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OUR CITY GOVERNMENT

Mr. W. F. Burditt, in the Canadian Courier of last week, reviews the record of the commission plan of government in St. John, and finds that it is a great improvement over the old system.

"One advantage of the commission plan is that it provides a certain degree of continuity in service—makes possible a more permanent policy. Yet, even under a four years' tenure of office, a commissioner is only just beginning to realize the full benefit of experience, when the candidature of some popular but less qualified aspirant may compel his retirement.

Mr. Burditt, with all good citizens realizes that it would be a step backward if any of the present commissioners were replaced at the civic elections by a man less competent or less desirous to make a good record at the head of a department. The citizens would do well to begin to give some thought to the coming elections, and to be most anxious to secure the election of only the best men among those who may offer as candidates.

At last Mr. Hazen has broken his masterly silence and said a word in mild defense of the Bay of Fundy. That which the frantic interviewers and editors and other noises of the St. John Standard failed to do was done by Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., who got the slanderous statements of Captain Cliff before parliament, and asked Mr. Hazen what he had to say about it.

St. John is indebted to Mr. Carvell for bringing the matter before parliament and thus getting an authoritative statement published in the press of all Canada. It will still be necessary, however, to get the information for which the board of trade has applied to Mr. Hazen, and show by the record that the percentage of loss to vessels and cargo going in and out of St. John has been so small as to prove this port one of the safest along the whole Atlantic coast north of Cape Hatteras.

Mr. E. M. MacDonald, M.P., of Pictou, told the Canadian Club of Montreal yesterday that the time had come when the business men and politicians of Canada should consider a general revision of the tariff. The general rate in Canada he said, is now about the same as was the rate in the United States before the recent downward revision in that country.

Addressing the Canadian Club of St. John in April last, Professor Edward Kyle of the University of Toronto dealt with the subject, "Canada East and West," and pointed out the importance of each section getting the point of view of the other. It was his impression that the gradual growth of manufacturing industries in the west would tend to lessen the free trade spirit of that section, and if an earnest effort were made to bring about a mutual understanding, the differences between east and west would disappear.

CONSIDER THE BOYS.

Six boys charged with participation in a number of robberies spent last night in the north end police station. In another part of the city last evening about forty boys, assembled in a hall under good supervision, were forming a plan after two weeks of mutual pleasure in the evenings with other boys in the same hall to organize themselves, elect their own officers and committees, conduct their own business, subject of course to the advice of a small executive, and make the club a real boys' club, in which every member would have a personal interest.

These boys are about the same age as the six who spent last night in the North End station charged with crime. Some of them indeed are under ten years of age. Some are working boys, some are newsboys, and all of them are boys subjected to exactly the same temptations as led to the downfall of the other six.

Which is better for the citizens of St. John, to encourage the organization of boys' clubs and see that they have a comfortable place in which to meet, and encourage them to assume their share of responsibility in a well conducted institution; or to leave them to their own devices, and to all the temptations of the street?

A return brought down to parliament shows that Postmaster-General Pelletier got rid of about 1,100 employees in the post office department in the first three or four months after he assumed office. No less than 600 postmasters were dismissed, nearly all of them charged with political partisanship. If to the number who were dismissed in that short period were added all who have since been dismissed, Mr. Pelletier would probably be able to show that he has established a record in departmental history at Ottawa. Mr. Pelletier's idea of civil service reform is to cut off the head of every Liberal office-holder and put in his place a Tory who has been useful in political campaigns.

The country at large learns with regret that Premier Borden is again suffering from ill-health, and hopes that it will be nothing serious. Politically he has strong opponents, but all that is forgotten when illness prevents his attendance upon his duties.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux said in parliament yesterday that he had it on the authority of Mr. Henri Bourassa that the Tory jingoes in Montreal and Toronto had paid for the sewing of the Nationalist flag in Canada. Mr. Lemieux's statement confirms the universal impression. The Tory-Nationalist alliance was engineered by flag-wavers whose patriotism may be measured by the fact that they were thus willing to ally themselves with a party, one of whose members thought it good policy in Quebec province to boast of the deeds of those who had "shot holes in the British flag."

Dr. Barnardo's Homes, which have branches throughout the British Isles, and in Canada, support more than 8,000 children, which they describe as "the largest family in the world." More than 78,000 boys and girls have entered the homes since they were founded by the late Dr. Barnardo in 1866.

Mr. MacDonald is right. Tariff revision is needed, and his other statement is also that we must look for wider markets for our natural products.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R. familiarly known as "Boss" Bosworth, was born fifty-six years ago to-day in Ogdensburg, N. Y. He is the supreme head under the president of the traffic department of the big system and as such has to look after the transportation of something like sixteen million passengers and thirty million tons of freight every year. Yet he bears his heavy load without complaint and is always ready to assume added duties. Everything that troubles anyone else is usually shouldered off on "Boss" Bosworth whose capacity for work seems to be limitless. Steamships, hotels and telegraphs one after the other were shifted to his department and are now operated under his supervision. He is a most unassuming man and does each day's work quietly and effectively.

THE "PLUTE" MILLIONAIRE

A friend of the oppressed and the dispossessed, for their cause it seems to play fair. But when you know all the signs, and can read 'twixt the lines, it stands for the "plute" millionaire. It chortles with glee unexpectedly. Three thousand of Montreal's poor. One day but to eat. Shovels snow off the street. Not a word 'bout the three sixty four. It advocates kill. And with consummate skill. Twits out an e-m-e-r-g-e-n-c-y. Then throws the old flag. O'er the armament "swags." For fear we might wake up and see. A blood-thirsty sheet. With its battle ship fleet. And commands us "get ready for war." To murder our brother. In some land or other. It's name is the Montreal "M. G. GOUDIE, Jan. 26, 1914.

LIGHTER VEIN

What Are Yours? About all the buried treasures most people have are the good resolutions they have put away.

Variety

"Tommy" said an Irish mother to her incorrigible offspring, "if you don't behave I'll give you a good whipping." "Well, that'll be a change, anyway," replied the little fellow. "All the other whippings I ever got from you were bad."

Just Like the Colors

"And I suppose like a brave soldier, you followed your colors?" "Yes; whenever there was a battle, I noticed that the colors were flying, so I fled, too."

Fact

Good motives are poor excuses for the meddler.

Please Pass the Pickles

Most single men are homeless, and less happy than they could be; Most married men, we understand, are homeless than they should be.

Sticking to Facts

Waverly—I'll bet a cookie the bride wasn't pretty. Marcella—Why do you think that? Waverly—Because sweet potato accounts for the character and sweet disposition.

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PELLETIER CHOPS OFF A HEAD EACH HOUR. Ottawa, Jan. 26—One head was chopped off for every working hour, including Sundays, and counting an eight-hour day, during the first three months of 1912, he had got rid of something over 1,100 employees in the postoffice department, postmasters, letter carriers, messengers, etc. Presumably they were all Liberals and had therefore no right to remain in the public service or draw pay from the public treasury. Since parliament opened there have been upwards of 150 returns presented to the house, giving details as to dismissals in various constituencies. The pile of official papers stacked up seven or eight feet high, and it will be some time before the members of the opposition can digest the details and get anything like an adequate idea of the total number of dismissals. At any rate it is safe to say that the total is well up into the thousands. Premier Borden was away today because of a return of his blood disorders, while Hon. W. T. White was laid up with a heavy cold, and the government was led by Hon. George E. Foster.

SEAMEN'S CONCERT. A large number were present at the Seamen's Institute last evening, when an enjoyable concert was given by the social and athletic club of the R. M. S. Royal Edward. The programme of seventeen numbers was as follows: A. Ainsbury, pianoforte selections; C. Marchant, song; Miss E. Lidzey, recitation, Aunt Tabitha; C. Squires, song; J. Clarke, humorous monologues; W. Sarsell, cornet solo; G. Perry, comic song; A. Ainsbury, humorous song; C. Dunster, pianoforte selection; S. Wheeler and O. Rossiter, skit entitled The Workhouse Gate; A. Skimmings, comic song; S. J. Gill, recitation; E. Skrine, comic song; A. Done, one-act farce; J. Weeks, song; J. Wade, comic song; A. Ainsbury, humorous song; The Maple Leaf Forever; God Save the King.

INSURANCE MEN INDICTED. Toronto, Jan. 26—The grand jury today found a true bill against the following charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Union Life Insurance Company: H. Pollman Evans, president; Henry Symons, K. C.; Geo. E. Millichip and F. G. Hughes, directors. A second true bill was found against Evans and Symons under a similar charge. The names were called in court three times, and no reply being made, Holford Ardagh asked Judge Latchford to issue a bench warrant, which was done.

HEALTH IN GARDEN CITIES. Health statistics are always interesting, for by comparing them, the relative values of different places from the economic value of citizens are available. Mr. Harold Craske, secretary of the First Garden City—Letchworth—is justly proud of what vital statistics show concerning his city. And it must be remembered that Letchworth is not a model suburb where the residents are

J. RODERICK & SON BRITAIN STREET. well-to-do. It is "a busy manufacturing town, containing 40 industries, and with a population of over 8,000, drawn from the crowded industrial centres." And yet these are the comparative figures: Ordinary death rate per 1,000. Letchworth 6.1. Bourne-mouth 9.9. London 13.8. Bournemouth 13.8. Tisbury 18.8. Infant mortality: Letchworth 50.6. Liverpool 123.0. Burnley 145.0. If citizens and babies are of any value to a country, the Garden City movement is a success, economically as well as socially.

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