Ritchie, of Annapolis, who will be assisted by Edgar N. Clements. Assignments which were daily expected were made Tuesday evening by W. A. Godfrey, grocer, and Jacob Sweeney, furniture dealer. The former's liabilities are about \$23,000, and the latter's will not exceed \$17,000.

WHERE IS JACKSON? Guest at an Up Town Hotel Takes a Hasty Departure.

Charles Jackson has "law-decooped," and left the Yarmouth house, and is now at police headquarters. His wife is now at police headquarters. Jackson was before the magistrate a few days ago, on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing and other articles, and the magistrate assigned on condition that he seek employment and take care of his wife and family. He returned to the hotel and informed the proprietor that it would be all right and led him to believe he was working. He has not been seen since Tuesday last. The hotel proprietor could not see him, but the woman was in want. Assistance in the form of food had been sent in by the Associated Charities, but the man had been sent in from Porter's grocery, but the donor's name was not given. A subscription had also been tendered by several of the guests and the money expended for provision.

VIRGINIAN MADE RECORD.

Halifax, April 14.—(Special).—The Dominion liner Canada, which left Liverpool the same day as the mail steamer Virginian, reached here just half an hour after her arrival. The Virginian met with very fair weather on the passage. She sailed at 8.30 p. m., on the 6th, arrived at Yarmouth 8.40 p. m., and sailed at 4.10 p. m. Her daily runs from Montreal to Yarmouth are 18 hours, which is the best ever made. Her passage is put down at 18 hours, which is the best ever made. Her passage is put down at 18 hours, which is the best ever made.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST.

Montreal, April 14.—(Special).—Montreal is interested in a legal fight between the father and mother of a 16 year old Henri Delany Macdonald. The father resides on a Seigniory estate at Rigaud, the mother in Montreal. The boy ran away from his father's home, but was taken by the mother to upset this commitment. The family is prominent in the province. Mrs. Macdonald being of the Globesky family.

THE DEAL COMPLETED.

There need be no more doubt but that St. John will have a first-class baseball team of the diamond this summer. Arrangements were made this morning for the complete control of the Victoria Athletic grounds by Joe Page's St. John team. The grounds have been secured from May 1st to October 15th. The Y. M. C. A. representing the intermediate league, have made arrangements for the use of the diamond three nights a week. A meeting is being arranged to take place on latter part of this month to bring about the formation of a New Brunswick League and the outlook at present is very bright for such a league being formed. H. F. McLeod, of the Tartar Baseball Club of Fredericton, is expected in the city shortly to see what arrangements can be made to form such a league.

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Collections of the New Brunswick Historical Society, No. 6, has just been issued from the press published by the N. B. Historical Society, 64 Germain St. All who are interested in the history of the earliest English settlements in this province, will find this book of the greatest interest and value. The most interesting article is that which concludes the volume. It is a sketch of the life and administration of General Thomas Carleton, first Governor of New Brunswick, by W. O. Raymond, L.L.D. In some forty or more pages Rev. Dr. Raymond gives us a close acquaintance with that gifted governor and with the life of his time in this city and province. There is also a portrait of the English church churchyard at Natick, N. B., in the hands, where his ashes rest; and a fac-simile of the tablet erected in the old church by the legislature of New Brunswick as a memorial.

Dr. Raymond also contributes papers relating to the township of the River St. John, Province of Nova Scotia, the same being Maugeville, Gage, Conway, Barton, Sunbury and New Brunswick. The township of the River St. John, Province of Nova Scotia, the same being Maugeville, Gage, Conway, Barton, Sunbury and New Brunswick. The township of the River St. John, Province of Nova Scotia, the same being Maugeville, Gage, Conway, Barton, Sunbury and New Brunswick.

The delegation met Hon. Chas. Hyman acting Minister of public works, Sir Richard Cartwright, and Hon. H. B. Emmerson in the office of the Minister of Public Works, and talked over the whole subject. The delegation submitted a statement of the expenditure made by St. John on the harbor, and in the maintenance of wharves and other shipping facilities. The growth of trade, however, was such that something more had to be done or the business would have to go to some other port. They wanted the assistance of the government. A new wharf was required. It was not only needed for St. John, but for the whole of the Dominion. They asked that the government do the dredging for the harbor, while the merchants merely expressed their gratitude. These in no doubt the request will be granted.

The book also contains copies of the Royal Commission and the Royal Instructions to Thomas Carleton, first governor with an introductory note by W. W. Jarvis. The introduction to the book is by C. Ward. Taken as a whole, this book is a most valuable addition to the historical literature of New Brunswick.

PAYING FISHERY BOUNTIES.

The Dominion fishery cruiser Curlew will go into commission on Monday next, and for the week and probably longer, her commander, Capt. John H. Pratt, who has been appointed inspector of fishery districts No. 1, which includes Charlotte and St. John counties, will be busy in paying fishermen's bounty claims.

The Dominion government has made a yearly appropriation of \$100,000 to be divided amongst the deep sea fishermen of the maritime provinces who catch other than salmon, shad, gaspereaux or the fish caught in weirs.

Capt. Pratt yesterday received \$9,000 in checks and the amount for each fisherman is represented by sums ranging from \$8.75 to \$30 and \$40. The giving of the bounty is a courageous deep sea fishing, and the amount each fisherman receives is largely governed by the tonnage of the craft he commands.

THE MONCTON OPERA HOUSE.

Extensive changes are being made in the Moncton Opera House, which was leased by J. J. Armstrong on the first of April. The building in the past has not been well lighted—there were only half a dozen lamps in the row of footlights and about as many more in each of the two rows of border lights. For the past few days an electrician has been at work and four rows of borders, with twenty lights each, and a new row of footlights having the same number of lamps, have been put in. This will give a much better effect to all the stage settings. Mr. Armstrong has arranged with Fred Cochran of the Transcript staff to act as manager for him in Moncton.

FOR CHEAPER LIGHT.

A project is under consideration by some of the principal merchants of King St., to install an electric light service, which would supply light to the stores at a lower rate than they are now paying the St. John Railway Co. Some of the dealers claim that the present rates are exorbitant, and it is contended that a plant could be put in that could furnish light at a much cheaper rate than at present paid.

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