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## CIVIC BOARD OF CONTROL.

Montreal will probably be the next large city in Canada to separate its legislative functions from the administration by establishing a board of control. Toronto and Ottawa have had controllers, the former for a number of years, the latter for a few. Both are satisfied that it is the better way.

Recent disclosures in Montreal have convinced many citizens and a majority of the press that the aldermen ought to go out of direct administration. A shocking story has been told and proved of aldermen who have been making gain out of their administrative influence. Members of the police committee of the council sold promotions on the police force, and received gifts from liquor sellers and gamblers. Members of the committee of public works sold contracts, or at least were in the pay of contractors. In every department corrupt relations were found between aldermen and those with whom they had administrative relations. It is proposed to bring this inquiry to an end by depriving aldermen of their power to administer, leaving them the right to pass city laws and ordinances, to vote and collect money and to inquire into matters of inspiration.

In a large city the separation of the legislative from the administrative functions is desirable. A body that is large enough to represent the citizens in determining policies is too large to act as a board of management. Moreover the candidate who appears before the electors in the two capacities is liable to be judged by his record in the one where he has not been getting in his worst work. If a man is a controller he will be judged by his administration. If he is an alderman, in the dual system, he may be judged on one branch of his record and escape deserved censure on the other. Again it is pointed out by the Montreal Star that in Montreal the large constituency elects the better men. Aldermen are returned for single wards who would have no chance in the vote for controllers, or for the majority. The Star is persuaded that the whole city which would elect the controller would elect better men than the wards.

There are many who favor the Board of Control method for St. John. No doubt the system has much to commend it, even in a comparatively small city. No one can read the report of a St. John City Council meeting without feeling that a large board of aldermen should not be asked to deal with petty matters of routine such as the question whether a particular fireman should be in one station or another. But it is not necessary in a place like St. John to reorganize the system in order to escape these absurdities. The way to avoid frivolities is to refuse to deal with them and leave administration so far as possible with the permanent officers.

While the proposed change would no doubt put an end to particular scandals in Montreal, there are no reasons for supposing that it would work a positive and final cure. The man who, as alderman, trades on his position and makes money out of it, would do the same if he were a controller. He ought to be suppressed altogether. He would be suppressed if the people were determined to have honest government, and this suppression would not wait for the appointment of a board of control.

## MR. BRODEUR AND THE CANADIAN SQUADRON.

The Imperial Defence Conference is not public and we are not at present permitted to know what position Canadian representatives are taking on the questions of the Imperial navy. Mr. Brodeur has gone out of his way, however, to give out a statement in answer to the London Times. The statement is that Canada will not establish, or assist in establishing, a cruiser squadron for the Pacific, if that squadron shall be under the control of the British admiralty. In short the Canadian Minister of Marine declares that Canada will retain control of any ships she may contribute to Imperial defence.

We do not believe that Mr. Brodeur has any authority to make this statement. He certainly never received it from the Canadian Parliament. He probably never got it from the Cabinet. He was not called upon to make a declaration at all at the beginning of a conference where the whole question was to be discussed.

It is our belief that whether the people of Canada supply a battleship, or a cruiser squadron, they are not opposed to the control by the admiralty of the ships so contributed. The people of Canada will desire that the Empire get the largest good out of this payment. They will wish the command to be in the hands of those who can make the best use of it.

As The Standard has repeatedly said, the question of autonomy does not enter into the case. Canada is not obliged to pay a cent. She contributes of her own choice. She does it because she is herself defended by the British navy, and believes that she should take some share in the burden, even though the Imperial Government does not claim or even ask such help. If she pays for a ship she can own it or transfer the ownership to the British Empire. The ship is hers to keep or to transfer. Should she retain the ownership, Canada may operate the war vessel, or ask the British admiralty to use it as a part of the Imperial fleet. If she did the latter thing, she would be following her own example of ten years ago, when Canada raised a land force and passed it over to the command and control of British officers of the British War Office. Canada might have done what Mr. Brodeur demands should be done now.

The United States Government and the city of St. John have been fortunate in the character and capacity of the American consuls at this port. Mr. Willich, who is leaving this post to take one that is regarded as a higher position, has been a popular member of the community as well as a worthy representative of his nation. He was practically a citizen of St. John, interested in all the activities of the citizens and especially those which concern students of literature, history and art. His departure will mean some loss to the intellectual and social life of the place, and wherever Mr. Willich goes he will be remembered by a large number of St. John people. The new consul, Mr. Morehead, will be welcomed the more warmly because of the kindly relations maintained by, and with, his predecessor, and there is no doubt that he will be able to claim the good opinion of the people on his own account when they come to know him. Most of the representatives of foreign powers in this city are our own citizens. They perform the necessary functions of the position in addition to their own business. But our commercial relations with the United States are so much closer and more important than our relations with other countries, that the American consul is a citizen of that country sent to live here and to protect the large United States interests in connection with the business of this port.

## THE SUN AND ITS COMPANION.

The Sun is not quite alone among Liberal journals and this province is protesting against the "buccaneers." It has in the Sackville Tribune a companion in protest and in criticism. The Tribune has doubts about the Sun's motives, and finds that "the desertion on the approach of a contest looks incapable of good defence." But our Sackville contemporary, on the other hand, maintains the right of a Liberal journal to protest against abuses in its party, and closing its treatise it endorses one of the Sun's most striking articles. Following is the final paragraph which makes a pertinent reference to the St. John situation:—

"St. John will be hard fighting ground for the Liberals just as long as some of the present St. John conditions are tolerated. It would seem that some of these conditions are such as must hamper any party. Their existence tended to hamper the Liberal candidate in the recent by-election. They exist, too, simply for the benefit of a few and to the detriment of many excellent Liberals of the rank and file order of citizen."

The Sackville Tribune does not think it necessary to cultivate the view that the St. John by-election was a Liberal triumph. It admits the losses and attributes them to the same causes mentioned by the Sun. There is in these acknowledgments a serious lesson for somebody.

## THROUGH AIR TO THE POLE.

The attempt to reach the North Pole by navigating the air seems more reasonable than it did a few months ago. Count Zeppelin says he will attempt the journey next year, and as he has travelled as far in one flight as Spitzbergen is distant from the pole, he may accomplish the feat. The only man known to have attempted this journey by the air route was never heard of after he set sail.

Count Zeppelin has made journeys of 700 miles. Nansen was only about two hundred miles from the pole. This distance an airship might, under good conditions, cover in four or five hours, but it would occupy a sledge party over rough ice more than a month. The airship would have some troubles. It would probably find the climate exceedingly cold. There would be the difficulty of getting favorable winds there and back, or returning to any point of shelter and safety. But these and all other difficulties would be disregarded by an ambitious air navigator who was also an ambitious Arctic explorer.

## NO FREE TRADE HERE.

Great Britain has stood so long against tariff protection while other countries have built tariff walls, that it is interesting to note an illustration of the opposite tendency, both on the part of free trade Britain and of two protectionist nations. The paragraph is from the Boston Herald:—

"A reciprocity treaty affecting patent rights has been arranged between Germany and the United States, by the terms of which patent rights of either country will be recognized in the other without the offensive requirement of nationalized manufacture. This is in pursuance of an understanding reached at the last international patent conference, and is in retaliation on Great Britain, who is now seeking to develop her own industries by the 'protection' of an offensive patent law. When all the other nations of the world are enjoying the reciprocity of patent rights, Great Britain may appreciate the folly of her isolation and ask to come in."

Colonel Denison has returned from Great Britain with the conviction that Germany is preparing to crush England, and that a war for Imperial security must take place in the near future. Certain Toronto journals, and some writers in other cities make light of Colonel Denison's report of the land. But after all, Colonel Denison is not saying more than was said to the members of the Imperial Press Conference by Lord Rosebery, Premier Asquith, the Foreign Secretary and other statesmen, some of whom carry at this moment a very great responsibility for their utterances. Colonel Denison's visit in England was mainly with Mr. Chamberlain, who, though he speaks no more in public, talks very freely at his own home.

The Canadian revenue from customs is increasing month by month as compared with last year, but the figures are not yet up to those of the year before last. One-third of the fiscal year is past and the increase in customs and revenue over the first third of last year is \$4,700,000. The Government expects to come out of the complete year with some \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 gain in customs revenue.

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## APOHAQUI.

Apoahqui, Aug. 2.—The choir of Church Ave. Baptist church, Sussex, furnished the music at the regular service of the United Baptist church, Apoahqui, last evening. The special features were, solo by Mr. Plummer, duet by Miss Pearl Veysey and Mr. J. D. McKenna, quartette, by Miss Pearl Veysey, Mrs. A. Price, Mr. Plummer and Mr. J. D. McKenna. It was a musical feast for the people of Apoahqui that they will not soon forget.

Professor Miles Kierstead, of McMaster University, of Chicago, passed through Apoahqui on his way to Collingwood on Saturday. Collingwood is Professor Kierstead's old home. He will spend some time in that vicinity visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Vera Odell, of Sussex, spent Saturday with relatives in the village. The farmers of this district are much annoyed by the prevalence of distemper among their horses. It has reached an alarming stage. It is believed to have started from Camp Sussex.

The roads in Kings county were never in better condition than at present. Several districts not far from this place where no work had been done on the roads for years, are now in good repair and new bridges put in. Needless to say the people of these districts are more than pleased with the new road law. It is working splendidly in the county.

Hay is well advanced now and an average crop is being harvested. Grain and root crops will reach proportions in this county.

## DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B., Aug. 2.—The Misses Cricket, of Fredericton, are the guests of Miss Kate McGregor here.

Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Sydney, N. S., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barberie.

Miss B. Payson, of Moncton, is visiting Miss Gray Lanark.

Miss Josephine Hutchinson, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. H. A. Hilliard.

On Sunday the St. John Presbyterian church held its anniversary service in the morning. The sermon was preached by Rev. Peter McIntyre, of Farns, N. C. At this service a tablet was unveiled in memory of Rev. Alvin Russell, who was ordained and inducted in May, 1876 and labored until August, 1888 when he was removed by the hand of death. The tablet was put in by members of the church and congregation during Mr. Russell's pastorate. Mr. Geo. Haddon, the only surviving member of the session, unveiled it.

In St. Mary's Episcopal church service in the morning, the Rev. Lord, Bishop of Fredericton, and tonight a garden party was given whereby the members of the church and congregation might meet the bishop.

Miss Tessie and Ethel Lingley are spending a few days with Sheriff and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dewar, of Campbellton, spent Sunday in town. Elsie Mitchell and Howe Kirk who took matriculation this year, are on second division. This is the first time matriculants have gone from the school here.

Miss Helen Bishop, of Bathurst, is the guest of Mrs. H. A. Hilliard.

Mr. (Dr.) W. W. Doherty, of Campbellton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie, of Campbellton, spent Sunday in town. Roland Moffit was in town Sunday, with an auto party.

Dr. Sprout and Mrs. Sprout, of Campbellton, came down from Campbellton in their gasoline launch Sunday.

Miss Yvonne Buckley, of Rogersville and Miss Grace Maher are the guests of Mrs. Peter Sheehan.

## BARNESVILLE.

Barnesville, Aug. 2.—Mrs. White, who has been here for the last four weeks nursing the late Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, left on Wednesday for her home in Hampton.

Mr. Irwin preached his farewell sermon yesterday to a large and appreciative audience. He leaves in a short time to take up his work in Trinidad. Mr. Irwin, who has labored here in the interest of the Presbyterian Church for three summers and by his unassuming manner and Christian-like spirit, has endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of meeting him; but what is our loss is Trinidad's gain.

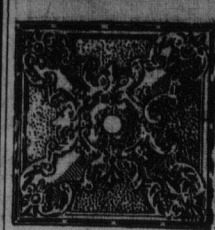
Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong on the arrival of a little boy in their home.

Mrs. Lockhart of Avonmore is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Armstrong.

Miss Jane Hay, an aged resident, was on Thursday suddenly stricken with paralysis. Since then she has been slightly improved and hopes are now entertained for her recovery.

Mr. James Keys was here on Tuesday from St. John. Also his son, Herbert, attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick.

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George Elder, colporteur, spent Sunday here with friends.  
Miss Maud Curry, who has a position as head milliner in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Curry.  
Miss Blanch McDonald of St. John is visiting her uncle, Samuel Magowan.

Arthur Titus of Meadow Brook, Titusville, and Miss Winnie Smith of Moncton spent Sunday with friends here.  
Mr. John Carson of Sherbrook, Kings county, and his son, Will, and wife of Martha Perry, Ohio, were on Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Weatherhead.

## DEATHS

Capt. A. W. Masters.  
Capt. Arthur W. Masters, who had been ill for a long time and whose death occurred on Monday in Chicago, was a son of the late Mr. A. W. Masters, of St. John, and was born at Amherst on April 11, 1850. He married Miss Estelle Devine, daughter of the late Prof. Devine, St. John, and is survived by his widow and two children, also his mother, Mrs. Hannah Masters, residing with Capt. J. E. Masters, his brother, at Moncton. Mr. C. H. Masters, clerk of the Supreme Court at Ottawa, another brother, also survives him. Deceased had been general manager during the last four years in the United States of the London Guarantee and Accident Company. During his early years he followed the seafaring profession, and for the last seven of these years was a captain in the employ of Messrs. Troop & Son, St. John. Capt. Masters had many friends in St. John, who will regret to hear of his death.

Mr. Caleb Day.

News has been received of the death at Yonkers, N. Y., on June 19, of Mr. Caleb Day, a former resident of the city and son of the late Mr. John Day of Douglas avenue. The deceased was 55 years of age and had been away from St. John for upwards of 20 years. His death resulted from a sunstroke. His wife, formerly Miss Weatherhead, of Barnesville, survives. Mr. George E. Day, Douglas avenue, and Mr. Wesley Day, in New York, are brothers, while Mrs. Harriette Clarke, West St. John, and Mrs. George Clarke, Lancaster, are sisters.

The Late Mr. Joseph Smith.

The funeral of Joseph Smith was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from his late residence, 124 Guilford street, West Side. Rev. G. P. Scovell read the burial services. Interment was made in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

## Slight Fire.

About 4.30 o'clock yesterday morning the fire department responded to a call from box 221 for a slight fire in the dry room of the cotton mills, Wall street. Little damage was done and the sprinklers in the mill had the fire well under control before the department arrived.

Mr. Frank Hallet, formerly of this city and now residing in New York, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. A. Stockton.

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