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HOUSING IN ST. JOHN

It has been suggested that a joint meeting to discuss the housing problem in St. John should be held at an early date, under the joint auspices of the board of trade and the Canadian Club. Mr. W. F. Burdett might very properly open such a meeting with an address and some lantern views which he has collected, and which bear directly upon this important question. Whether such a meeting would result in the organization of a housing association or whether the board of trade should appoint a strong committee to continue the work in this line which it has begun, such a public meeting would at least have the effect of rousing public sentiment and encouraging a movement which is so greatly needed in St. John.

The Times on Saturday told the story of the organization of leading citizens in Montreal to bring about better housing conditions in that city. It is proposed there to investigate conditions and indicate the lines along which legislation is required. There is the same need in St. John for a survey of the city and the collection of such information as would show the actual conditions and indicate the direction of reform.

There is also the question of providing as soon as possible more housing accommodation, which must be of course in the outskirts of the city. The scheme which was outlined at the meeting in City Hall one evening last week has its attractive features, but there is one difficulty which would prove practically insurmountable, and that is the disinclination or inability of so many people to build houses of their own. It is said that a survey of the city by one of the industry developed the fact that all of them were favorable to renting well-built cottages with sanitary conveniences, but not one of them was ready to build for himself. It is obvious, therefore, that the houses must be built by others, and this raises the question of a company or association which would undertake to erect such buildings in numbers and be content with a moderate interest on the investment, either renting the properties or selling them on easy terms to tenants. This plan has met with more favor than any other that has been offered, and the Times understands that some men with capital are prepared to make a moderate investment in a satisfactory plan is worked out. It is also highly probable that capital from the old country could be secured for such investment.

The first step, however, is to have a survey of the conditions, gaining such information as would enable investors to have a thorough knowledge of the situation, and the prospects. Such a public meeting as has been suggested would be an excellent beginning, and the Times understands that Mr. Burdett is both ready and willing to give the matter his attention, as indeed he has been doing for a long time past. The board of trade is pledged to deal with this matter, and may therefore be relied upon to do its part.

BORDEN POLICY CONDEMNED

The London cables which the Times published on Saturday furnished the strongest endorsement of the position taken by the Liberal party in Canada in relation to the navy. Mr. Richard Jebb points out that Britain is not in need of money, nor can a simple grant of money be effective in an emergency, even if an emergency existed, which is not the case. Mr. Jebb declares that the fleet unit policy is the policy for the overseas dominions. In reply to that statement that there is a scarcity of skilled labor in the mother country for shipbuilding, he points out that a certain portion of the supply is always engaged in building battleships for foreign countries, and might be better employed in Canada building for the Empire. He strongly endorses the stand taken by the Liberals in Canada, in demanding that the voice of the people be heard before the country commits itself to a policy of contribution.

The cable on Saturday also quoted a speech by Mr. E. H. Hardie, in which he charged Mr. Winston Churchill with unfairness to Germany. Admiral Von Tirpitz had agreed to Mr. Churchill's view of the relative strength of British and German navies, and now Mr. Churchill proposes to add a certain number of vessels contributed by the overseas dominions. Mr. Hardie points out that the government of New Zealand, which offered a Dreadnought, was overthrown at the very next election, because it had adopted a policy of tribute without consulting the people.

Another cable on Saturday quoted an interview with Hon. W. S. Fielding, in which he stated very clearly the attitude of the Liberal party in this country. The Liberals, he said, do not believe that the Empire is hard up, but they do believe that it needs more rather than money.

More than the whole subject is discussed the more clearly the people of Canada will see the weakness of the Borden scheme as part of an imperial policy.

The Ottawa Citizen, which is the leading Conservative paper in the capital, finds that the recent speech of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill has a good deal of significance for Canadians. It makes clear in the first place that the Dominions would practically have no voice in the disposition of the imperial squadron, which would contain the proposed Canadian

Dreadnoughts. The Citizen further points out that this squadron would be entirely apart from the permanent naval force in the North Sea. Have we not been told over and over again that the purpose in offering these three Dreadnoughts was to strengthen the home fleet in the North Sea? Mr. Churchill says that the ships contributed by the Dominions will not be needed for that purpose. Again, the Citizen finds in Mr. Churchill's speech a statement to the effect that British shipyards are congested, and says: "This would seem to mean that the Canadian ships might have to be built elsewhere than in Britain, necessitating perhaps the establishment of shipyards in Canada." These, be it observed, are the words of a Tory peer.

There is every prospect of a vigorous provincial election campaign in Alberta. The first motor show in St. John was opened on Saturday evening under very favorable auspices.

According to the Standard Mr. Hazen "indicated" himself. It is no doubt pleasing to his friends that the member for St. John has been doing something.

The citizens will heartily endorse the action of the city council in sending aid to the flood sufferers in Ohio, where a quarter of a million people are homeless.

The humorist of the Winnipeg Tribune says:—In Prince Edward Island "Fox populi, fox Dei," which being interpreted is:—"The Silver Fox is the Golden Calf of this here Island."

Carlton county farmers need help. The Hartland Observer says:—"No less than 22 farmers have to date asked for the services of the young man who last week advertised for a job."

The engineers of the Suburban Railway Company will arrive this week, and the outlook for street railway extension has greatly improved since this new competitor entered the field.

Britain needs men and Canada needs shipyards. By having the shipyards and the training ships, Canada would be able to supply the mother country in time of need with both men and ships.

The town of Woodstock proposes to share in the forward movement. The board of trade has appointed a publicity agent, and the advantages of the town will be made known in Canada, the United States and the old country.

The report that a steamer which had arrived at this port yesterday had eighted eight isobars recalls the Titanic horror, and the anxiety which for a considerable period thereafter was felt by the friends of all who made the trans-Atlantic voyage.

The indications appear to point to a successful baseball season at St. John this year. This relates to professional baseball. There is great need, however, of grounds on which amateurs, and especially boys, may play the game. It may be hoped that something will be done to make a part of the big field at Rockwood Park available this year.

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"Mr. Pelletier says he has heard many Liberals express their disapproval of the opposition stand on the navy bill. But Mr. Pelletier doesn't name them. Neither does he say anything of Stephen Leacock or Arthur Hawkes, both of whom were dead against the reciprocity pact, but who now are lined up against the Borden navy bill."

The Standard has discovered that Mr. F. B. Carvell "wishes to wade through discounting and shame to the bench or a cabinet position." What desperate character Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and all these Liberal members of parliament have become since they assented in the complete disclosure of the Hon. Robt. Rogers, the saintly statesman from Winnipeg.

It is said the question of slaughter houses at St. John is to be dealt with by the Municipal Council. The council should make one good job of it and then the board of health should enforce proper regulations for the covering of meats on the way to market and proper care of them wherever they are offered for sale. St. John is behind the times in these matters.

MORNING LOCALS

The iron moulders on Saturday evening held addresses by J. W. Bruce, J. L. Sugrue, F. Hyatt, A. W. Reynolds and others. The moulders may make demands for more pay.

Fourth Engineer Chaburn, of the Manchester Engineer, now in port, recently learned that his cousin, Mr. Rothwell, was residing at McAdam and went there on Saturday to visit him. This is the first time in twenty years that the cousins have met. They belong to the same town in England.

Thomas Mantle, who has been looking after the immigration work at the West Side for the last few months, has been appointed assistant to the provincial superintendent, James Gilchrist.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH THIRTY.
His Honor R. H. Myers, judge of the county court of the Eastern Judicial District of Manitoba, is a fifty-seven years of age today. He is an Ontario man, who has been residing in Manitoba since 1883, where he is prominent in Masonic and Oddfellow circles.

The Rev. R. E. Knowles, Canadian novelist, reaches his forty-fifth birthday today. He is the son of Knox Church, Galt, and first came into prominence as author of "St. Outhbert's." He has since written several other novels.

The Hon. C. H. Archer, puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Quebec, was born on this date in 1829 at Quebec. He was a leader of the bar in Montreal for several years and was also interested in various financial promotions.

MONDAY, MARCH THIRTY-ONE.
Sir William Ralph Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario and a man of great prominence in the law, is seventy-three years of age today. He is the eldest son of the famous Meredith family and was born in Middlesex county. He was for many years leader of the Conservative opposition in the Ontario legislature and has sat on the bench since 1894.

The Hon. George F. Graham, former Minister of Railways and Canals, was born on this date, and is fifty-four today. He is a native of Eganville and was for years interested in journalism in Brockville. He sat in the Ontario legislature for nine years and was provincial secretary in 1904-5.

The Hon. E. M. Farrell, senator of Canada since 1910, was born on March 31st, 1854 in Liverpool, N. S. He is a journalist by profession, sat in the Nova Scotia Assembly for many years and was its Speaker 1903-10.

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When a girl begins to worry herself sick because she's too tall it's because of some man who's too short.—New York Press.

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THE AUTOCRAT.
"Now, if I were only an ostrich," began the man at the breakfast table, as he picked up one of his wife's biscuits, "then I could find it."—Smart Set.

"Yes," interrupted the patient better half, "then I might not see a few feathers for me."—Chicago News.

REAL HELP.
She never grumbles when things go wrong. She never complains when he tries and fails.

She never wishes that he were strong. Or fills his ear with her diabolical wails. She never points out others to him. Who are reaping the profits of great success.

But when he is worried and all seems grim. She gives him a smile and a fond caress. She never says that he doesn't try. Or whimper because she must do with out.

The things he cannot afford to buy. She never shows him a frown or pout. She vows some day that he'll surely win. That his ship will come from across the foam.

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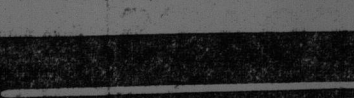


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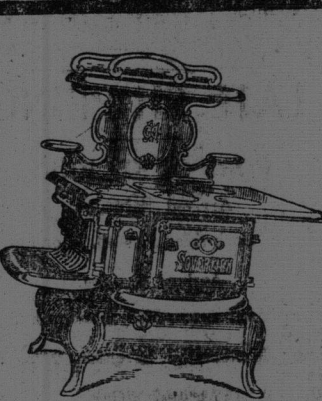
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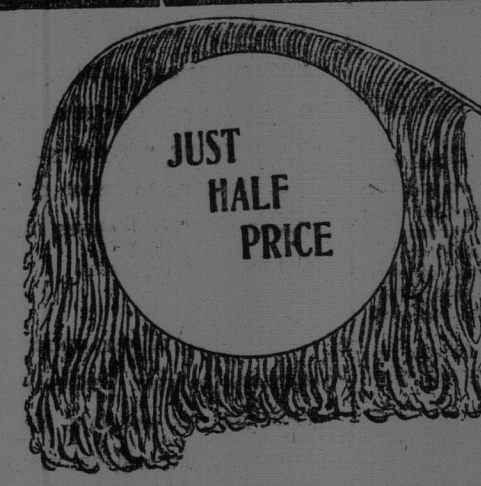
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"In due course, the doctor replied:—"You have not asked me for a consultation, but I venture to send you three prescriptions, being convinced that you will be quite as satisfied with them as I am with your cigars. As my charge for a prescription is five marks, this makes us quits."—London Chronicle.

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The audience continued for ten days and there were present many distinguished advocates. The arbiter chosen by common consent was M. Lardy, minister plenipotentiary of Switzerland at Paris. His integrity and authority gave a solution which was accepted without difficulty. When the arbiters were closed the registrar of the tribunal offered the honorable diplomat for his long and difficult study of the documents in the case and for his expenses while sojourning at The Hague the sum of \$20,000.

Mr. Lardy refused this amount. He was then offered \$10,000 and again refused. At last he was forced to accept \$5,000 and in doing so excused himself as not wishing to dissuade others.—Le Cri de Paris.